

MINUTES OF DISTRIBUTION CODE REVIEW PANEL MEETING

6th December 2022



Present

Paul Harrington (PH) Chair

Stephen O' Sullivan (SOS) Secretary

Trevor Lucy (TL) DSO

Tony Hearne (TH) DSO

John Whelan (JW) DSO (Presenting)

Dylan Ashe (DA) CRU (Alternate)

Miriam Ryan (MR) TSO

Niamh Daly (ND) TSO (Alternate)

Mark Phelan (MP) PES/Independent Suppliers (Alternate)

Carlos Galvan (CG) Embedded Generators – Solar (Alternate)

Joe Dooley (JD) Energy Storage Users (Alternate)

Amanda-Jane Gainford (AJG) NSAI (Alternate)

Ger Beatty (GB) Synchronous Generators Ireland

Location: ESB Networks, Leopardstown Road, Dublin 18; with some attendees dialling in remotely via conference call

Apologies

Conor Minogue Major Customers

Aine Dorran PES/Independent Suppliers

Peter Kavanagh Embedded Generators - Solar

David McMullin Embedded Generators - Wind



1. Introduction and Review of Previous Minutes

- Michael O'Hara (NSAI) has stepped down from the Panel. The Chair wished Michael well and acknowledged his significant contribution as a member for many years.
 AJG noted that NSAI will be nominating a new member to fill this vacancy.
- The previous minutes (5th October 2022) were approved.

2. Derogations Update

- SOS reported that the DSO has 76 derogations assessed. It also has 45 derogations to assess.
- ND reported that there were 89 derogations under assessment by the TSO.

3. CRU Update

• DA informed the members that the CRU have approved Modifications #59, #60.

Vote on Modification #61 (Subsummation of content of Implementation Note for BESS V3, into the Distribution Code)

- Modification #61 was presented to the Panel by TH.
- This modification will reflect the Implementation Note for BESS V3 and introduces a new section DDC14 into the Distribution Code
- JD noted that Energy Storage Users had engaged with the TSO on the equivalent Grid Code modification proposal to seek clarifications.
- It was agreed to postpone consideration of this Distribution Code modification until these engagements had concluded.
- Depending on the materiality of changes to the equivalent Grid Code modification (if any), then Modification #61 may be issued to the DCRP for electronic vote.
- An update will be provided at the next DCRP meeting.

Action:

MR to provide an update at the next DCRP on the outcome of the TSO engagement with Energy Storage Users on this proposed modification.



5. Vote on Modification proposal #62 (Housekeeping corrections to reference and moving of power factor text for SPGMs)

- Modification #62 was presented to the Panel by TH.
- The proposal corrects an error which occurred during the incorporation of RfG.
- The Members voted to recommend Modification #62 to the CRU for approval. (Note: AJG abstained as she did not have the opportunity to review the modification proposal in advance.)

Action:

SOS to submit the recommended Modification #62 to the CRU for approval.

6. Vote on Version8 of Distribution Code

- The proposed Distribution Code Version 8 was presented to the Panel.
- This incorporates all 14 modifications approved by the CRU since the publication of version 7 of the Distribution Code.
- The Members voted to recommend Distribution Code Version 8 to the CRU for approval. (Note: AJG and JD abstained as they did not have the opportunity to review the draft V8 in advance)

Action:

SOS to submit the Distribution Code Version 8 to the CRU for approval.

7. Update on the Registered Capacity Definition

TH informed the Panel that work has been suspended for now.
Agreed that this item would remain on the agenda for the next meeting and an update will be provided if progress has been made.

8. AOB

 JB asked if there was any update on the use of DSO RTU for both DSO & TSO signal. TH noted that this is expected to be progressed in 2023.

Action:

TH to begin discussions with TSO on this matter.



Summary of Meeting Actions

- MR to provide an update at the next DCRP on the outcome of the TSO engagement with Energy Storage Users on BESS Implementation Note.
- SOS to submit the recommended Modification #62 to the CRU for approval.
- SOS to submit the Distribution Code Version 8 to the CRU for approval.
- TH to begin discussions with TSO on use of DSO RTU.