

Minutes of Distribution Code Review Panel Meeting – 30th March 2017

Present:

Brian Tapley (BT)	Chairman & Secretary
Lisa McMullan (LMcM)	TSO Representative
Michael O’Hara (MOH)	ETCI Representative
Sean Doolin (SD)	PES Representative/ Independent Suppliers Representative
Mantas Vencius (MV)	CER Representative
Derek Hynes (DH)	DSO Representative
Ger Beatty (GB)	Synchronous Generators Ireland
Seán Wynne	PES Representative/ Independent Suppliers Representative

Apologies:

Robert O’Rourke (ROR)	CER Representative
Tony Hearne (TH)	DSO Representative
Conor Minogue (CM) (Alternate not present)	Major Customers Representative
Ciaran Donnelly (CD)	Embedded Generators Representative
Peter Kavanagh (PK) (Alternate not present)	ISEA Representative

1. Review of Previous Minutes

BT presented minutes of the last DCRP meeting (17th January 2017). All changes were accepted by the panel and agreed as final for publication.

These minutes will be published on the ESB Networks website - <https://esbnetworks.ie/who-we-are/distribution-code>

2. Update on the implementation of approved modifications #22, #23 and #24

TSO have process request for 24 sites and extensions have been granted. These were supported on basis applicant committed to progressing works to remedy/ quantify derogation.

TSO in process of assessing permanent derogations. Comparing derogation applications for WFPS with the same makes and models of WTGs. Exploring whether compliance can be improved by spending a lesser amount of money. Getting input from the OEM . Assessing system impact of non-compliance

TSO to have temporary derogations completed by Q2 2017 and permanent derogations by year end.

3. Update on Distribution Code Modifications:

a) Modification Proposal #36 – PPM

LMcM & TH provided update TOR and on meeting with TSO / DSO /ISEA. At the meeting they discussed proposed solutions and confirmed that ISEA were supportive of the requirement and of possible use of DSO RTU. The preference was for set point control. They are currently investigating both technical hardware and communications options.

This modification was originally submitted to CER for approval following agreement at a previous DCRP meeting in December 2015.

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A further meeting/discussion was to take place in early February to discuss DSO RTUs

This Meeting was postponed and due to take place early in early April to discuss DSO RTUs. EirGrid's IS team, ESB Telecoms Services, TH and LMCM to be in attendance. Output of meeting to be added to next DCRP agenda.

At the last meeting TH advised that mod #36 was not intended to be applied retrospectively and will only apply to new connections. TH wasn't present to present an update on proposed modification approach presented by him at last meeting to cater for proposal #36. This to be included at the next DCRP

TH wasn't present to confirm whether EGIP has an embedded RTU charge included. This to be included at the next DCRP

4. Proposed Distribution Code Modifications

New Modification Proposals

a) Class Derogation was signed off at this meeting.

Background:

CD proposed a Class Derogation modification which would effectively allow a class of customer to be derogated from a particular section(s) of the Distribution Code. CD explained that if a modification to the Distribution Code impacts multiple customers, instead of each customer applying for a derogation individually, and creating a huge workload for both customer and SOs, the class derogation would allow a Distribution Code Panel Member or DSO/TSO to apply for a derogation on the customers behalf e.g. all wind farms etc.

At previous meetings, there were some concerns about the wording not capturing the fact that DCRP members could apply. CD amended the text and presented the change to the DCRP.

ROR had some previous concerns about the process behind how these class derogations would be assessed by DSO and TSO and expected that all Class derogations be submitted to DSO and TSO before submission to CER for approval.

CD advised that if the DCRP decided that a Class modification was required this would be submitted to CER after decision from the Panel.

SOs and CER updated the panel on their meeting to discuss amended wording and discussion regarding the process of assessing Class Derogations.

Following further changes to amended wording were suggested at the last meeting and since incorporated:

- 11.2.1 (b) – If the DSO don't support a class derogation request, CER still require DSO to send CER the non-supportive assessment.
- Add the reason why these applicants should be considered as a 'Class' to the form
- Add time duration to form

BT to circulated revised modification wording and assessment form for review by DCRP.

DCRP requested that definitions be bolded.

DCRP signed off on modification and BT to submit to CER for final approval.

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5. Emerging issue of maintaining Power Factor at low MW levels
Background:
TH previously presented on a possible mod to address this issue. Potential solution was agreeable to panel and it was agreed that TH would submit a formal modification.

TH not present to submit modification. TH to submit modification at next DCRP.
6. NSAI completion certificate. Due Jan 2018.
ETCI has been subsumed into NSAI. NSAI need to get completion certificate to completion stage. Realistic date is Jan 2018.

MOH briefed the DCRP that next meeting was due to take place the week following this DCRP meeting. MOH to provide update at next DCRP.
7. Any Other Business / Items for discussion at next meeting
8. Next Meeting Dates:

To be advised when meeting minutes issue

**Brian Tapley,
Chairman,
DCRP**

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