

Summary Minutes of the SONI Grid Code Review Panel Meeting

SONI Offices, Castlereagh House, Belfast



Wednesday 26th June 2019 10:00am to 11:30am

Member Attendance:

| Name | Company | Position on the GCRP |
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| Sam Matthews | SONI | Chairperson |
| Marie Therese Campbell | SONI | Member |
| Daniel McSwiggan | SONI | Member |
| Ian Bailie | NIE Networks | Member |
| Roisin McLaughlin | UREGNI | Alternate for Jody O'Boyle |
| Joseph Coyle | ESB Coolkeeragh | Alternate for Jim Cooke |
| Mark Phelan | Electric Ireland | Alternate for Jim Wynne |
| Cathal Martin | SSE | Member |

Other Attendance:

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| Arthur Moynihan | EirGrid | TSO Observer |
| Miriam Ryan | Eirgrid | TSO Observer |
| Eanna Farrell | EirGrid | TSO Observer |
| Connor Carville | SONI | TSO Observer |
| Michael Beggs | SONI | Presenter/Observer |
| Aidan Girvan | UREGNI | Observer |

Apologies:

| Name | Company | Position on the GCRP |
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| Ronan McKeown | NIE Networks | Member |
| Jim Wynne | Electric Ireland | Member |
| Jody O'Boyle | UREGNI | Member |
| Stephen Hemphill | Mutual Energy | Member |
| Leigh McCarthy | SONI | GCRP Secretary |
| Tim Steele | SEMO | Member |
| Alan Kennedy | SONI | Member |
| Tony McElroy | Energia | Member |
| Cera Slevin | ESB | Member |
| Jim Cooke | ESB Coolkeeragh | Member |
| Kevin McKeown | Gaelectric | Member |
| Sam Thompson | Powerhouse | Member |

A. Chairpersons Introduction to the Meeting

- i) Sam Matthews (chair) welcomed all members, observers and presenters to the meeting.
- ii) A round table of introductions took place. Sam Matthews confirmed that the number required for a quorum was satisfied.
- iii) Minutes and actions from the previous GCRP meeting held on 18 October 2018 were presented including:
 - *TSO to publish final version updated Grid Code on website and circulate to Members when complete* - Daniel McSwiggan confirmed.
 - *Ian Bailie to confirm the approach of NIE Networks in respect of the Distribution Code and send to the Chairperson who will forward to UR.* Ian Bailie confirmed completed.
 - *Fuel Switching Code* – Discussion around status of fuel switching agreement in NI. Marie Therese Campbell stated one NI generator signed up to fuel switching currently.

ACTION: Marie Therese Campbell to provide update on other generators current status for fuel switching agreement.

- *Sam Matthews to confirm a second form of electronic communications to make declarations* – Sam confirmed EDIL is technical but feeds into commercial, and that day-ahead market MPI is second form of communication for generators and TSO.

B. Modification Proposals

- i) Housekeeping
Daniel McSwiggan provided presentation on housekeeping changes to Grid Code, including consolidating modifications into grid code in incorporative method.
- ii) Requirements for Generators (RfG)
Daniel McSwiggan delivered presentation outlining what is to be incorporated in Grid Code for RfG including demarcation and explanation. The consultation process and timeline were outlined. Cathal Martin asked was the demarcation in the appendix of the Grid Code, Daniel McSwiggan responded that it was in the first few pages. Sam Matthews encouraged responses during consultation.
- iii) PPM Settings Schedule
Michael Beggs presented on changes to PPM settings schedule to incorporate RfG. Explained background of settings schedule and that presentation was limited to frequency response changes. The three frequency response modes, including FSM, LFSM-U and LFSM-O, were explained in depth. Cathal Martin questioned having different requirements for new and existing PPM. Miriam Ryan and Michael Beggs explained that in normal operation they are very similar and RfG network code gave boundaries that SONI was required to abide by. Ian Bailie made point that NIEN consultation process already completed and approved for settings schedule.

C. Discussion

- Roisin McLaughlin registered thanks to parting members including Ian Stevenson and Raymond Skillen (both retired). Thanks echoed by chair and other members.

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D. Updates

- UR Update: Roisin McLaughlin said there is no formal update but will circulate UREGNI table of network code updates.

ACTION: Roisin McLaughlin to circulate network code change table.

E. AOB

- Next meeting to be a joint meeting with EirGrid, date to be confirmed soon but approximately September/October 2019. Date will be circulated in next few weeks.
- Some discussion around battery storage fitting into grid code.

ACTION: Daniel McSwiggan to follow up with Jody O'Boyle (UREGNI) on battery storage.

- Miriam Ryan stated that any issues in the meantime to be sent to gridcode@soni.ltd.uk.
- Cathal Martin queried members of Grid Code Review Panel.

ACTION: Leigh McCarthy (GCRP secretary) to update list of members on website.

Sam Matthews thanked attendees and contributors and closed the meeting.