

Minutes of Distribution Code Review Panel Meeting - 02nd October 2018

Present:

Tony Hearne (TH)	DSO (Acting Chair)
Stephen O'Sullivan (SOS)	Secretary
Stephen Walsh (SW)	ESB Networks (Presenting)
David Lindsay (DL)	CRU
David McMullin (DMcM)	Embedded Generators (Wind)
Aisling Goulding (AG)	TSO (Presenting)
Lisa McMullan (LMcM)	TSO
Carlos Galvan (CG)	Embedded Generators (Solar)
Mark Phelan (MP)	PES/Independent Suppliers (Alternate)
Ivan Codd	ESB Networks (Presenting)
Neassa McCabe	ESB Networks (Co-Presenting)
Michael O'Hara (MOH)	ETCI

Apologies:

Robert O'Rourke (ROR)	CRU
Conor Minogue (CM)	Major Customers
Jim Wynn (JW)	PES/Independent Suppliers
Ger Beatty (GB)	Synchronous Generators Ireland
Derek Hynes (DH)	DSO
Ellen Diskin (ED)	Chair

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1. Review of Previous Minutes:

- It was noted that Modifications #36, #43, #44 had all been submitted to the CRU for approval since the previous meeting.

2. Derogations Update:

- LMCM explained that it will be September before the TSO is able to allocate resources to assessing derogation applications, and if there are any situations where speed is necessary due to financial situations then these can be fast tracked..
- SOS explained that the DSO currently has 60 permanent derogation applications to assess, and has assessed a number of temporary derogations.
- TH requested that both the DSO and TSO carry out an appraisal of the number of derogations which are nearing their requested or approved end date.

Action:

List of expiring derogations to be compiled by both SOs

3. Modification Proposal #45 - Met Signal Requirements:

- AG from the TSO introduced the new proposed Modification #45 Met Signal Requirements to the panel, which had previously been circulated via email.
- The Modification is in line with a Grid Code Modification which was also sent to the CRU for approval. Modification #45 was proposed to give WFPS the opportunity to discuss acceptable alternative sources for the provision of met data signals. Clause DCC11.5.1.6.2 states meteorological data signals shall be provided by a dedicated Meteorological Mast located at the WFPS site or, where possible and preferable to do so, data from a means of the same or better accuracy. This modification proposal aims to allow for agreement from the TSO on alternative proposals for sources of met data signals to satisfy the phrase 'means of the same or better accuracy'. The TSO has a guideline document outlining the current acceptable sources for WFPS in the provision of met data signals.
- DMCM noted that the wind industry has been involved with this matter and are happy with it.

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- TH recommended to the panel that the Modification be recommended to the CRU for approval.
- There was no disagreement so the Modification will be sent to the CRU for approval.

Action:

Modification #45 to be submitted to the Regulator for approval.

4. Conditions Governing:

- SW spoke to the panel on the Conditions Governing document which had been circulated at a previous meeting for comment.
- SW asked the panel to consider for future meetings if all over-the-fence HV connections should be onto a customer breaker?
- SW stated that the document would be published on ESB Networks' website as is, but comments are welcome and will be taken into consideration for the next iteration, which may happen in the near future.

5. Planning Standards Update:

- IC gave the panel an update on the Planning Standards review which is currently being undertaken by ESNB.
- The initial phase of stakeholder engagement is nearing completion, involving renewable generation customers, demand response providers, energy storage providers, as well as internal ESNB planning and operations teams.
- The project team are gathering and reviewing information/feedback to inform the Terms of Reference for the project .
- Further stakeholder engagement meetings will be planned throughout the project .
- There is also a tender preparation underway, and it is envisaged that consultants will begin coming on board in early 2019.
- IC also gave a brief update on ECP studies and sites providing system services in ECP-1. All sites providing such services will act at the same time automatically, it was also noted that the effect of combined action on the system is to be studied in detail.

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6. CRU Update:

- DL gave an update on the current status of three Modifications that are currently with the CRU for assessment for approval.
 - Modification #44 appears to be in order,
 - Modification #43 is currently undergoing internal discussion with in the regulator,
 - The CRU is waiting to receive a class derogation assessment from the SOs before it continues with the approval of Modification #36.

7. AOB:

- TH noted that as agreed previously between TSO and DSO, the SOs are hoping to have an RTU solution available for ECP. With the DSOs intention being to have a DSO RTU available at a much lesser cost than the TSO RTU.
- TH asked the panel if anyone has any ideas regarding potential stakeholders that could be brought into the DCRP as reps e.g. a storage rep.