

Minutes of Distribution Code Review Panel Meeting – 07th July 2020

Present:

Paul Harrington (PH)	Chair
Stephen O' Sullivan (SOS)	Secretary
Tony Hearne (TH)	DSO
Miriam Ryan (MR)	TSO
Dylan Ashe (DA)	CRU (Alternate)
Michael O'Hara (MOH)	ETCI
Mark Phelan	PES/Independent Suppliers (Alternate)
David McMullin (DMcM)	Embedded Generators (Wind)
Ger Beatty (GB)	Synchronous Generators Ireland
Ivan Codd (IC)	DSO (Presenting)
Deirdre Cliffe	DSO (Presenting)

Note: Due to Covid-19 restrictions, this meeting of the DCRP was held remotely via conference call

<u>Apologies:</u> Robert O'Rourke	CRU
Conor Minogue	Major Customers
Sean Doolin	PES/Independent Suppliers
Claire Quane	DSO
Peter Kavanagh	Embedded Generators (Solar)

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1. Review of Previous Minutes:

- Previous minutes approved. These will be posted on the ESB Networks website.

2. Derogations Update:

- SOS stated that the DSO has 53 permanent derogations to be assessed, and 28 temporary derogations to be assessed.
- MR stated that there were 84 DSO derogations under assessment by the TSO. 21 of these are for Fault Ride Through (FRT)

3. Smarter HV and MV Customer Connections Project Update:

- Documentation on the Smarter HV and MV Customer Connections Project was submitted to the CRU on 31st March, and it is currently under CRU consideration, with interactions ongoing.

4. Update on the upcoming Demand Connection Code (DCC) Modifications and the eventual Distribution Code Version 8:

- ESB Networks plan to circulate a DCC Modification proposal to the Members via email in August, with the aim that this can be discussed and voted on at our September meeting.
- The scope of the required DCC changes will be split between two different Modifications, with the remaining requirements to be included in a Modification to be put before the DCRP in December.

5. CRU Update on Distribution Code Version 7, and Modification #43:

- Modification #43 and the Distribution Code Version 7 are under CRU review, and a decision is expected on both in July.

Action:

- SOS to update Members once complete.

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6. Hybrids:

- TH noted that the FlexTech process is currently underway, which has seen a working-group working on the definition of Hybrids. This definition has been agreed between the System Operators and may go into the upcoming FlexTech consultation.
- This definition may be included within the Distribution Code in the future and may include a wide variety of points such as multiple legal entities behind a connection point.

7. Joint DSO – TSO paper ‘Proposal for Application of Connection Network Codes to Existing Users’:

- MR noted that this has been submitted to the CRU and is currently under CRU review.

8. Discussion of Applicability of V7 Requirements to generation on demand sites:

- TH noted that RfG for synchronous machines applies at machine level.
- Controllability only applies for machines at 5MW or more. There are currently only 2 such machines like this connected to the distribution system.
- GB pointed out that there are a few projects upcoming projects which may exceed 5MW. GB added that the issue of using gas turbines for data centres may be gaining interest.
- TH and GB to discuss possible contributions from Synchronous Generators Ireland to the FlexTech process.

9. Membership Applications:

- There are two active applications to represent Energy Storage Users on the DCRP.
- Currently the DCRP does not have a seat for Energy Storage Users.
- The Chair proposed a vote on adding a new seat for Energy Storage Users to the Panel.
- There were no objections to a vote being held, and the Panel voted unanimously to recommend to the CRU the addition of a new seat for Energy Storage Users.
- The Secretary is to forward this recommendation to the CRU.
- The Secretary will write to both applicants to inform them of the vote, and to ask them to engage and if possible reach agreement on a DCRP member and alternate for Energy Storage Users.

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- As per the Constitution of the DCRP if agreement cannot be reached on a Member then the CRU will be requested under section 5.2 of the DCRP Constitution to make the appointment.
- DA noted that the CRU wants a member in place for the September DCRP meeting if possible.

Action:

- The Secretary is to forward this recommendation to the CRU.
- The Secretary is also to write to both interest parties to inform them of the vote, and to ask them to engage and reach agreement on a DCRP member and alternate for Energy Storage Users, with a view to having agreement before the September DCRP meeting if possible.

10. AOB:

- The Next meeting is scheduled for September 1st.

Actions:

- The Secretary is to forward this recommendation to the CRU.
- The Secretary is also to write to both interest parties to inform them of the vote, and to ask them to agree on who will join the DCRP as a Member and as an Alternate.
- The Secretary is to update Members once CRU review of Modification #43, and V7 is complete