

Draft Minutes of the SONI Grid Code Review Panel (GCRP)

05 July 2023

Attendance:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Role</u>
Conleth McAteer (CM)	Y	SONI GCRP Chairperson
Finian Hagan (FH)	Y	SONI GCRP Secretary
Brian Mongan (BM)	Y	Aggregator Member
Stephen Hemphill (SH)	Y	Interconnector Owners
Stephen Brownlees (SB)	N	Generators
Jody O’Boyle (JO)	Y	Utility Regulator (UR)
Ben Harris (BH)	Y	Utility Regulator Alternate
Joe Duddy (JD)	Y	RES- Large Scale Alternate
William Deane (WD)	Y	RES – Small Scale
Krishna Anaparthi (KA)	Y	Electricity Storage
Jim Cooke (JC)	N	Generators
Leonard Taggart (LT)	N	NIE Networks
Francesca McKee (FM)	Y	TSO - Member
Sam Matthews (SM)	Y	TSO - Member
Deirdre Hughes (DH)	Y	TSO - Member

Introduction to GCRP Meeting & Approval of Minutes

CM and FH welcomed all members to the meeting.

Minutes

- One comment was received on previous minutes. Minutes updated based on feedback and deemed approved.

Actions

- No actions from previous GCRP

TIA/ SOA Modification

CM updated – change required to reflect actual agreements in place. Wording change from agreement to arrangements in definition.

CM requested LT feedback via email in response to LT apologies for GCRP.

Modifications and updates

1Hz/s RoCoF

CM updated – UR approved modification. Grid Code has been updated to incorporate modification and new version of the SONI Grid Code has been published to the SONI website.

Additional signal requirements for Solar

CM updated – modification consultation report has been sent to UR for approval 09/06/2023.

ESPS Implementation

CM updated – modification consultation report has been sent to UR for approval 09/06/2023.

DSU Definition

CM updated- Consultation has been issues on modification which will end on 07/07/2023. There has been once comment received on the consultation to date.

BM highlighted that consultation was difficult to find.

CM – SONI will review existing Grid Code consultation process to ensure appropriate visibility of Grid Code consultations.

Update on the Implementation of Connection Network Codes

CM updated- HVDC requirements document with UR for approval and an HVDC mod is expected to be brought forward at next GCRP.

A DCC modification is also under development planned to be brought forward at next GCRP.

DCC Requirements document will be brought forward for approval alongside proposed DCC modification.

EP Kilroot MCR clause

CM Updated- Jacobs are expected to issue final report. Report will be shared with GCRP members when received. Proposed modification to MCR clause to be brought forward at next GCRP.

Website Update

FH Updated- new derogation section webpage with links for UR guidance document and template for requests.

Derogations and Modifications Registers published to website.

Revised GCRP constitution published to website.

Updated version of Grid Code published to website.

Connection Network Code Guidance published to website.

UR Update

JO stated there was nothing additional to highlight - UR are progressing requested modifications and derogations.

AOB

Changes to GCRP personnel

CM stated GCRP membership has vacancies. There are vacancies for suppliers, large scale renewables and PV representatives.

SONI will contact Renewables NI to request support in recruiting new renewables and PV members.

JO discussed CDA group as potential avenue for suppliers.

JO to raise membership request at CDA.

JD highlighted that Jennie Condren from Renewables NI had a proposed new member for the GCRP with particular focus on Offshore representation.

CM to contact Jennie Condren regarding new proposed GCRP member.

Grid Code for offshore

JD asked was SONI Grid Code suitable for Offshore.

CM stated that SONI are planning to review Grid Code to ensure suitability for Offshore.

CM referred to ongoing work in EirGrid.

JD asked whether SONI would establish a working group with a particular focus on Offshore.

CM responded that it is important that any modification to the grid code for offshore take industry feedback on board and that SONI would certainly be open to a working group and would investigate the possibility of facilitating such a group.

Grid Forming Capabilities

KA asked about the incorporation of Grid Forming Capabilities into the Grid Code.

CM said SONI understand the importance of Grid Forming as we transition to higher renewables however it is currently not a high priority.

JD said that grid forming was being discussed by ENTSO-E. Will be implemented in Ireland.

SF stated that due to NI protocol NC requirements will continue to apply and therefore requirements will also be applicable in Northern Ireland.

Next GCRP

CM proposed September for next GCRP.