

## Minutes of Distribution Code Review Panel Meeting – 5<sup>th</sup> July 2004

<b><u>Present:</u></b>	Tony Carroll	Chairman (alternate)
	Siobhan Wynne	Secretary
	Aidan Kearney	CER representative (alternate)
	Tony Hearne	Accompanying DSO representative
	Paddy O’Kane	Embedded Generators representative
	Grattan Healy	Accompanying Embedded Generators representative
	Donal Phelan	DSO Representative
	Ronan O’Hogartaigh	DSO Representative
	Jerry O’Dwyer	ETCI representative
	Gary Ryan	Independent Suppliers representative
	Martin Strong	TSO representative (alternate)
<b><u>Apologies:</u></b>	Paddy Wallace	Major Customers representative
	Deaglan O’Donaill	PES Representative (alternate)

1. The Panel approved the revised minutes from the previous meeting.
2. Modification 03:

The proposed TSO revisions to Modification 03 as circulated prior to the meeting were discussed. Martin Strong indicated that these revisions were reflected in the Grid Code Modification in relation to this issue which is now approved. The following is a brief summary of the issues discussed.

*Item*

- (1) This revision was proposed by CER's consultants as it would ensure that more wind could be added to the system. Paddy O’Kane commented that the 1s provision was very tight and proposed that a slightly longer time be used or a margin introduced. However, Martin Strong indicated that such a change should result from experience of how the provision works in practice and/or derogation provisions.
- (2) & (3) Martin Strong indicated that this provision was revised to clarify the position. Paddy O’Kane stated that he felt these provisions were more onerous than the previous version.

Martin Strong indicated that CER have signalled to TSO that they want generators to be responsible for the costs associated with installation of reactive compensation equipment rather than the end-user. Martin Strong indicated that TSO proposed to CER that a threshold of 10MW should be applied for practical cost reasons.

DSO indicated that they would need to consider this issue in light of possible impact on end-users.

It was agreed that given that these provisions related to distribution connected generators, DSO should be responsible for making the proposal in relation to the threshold at which the provision applies.

*Action:* It was agreed that DSO would meet with CER and TSO in relation to a proposal for a threshold for DCC10.2.2(c) to apply.

*Action:* Paddy O'Kane agreed to revert to DSO with a timescale in relation to providing input data for a threshold proposal for DCC10.2.2(c).

Paddy O'Kane queried could a change in wind speed affect these provisions – Martin Strong indicated that wind speed did not change significantly in the 1s timeframe.

Paddy O'Kane indicated that it would be difficult for windfarms currently applying for connections to comply with these requirements particularly those close to financial close. Paddy O'Kane asked could a date be inserted from which this provision would apply. Martin Strong indicated that CER had stated that all windfarms were entitled to apply for derogation and this would be the most appropriate route to deal with this issue.

It was agreed that the words "reactive current" be changed to "VARs" in section DCC10.2.2(c).

- (4) Changed following discussion at last distribution code review panel meeting.
- (5) A time period was just inserted.
- (6) Changed to reflect concerns expressed by Grattan Healy at last meeting.
- (7) As agreed at the last meeting.
- (8) & (9) Changed for clarity.

Grattan Healy wished to register his discontent with the fact that these revisions were introduced after the modification had been submitted to CER and his disagreement with modification 03 in general.

**Siobhan Wynne,  
Secretary.**

7<sup>th</sup> July, 2004.