

MINUTES OF THE SONI GRID CODE REVIEW PANEL MEETING

Hilton Hotel, Belfast

Thursday 26th May 2016, 11.45am- 12.30pm

Present:

Members/Alternates	Representing	Position on the GCRP
Sam Matthews	SONI	Chairperson
Karen Creighton	SONI	Member
Tom McCartan	SONI	Alternate Member
Conor O'Doherty	SONI	Member
Brian Mongan	AES	Member
Billy Walker	NIAUR	Member
Raymond Skillen	SONI	Observer
Alan Kennedy	SONI	Observer
Angela Blair	Power NI PPB	Observer
Cathal Martin	SSER	Member
Joseph Awodola	Mutual Limited	Energy Observer
John O'Higgins	SONI	Observer
Leigh McCarthy	SONI	Secretary of the SONI GCRP

1. Chairperson's Introduction to the Meeting

The Chairperson welcomed the Panel Members, alternates and observers and gave an overview of the agenda.

2. Apologies for absence

The Chairperson noted that apologies were received from Stephen Hemphill.

3. Minutes of the Grid Code Review Panel Meeting held on 10th March 2016

The Panel Members were asked if there were any further comments on the minutes from the previous SONI GCRP meeting in March 2016. There being no other comments, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved by the Panel.

4. Points arising from minutes

4.1 The Chairperson noted the following actions from the previous meeting:

4.1.1 An action was noted from the previous meeting for SONI to send documents to NIAUR in respect of PPM modification. This action is now closed.

4.1.2 SONI to circulate a link to changes to the Trading and Settlement Code regarding PPM GC modification references. This action is open.

Action: SONI to circulate a link to changes to the TSC.

4.1.3 SONI to check the Grid Code for interchangeable use of the terms "registered capacity" and "MEC" to facilitate over installation. This action is now closed.

4.1.4 SONI to review the Grid Code re. over build to see if a change is required. This action is now closed.

4.1.5 Gaelectric to provide SONI with a tracked changed version of the Grid Code. This action is now closed.

4.1.6 SONI to discuss derogation proposals with NIAUR. Proposed changes to the derogation process have been discussed, however there has been no unanimous agreement on this matter. This action is now closed.

4.1.7 SONI to present priority dispatch to the SEM Committee. This action is open.

Action: SONI to update document and discuss priority dispatch with the SEM Committee.

5. Over Installation

5.1 A presentation was delivered by Karen Creighton on over installation and a proposed approach on how the Grid Code could be modified. A new term "Total Installed Capacity" and modifying other definitions seems to deliver with minimal impacts. Cathal Martin queried if MEC/MIC being defined in terms of kVA/MVA will impact charging and Brian Mongan indicated he needed to review slides to determine if any impact on existing legacy connected generators.

Action: SONI to consider if any impact on MIC

6. Grid Code Modifications

6.1 PPM

Sam Matthews noted that this modification was being proposed for recommendation to the CER at the EirGrid GCRP today. Brian Mongan expressed his concerns about misalignment between NI and RoI in respect of these modifications. Sam Matthews noted that both EirGrid and SONI TSO have maintained alignment in terms of submission to respective Regulating Authorities.

6.2 Outturn Availability

John O'Higgins presented slides.

Sam Matthews noted that the TSOs have worked together to align this matter and a report will be forwarded to the Utility Regulator

7. Working Groups

7.1 Sam Matthews noted that an update from the Network Codes Working Group was given at the JGCRP meeting.

7.2 There is no update in respect of DSM.

8. Derogations

8.1 The proposal from SONI to change the derogation process was not met with universal acceptance and hence no changes are proposed. Raymond Skillen noted that European Network Codes will cause another review to determine if our process is compatible

9. New Release of Grid Code and WFSS

9.1 Once the PPM modification have been approved then an updated Grid Code will be published

Action: SONI to release new version of Grid Code following approval of PPM modification

10. Priority Dispatch

10.1 Sam Matthews noted that since the previous document was submitted, the TSO needed to update and send to Regulator to progress via SEMC.

Action: SONI to update Priority Dispatch document and send to Utility Regulator before next Grid Code meeting

11. Regulator Update

11.1 Billy Walker noted that NIAUR are looking at how to monitor the industry post October 2017. The tariff review process will begin soon. The SONI price control has not yet been resolved. NIAUR need to review Network Codes. Brian Mongan expressed concern about the impact of the extension to interim DS3 arrangements.

12. Any other business

12.1 It was noted that from 1 June 2016, Sam Matthews would be retiring from the position of Chairman of the GCRP and will be replaced by Raymond Skillen.

13. Arrangements for next meeting

Provisional date of 28th September (Dublin)

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