

Minutes of Distribution Code Review Panel Meeting - 25th October 2019

Present:

Paul Harrington (PH)	Chair
Stephen O' Sullivan (SOS)	Secretary
Tony Hearne (TH)	DSO
Miriam Ryan (MR)	TSO
Dylan Ashe (DA)	CRU (Alternate)
Peter Kavanagh (PK)	Embedded Generators (Solar)
Carlos Galvan (CG)	Embedded Generators (Solar Alternate)
David McMullin (DMcM)	Embedded Generators (Wind)
Ger Beatty (GB)	Synchronous Generators Ireland
Mark Phelan (MP)	PES/Independent Suppliers (Alternate)
Ivan Codd (IC)	ESB Networks (Presenting)

Apologies:

Robert O'Rourke	CRU
Conor Minogue	Major Customers
Jim Wynne	PES/Independent Suppliers
Michael O'Hara	ETCI
Claire Quane	DSO

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1. Review of Previous Minutes:

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

2. Derogations Update:

- SOS stated that the DSO has 55 permanent derogations to be assessed, and 18 temporary derogations to be assessed.
- MR gave the TSO update and said if there are any urgent applications for customers to contact the System Operators. MR added that the TSO has allocated resourcing to prioritise the back log of derogations over the coming 6 months.
- PH asked if the CRU have any specific queries and if so to contact SOS or MR.

3. Planning Standards Review Project Update:

- IC gave the panel an update on the Planning Standards review which is currently being undertaken by ESNB. The main proposals of the project were outlined, with the aim to go to public consultation in the weeks following this meeting.
Post meeting note – The consultation paper was published on 8th November 2019. Consultation is open for 4 weeks - <https://www.esbnetworks.ie/tns/publications/-in-category/categories/publications/current-consultations>

Action:

SOS to inform Panel members when the consultation goes live.

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

- IC noted that ESB Networks are working in collaboration with TSO on Modifications for the Distribution Code, and the aim is for these to be brought to the DCRP in early 2020.

5. Update on Distribution Code Version 6, Mod #36, and the Class Derogation against Mod #36:

- CRU is working through the approval process of all three documents and are aiming to have a decision in the coming weeks.

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6. Discussion on Distribution Code Version 7 and the revised Mod #43:

- The Chair discussed these and asked if any members had any queries or objections to their recommendation for approval.
- It was explained that the re-design of Mod #43 was to align with the Grid Code in line with the CRU's wishes.
- DMcM highlighted that IWEA members were happy with the principle of the updated Distribution Code, however they had some questions regarding the text and requested clarifications.
- DMcM will forward these queries to the Secretary and ESB Networks will respond.
- The Chair proposed that once queries have been answered, we will arrange a remote vote on #43 and the Distribution Code Version 7 via email in the coming weeks.
- PK added that it is a good idea not to delay the vote too long as developers need to know as soon as possible.

Action:

- DMcM to forward on IWEA comments on the Distribution Code Version 7 to SOS.
- SOS to arrange remote vote on Mod #43 and the Distribution Code Version 7.

7. Substantial Modification paper:

- TH discussed Substantial Modification with a presentation titled "Application of Connection Network Codes to existing Users".
- ESB Networks and EirGrid have worked together on a Discussion Paper on the Application of Connection Network Codes to existing Users, which will be shared with the Panel Members along with these minutes.
- The discussion paper will also be brought to the Grid Code Review Panel in November.
- PK enquired if it was the SO's intentions to create a catalogue of decisions regarding the concept of Substantial Modification.
- Both TH & MR replied that there may be confidentiality issues with creating such a catalogue, but the suggestion will be considered.

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Action:

SOS to circulate the presentation and the discussion paper to Members.

8. Irish Energy Storage Association Application:

- PH asked if there are any outstanding queries regarding the IESA Membership application.
- Members asked for more time to speak with relevant stakeholders.

9. AOB:

Action:

SOS will be writing to members seeking details to keep membership details up to date as per the constitution of the DCRP.

- **2020 meetings of the DCRP**

Provisionally scheduled for:

3rd March;

2nd June;

1st September;

1st December.

Action:

SOS to send out invites for the year.