

Minutes of Distribution Code Review Panel Meeting – 6th May 2004

Present:

Gay Kirwan	Chairman
Siobhan Wynne	Secretary
Martin Strong	TSO representative (alternate)
Paul Smith	Accompanying TSO representative
Padraig Fleming	CER representative
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

Apologies:

Jerry O’Dwyer	ETCI representative
Gary Ryan	Independent Suppliers representative
Deaglan O’Donaill	PES Representative (alternate)
Paddy Wallace	Major Customers representative

1. The Panel discussed the minutes from meetings of 15th March and 20th April and approved the revised minutes as attached.
2. Modification 03:
 - Siobhan Wynne summarised the revisions already agreed to the text of this modification as follows:
 - In section DCC10.2.1 it was agreed to use only the second graph to avoid confusion.
 - It was agreed to delete the last paragraph under DCC10.2.2 – the corresponding paragraph had already been deleted from the Wind Grid Code.
 - It was agreed to add the text “except by dispatch instruction” to section DCC10.3.1.1 (e).
 - Donal Phelan indicated that DSO had reviewed the proposed text in relation to references to TSO and was happy that no changes were required in this respect.
 - Ronan O’Hogartaigh outlined DSO proposed revisions to the text in relation to the “Responsible Operator” provisions. This consisted of the requirement for the responsible operator to be contactable within at most 1 hour as opposed to 15 minutes and to be present on site within 2 hours as opposed to 1 hour. The panel agreed to adopt these revisions. It was accepted that if required this provision may need to be amended in the future. In addition, Martin Strong proposed that a second contact would be required who would be in a position to provide specialist response within one working day. The group felt that this provision was reasonable.

Martin Strong agreed to draft these two proposed revisions to the proposed text.

- In section DCC10.2.2 in relation to the fault ride through requirement, the group agreed that wording similar to "have the technical capability" be added after the phrase "In addition to remaining connected to the system the Wind Farm Power Station shall..."
- Grattan Healy raised the issue as to the boundary of the Distribution and Grid Codes. The panel agreed that the codes should stand alone so that a connecting party is only bound by the code applicable to the system they are connecting to.
- Grattan Healy had query in relation to ramp rates. Martin Strong indicated that the code only required a capability between 1 – 30MW/min.
- After some discussion by the panel it was agreed that Martin Strong would review section DCC10.3.2 in relation to clarifying the position on the curtailment and frequency response curves.
- Grattan Healy raised a query in relation to section DCC10.3.2.3.7. Martin Strong clarified why a proportionate reduction was required.
- Grattan Healy requested that section DCC10.3.2.3.8 would only apply to generators greater than 15MW in size.
- Martin Strong agreed to include a revision in relation to section DCC10.4.2.2 – this revision had already been agreed to the Wind Grid Code.
- Martin Strong clarified section DCC10.5.7.2.
- Section DCC10.5.9.1 was discussed and Martin Strong clarified its meaning and the fact that this was in line with the provisions for all other generators.
- Martin Strong agreed to further review the position in relation to thresholds, particularly in relation to contiguous site provisions.
- At the end of this discussion, it was agreed that Martin Strong would forward the revised modification proposal to the secretary for circulation to the panel in advance of the next meeting.

3. Modification 02 was approved by the panel.

4. It was agreed that the next meeting of the group should be June 1st, 2004.

**Siobhan Wynne,
Secretary.**

10th May, 2004.