



SONI Grid Code Review Panel Meeting – Meeting 4 of 2021

MS Teams Video Conferencing

Tuesday 14th December 2021 (10.00 am to 10.45 am)

MINUTES

Members/Alternates	Representing	Position on the GCRP
Marie-Therese Campbell [MTC]	SONI TSO	Chair (a)
Sam Matthews [SM]	SONI TSO	Vice Chair (b)
Jody O’Boyle [JOB]	Regulator	Member (h)
Timothy Steel [TS]	Regulator	Alternate (h)
Brian Mongan [BM]	DSU	Member (k)
Daniel McSwiggan [DMS]	SONI TSO	Member (b)
Joe Duddy [JD]	RES – Large Scale	Alternate (i)
Stephen Hemphill [SH]	Interconnector Owners NI	Member (e)
Rebecca Russell [RR]	SONI TSO	Secretary
Rowan Griffin [RG]	SONI TSO	Observer
Sarah Friedel [SF]	SONI TSO	Member (b)
Angela Blair [AB]	Power NI PPB	Observer
Kenny McPartland [KMCP]	Regulator	Observer (h)

Lauren Skillen-Baine [LS-B]	SEM Operator	Member (l)
William Deane [WD]	RES- Small Scale	Member (i)
Krishna Anaparathi [KA]	Electricity Storage	Member (j)
David Hill [DH]	DNO/ TO	Alternate (f)(g)
Jim Cooke [JC]	Generators NI	Member (c)
Joseph Coyle [JC]	Generators NI	Alternate (c)

1. Chairpersons introduction to Meeting and Apologies for Absence

Quorum achieved

2. Minutes approval from SONI Grid Code Review Panel meeting held on 02nd November 2021

Taken as approved

3. Actions from SONI Grid Code Review Panel meeting held on 02nd November 2021

- Action 1 – Final Draft of studies scope in relation to Min Gen and EP Kilroot modification out for comment until 7th Jan – **complete**
- Action 2 – metering code consultation out for consultation until Jan 7th – **complete**
- Action 3 – demand side management UR further clarification on requirement and any possible conflict with licences. Discussed in section 4 of meeting.
- Action 4 – Consultations for DRAI and FERA. SONI is finalising consultation papers. Plan to finalise by end of week. **Action**
 - BM – EirGrid mod is in process. Query if this will result in different mods for Eirgrid and SONI.
 - MTC – Same mod was presented for both but Eirgrid process is slightly different so have been able to process it. Effective dates and modification will be same.
 - BM – Is it possible they will be passed in Eirgrid and not SONI.
 - MTC- In theory it could happen but joint response to the mods mean it is unlikely as the reports from SONI and Eirgrid will align. But no guarantee due to different processes but TSOs align.

- JOB – it will come down to regulator approval. Grid codes and jurisdictions are separate so approval may come at different times but try to align.
- BM – Will non-approval or delay in one affect the other?
- JOB – no. Approval comes from the recommendation papers within each jurisdiction.
- Action 5 – circulation of Draft of SONI Constitution. This draft has been circulated for comments. Open for comments until 31st January.
 - SONI governance document still being finalised but will go out to consultation in parallel with Constitution. - Action

4. Modifications

a. EP Kilroot Min Gen– update on scope of studies

- Updates have been circulated for comment on or before the 7th Jan 2022.

b. Metering Code consultation

- Consultation on modification to metering code out until 7th Jan 2022.

c. DRAI – Min Down Time/Min Off Time consultation

- DRAI Mod– SONI hoping to have papers finalised by end of week and subsequently will be out for consultation for 6 weeks- **Action**
- UR Comments requested for clarification piece from action 4.
- MTC – could this go ahead without licence changes?
- JOB – take this as **Action** to check the DRAI modification and with licencing team.

d. FERA – reduce 4 MW de minimis to 1 MW consultation

- FERA Mod– SONI hoping to have papers finalised by end of week and subsequently will be out for consultation for 6 weeks. - **Action**
- UR Comments requested for clarification piece from action 4 to be presented to members.

- JOB - NI licence requires MW capacity of min 4MW. This may lead to issues if grid code changes to require 1MW. To deviate would have to modify licence. This can be a 6-month process. JOB will discuss with UR licence team.
- JOB – definition of DSU would impact trading and settlement code. So, if definition changed in Grid Code, other teams would have to align. Therefore, the impact to these other codes must be considered
- MTC to take action to check impact on changing definitions for other codes that reference it.
- BM - When UR in discussions with licence team, will UR investigate why these definitions are included within licence originally? What is the origin of the values or definitions used?
- JOB- we would need a reason why requesting to change the definition so reason behind the initial inclusion would likely need to be included.
- MTC – For clarity, are the license changes only needed for FERA and not DRAI mods?
- JOB – FERA has a definite impact on licence. Will need to check DRAI again.
- MTC – check which modification changes definition - **Action**

5. Update on the Implementation of CNC Network Codes [HVDC]

- DMcS to give update - Making good process drafting HVDC into grid code connection code.
- Completed frequency technical requirements draft and working through other drafts
- View to send to consultation Q2 2022
- Incorporating within connection code section using boxing method and identifying relevant areas
- Similar method as dealing with generations – HVDC schedule 3 – primary tech requirements for network codes and then integrate boxed off approach within main body.
- This is for clarity and ease of use.
- DMcS will present at next Grid Code showing implementation of approach.

6. SONI Governance and Constitution – update progress

- Constitution changes have gone out for comments until end of Jan 2022.
- In parallel work on governance process proposal is continuing

- SF gave presentation of overview of Governance changes proposal highlighting it is an advisory document recommending how Grid Code Review Panel operates.

7. Regulatory Updates

JOB gave update on working with SONI for consultation response papers and engaging with UR license team regarding DSU licences

8. Any other business

No other business raised

9. Arrangements for next meeting

Obliged to have around the first week in March 2022. Any changes will be circulated to members.

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