

Minutes of Distribution Code Review Panel Meeting – 5th December 2006

<u>Present:</u>	Gay Kirwan	Chairman
	Siobhán Wynne	Secretary
	Keelin O'Brien	CER representative
	Paddy O'Kane	Embedded Generators representative
	Tony Hearne	DSO representative (alternate)
	Donal Phelan	DSO Representative
	Doireann Barry	TSO representative
	Ronan O'Hogartaigh	DSO Representative
	Jerry O'Dwyer	ETCI representative
	Neil Bingham	Independent Suppliers Representative
	Alan Staunton	DSO representative

<u>Apologies:</u>	Deaglan O'Donaill	PES Representative (Alternate)
	David Manning	Major Customers representative (IBEC)

1. The Panel approved the minutes from the previous meeting of 6th June 2006 with some minor amendments (attached).
2. Modification 12
Tony Hearne outlined the proposed modification. After a discussion the modification was approved with an amendment in relation to MV connections. Revised modification attached.
Action: Paddy O'Kane to revert to DSO re whether there would be issues for windfarms regarding the use of PMRs.
Action: DSO to forward Modification Proposal to CER for approval.
3. Modification 13
Tony Hearne outlined the proposed modification. The modification was discussed and approved by the panel.
Action: DSO to forward Modification Proposal to CER for approval.
4. Presentation on ESB Networks Safety rules.
Alan Staunton gave a presentation to the panel on the ESB Networks safety rules. Afterwards there was a discussion regarding safety issues particularly in relation to windfarms. DSO emphasised the need for windfarm developers to ensure that all relevant safety procedures are complied with.
Action: Paddy O'Kane undertook to raise the issue of compliance with safety procedures with the IWEA and to liaise with Alan Staunton (DSO) on this issue.
5. There was a discussion in relation to the recent letters sent by CER to a number of windfarms confirming their derogations from section DCC 10 (excluding requirements in relation to Responsible Operator).
Action: CER to write a further letter to these windfarm developers clarifying the fact that the derogation granted was in relation to version 1.6 of the Distribution Code only. In addition, the letter will request contact details in relation to the Responsible Operator requirements.

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6. CER Consultation Paper in relation to micro-generation
CER indicated that there was a large degree of interest by the industry in relation to this paper and they have received 30 responses. These responses are currently being reviewed and CER expect to have finalised its paper by the next code panel meeting.

7. Doireann Barry briefed the panel on the fact that there have been a number of modifications recently to the Grid Code in relation to wind generation. TSO propose to prepare a modification to transpose relevant elements of these modifications into the Distribution Code.
Action: Doireann Barry to prepare modification proposal prior to next panel meeting.
Action: Doireann Barry to present on proposed TSO modification at next panel meeting.

8. Next Meeting Date: Tuesday 6th March 2007.

Siobhán Wynne,
Secretary.

2nd January, 2007.