

Minutes of Distribution Code Review Panel Meeting – 4 March 2003

<u>Present:</u>	Gay Kirwan	Chairman
	Catriona Sherwin	Acting Secretary
	Philip O'Donnell	TSO representative
	David Naughton	CER representative
	Tony Hearne	DSO representative
	Gary Ryan	Independent Suppliers representative
	Jerry O'Dwyer	ETCI representative
	Martin McAdam	Embedded Generators representative

<u>Apologies:</u>	Michael Begley	PES Representative
	Donal Phelan	DSO representative
	Paddy Wallace	Major Customers representative

1. The Panel approved the minutes of the previous meeting.
2. Chairman minuted a note from CER on its intention to go to public consultation on the Meter Code shortly.
3. Chairman minuted a note from CER regarding communication with Director of Legal Metrology. No comments were forthcoming from Director on Distribution Code. However some comments were received from NSAI.
4. The Panel discussed the proposed modification to the Distribution Code in respect of Distribution connected windfarm data. TSO is proposing this modification. Current wind power connected to the system is in the order of a medium sized generation unit and has potential to reach 350 MW by 2005. By its nature wind generated power is not despatchable and difficult to predict. Current forecasts are based on taking one wind farm unit and scaling upwards, and using software programs to predict wind speeds. This has proved inaccurate and unreliable to date. The objectives of this modification are that wind farm generation units, connected to the Distribution system will;
 - provide more information about what is happening at any point in time at a particular windfarm
 - provide data which will help short-term (0-8hrs) forecasting

The panel debate covered the nature of information currently available versus TSO requirements and funding of equipment necessary to provide additional data. Embedded generator representative offered use of instrumentation to collect data. Embedded generator representative and TSO to have bilateral discussions to discuss concerns before next meeting and to keep DCRP informed. It is proposed that this modification to the Distribution Code be circulated in final form in time for a decision to be made at next meeting.
5. The Panel discussed the draft document entitled "*Conditions governing connection to the distribution system for MV and 38kV connections*". This document is nearing

finalisation. There was no comment from Panel members at the meeting. Panel secretary to forward final draft to the Panel members with minutes of meeting. Any comments from members to be forwarded to Panel secretary. Final document will be forwarded to CER by ESB for approval shortly.

6. Next meeting to be held on Tuesday 3 June 2003.

Catriona Sherwin.
Acting Secretary.

7 March 2003.