

Minutes of Distribution Code Review Panel Meeting – 18th June 2013

<u>Present:</u>	Derek Hynes (DH)	Chairman
	Paul Harrington (PHR)	Secretary
	Tony Hearne (TH)	DSO Representative
	Paul Hickey (PH)	DSO Representative
	Rónán Ó hÓgartaigh (ROH)	DSO Representative
	Simon Tweed (ST)	TSO Representative
	Nigel Morris (NM)	CER Representative
	Ciarán O'Brien (COB)	Independent Suppliers Representative
	Ciarán Donnelly (CD)	Embedded Generators Representative
	Sean Doolin (SD)	PES Representative
	John McAuley (JM)	ETCI Representative

Apologies: Catherine Joyce-O'Caollai Major Customers Representative

1. Review of Previous Minutes

- The minutes of the last DCRP meeting (9th April 2013) were accepted by all.

2. Presentation of proposed modifications to the Distribution Code

- TH outlined the current proposed modifications to the Distribution Code:
 - o #22 – DS3 Fault Ride Through
 - o #23 – DS3 Reactive Power and Voltage Control
 - o #24 – DS3 Ramp Rates
 - o #25 – Registered Capacity

3. Discussion on proposed modifications

Conclusion:

- o #22 – recommended by the DCRP for implementation.
- o #23 – TH & ST to amend proposal to include reference to the voltage range over which this modification is applicable. DCRP recommended implementation of this proposal once the change is made, with no further review necessary.
- o #24 - recommended by the DCRP for implementation.
- o #25 – EirGrid outlined their issues with the wording of this modification proposal. TH & ST to liaise and re-submit modification proposal to the DCRP.

4. Constitution and Rules of the Distribution Code Review Panel

- DH presented on the current status of the Constitution and Rules

Conclusion:

- o Proposal is that the same process that exists for modifying the Distribution Code will apply for modifying the Constitution and Rules.
- o Proposal accepted by all.
- o DH will submit a modification proposal to the DCRP to this effect.

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5. Update on the grouping of turbine technologies
 - CD presented on the Wind Industry's proposal for applying for derogations:
 - o IPPs that do not have an Operational Certificate by 1st December 2013 will be placed in Category 1.
 - o Large number of IPPs will request derogations, as turbine technology cannot comply for technical reasons.
 - o Manufacturers to supply technical data for different turbines re. the ability to comply.
 - o CER to review submission.
 - o If the technical reasons for non-compliance are accepted by CER, all applications from generators of this type will receive derogations.
 - o If reasons are not accepted by CER, compliance will be required.

6. Controllability threshold
 - NM outlined the issue of non-controllability of <5 MW IPPs.
 - Impact analysis required to see if this will result in future problems and requires attention, or if the proportion of such generation will decrease over time.

Conclusion:

 - o DSO to revert with the number of <5MW IPPs expected to connect in Gate 3.
 - o DSO to revert with the number of existing <5MW IPPs.
 - o To be discussed at the next DCRP meeting.

7. Any other business
 - CD to provide an update on the grouping-of-turbine-technologies process for the next DCRP meeting.
 - ST/Alan Rogers to provide an update on the Operational Certificate process for the next DCRP meeting.
 - NM to examine the options around when modifications to the Distribution Code become applicable.
 - Suggested future modifications:
 - o #25 – Registered Capacity (*to be re-submitted*)
 - o Legal unbundling
 - o Process for updating the Constitution and Rules of the Distribution Code Review Panel
 - o Publishing updates to the Distribution Code
 - o ROCOF

8. Next Meeting Date: Tuesday 10th September 2013.

**Paul Harrington,
Secretary.**

27th June 2013.