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MINUTES OF DISTRIBUTION CODE REVIEW PANEL MEETING

06th July 2021

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Present

Paul Harrington (PH)	Chair
Stephen O' Sullivan (SOS)	Secretary
Tony Hearne (TH)	DSO
Dylan Ashe (DA)	CRU (Alternate)
Miriam Ryan (MR)	TSO
Mark Phelan (MP)	PES/Independent Suppliers (Alternate)
David McMullin (DMcM)	Embedded Generators - Wind
Dominick Fitzsimons (DF)	Energy Storage Users
Ivan Codd (IC)	DSO (Presenting)

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

Apologies:

Robert O'Rourke	CRU
Conor Minogue	Major Customers
Sean Doolin	PES/Independent Suppliers
Claire Quane	DSO
Ger Beatty	Synchronous Generators Ireland
Peter Kavanagh	Embedded Generators - Solar
Michael O'Hara	NSAI

1. Review of Previous Minutes:

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

2. Derogations Update:

- SOS noted that the DSO has 44 (13 permanent and 31 temporary) derogations to be assessed.
- MR noted that there were 129 derogations under assessment by the TSO, 26 are with the CRU.

3. CRU Update:

- DA informed the members that the CRU expect to shortly approve the Modifications sent since the previous meeting. Derogations are also being processed.

4. Discussion on the Registered Capacity definition:

- A comprehensive review of definition of Registered Capacity across the four codes on the island of Ireland has begun. A working group has been established between ESB Networks, EirGrid, SONI and NIE Networks. The four system operators will be meeting once a month and updates will be brought to the DCRP over the next 18 months.
- TH informed the Panel that a decision on whether a Distribution Code modification is required will be made when the working group concludes their work.

5. Vote on Modification #53: Met Mast Data Requirements:

- Modification #53 was presented to the Panel by MR.
- The data ranges for wind farm meteorological signals transmitted to the TSO specified in the Distribution Code are not based on historical meteorological data in Ireland.
- The modification proposes the removal of these ranges from the Distribution Code, as it has been assessed that it would be more appropriate that the units/ranges for each controllable PPM be specified in the signal list instead.
- The Grid Code Review Panel's equivalent modification has already been approved by the CRU:
 - [MPID287 Recommendation paper](#);
 - [MPID287 CRU Decision Paper](#).
- Modification #53 was put to the Panel for a vote, and the Panel voted to recommend Modification #53 for approval to the CRU.

Action:

- SOS to submit the recommended Modification #53 to the CRU for approval.

6. PGMD documents:

- The two new PGMD documents were previously sent out to the Panel for comment. No feedback was received.
- TH proposed to declare the documents as finalised, and this was agreed. ESB Networks will publish these documents on the ESB networks website and beginning from now project specific versions will be issued on the commencement of each project.
- DMcM noted that he had also circulated the documents to Wind Energy Ireland members and no concerns were raised.
- TH also note that going forward Operational Certificates will be called Operational Notifications.

7. Presentation on ESB Networks proposed updates to 'Conditions Governing' documents for smaller-scale generation:

- IC presented to the Panel on work being undertaken by ESB Networks on the revision and production of a number of Technical Standards covering the connection and operation of smaller scale generation (up to c. 50 kVA, LV).
- These are:
 - Updated *Conditions Governing the Connection and Operation of Micro-Generation*
 - New *Conditions Governing the Connection and Operation of Mini-generation*
 - New *Conditions Governing the Connection and Operation of Export Limiting Schemes*
- The Panel will be kept updated on progress/publication of these documents.

8. Membership:

- PH spoke to the Panel on membership and asked if the Panel had any thoughts on future memberships to the DCRP, and if there are any categories of users that the Members feel should be represented on the Panel.
- MR noted that EirGrid are looking at reviewing the Grid Code Constitution with regards to membership and are looking at the potential for a regular review of how the changing landscape is represented.
- PH asked the Panel if anyone had any further thoughts on this to please contact ESB Networks at any time.

Action:

- A strawman proposal will be discussed with the Panel at the next meeting.



9. AOB:

- Minor revisions to the suite of three MV & HV Planning Standards documents have been approved and published on the ESB Networks website. The changes are not material and relate to formatting and terminology/wording clarifications only, driven by internal ESB Networks document management system requirements.

Summary of Meeting Actions:

- SOS to submit the recommended Modification #53 to the CRU for approval.
- Strawman proposal for future membership to be discussed at the next meeting.