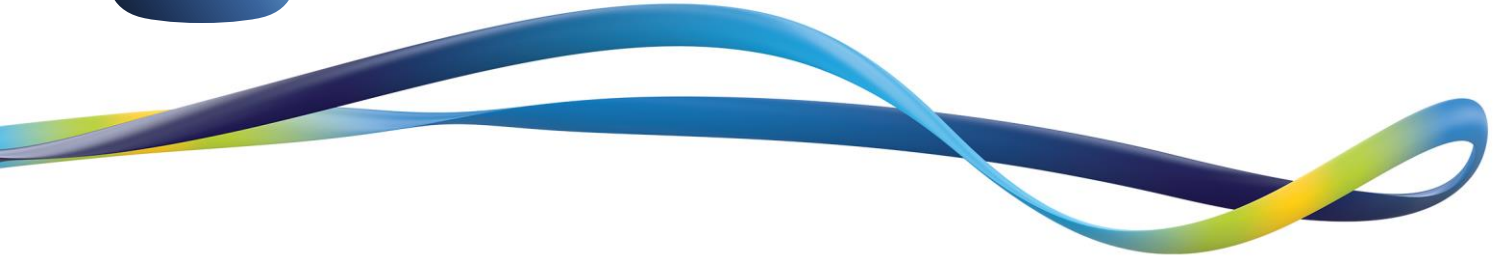




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MINUTES OF DISTRIBUTION CODE REVIEW PANEL MEETING

29th March 2021

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Present

Paul Harrington (PH)	Chair
Stephen O' Sullivan (SOS)	Secretary
Tony Hearne (TH)	DSO
Dylan Ashe (DA)	CRU (Alternate)
Miriam Ryan (MR)	TSO
Carlos Galvan (CG)	Embedded Generators - Solar (Alternate)
Mark Phelan (MP)	PES/Independent Suppliers (Alternate)
David McMullin (DMcM)	Embedded Generators - Wind
Ger Beatty (GB)	Synchronous Generators Ireland
Michael O'Hara (MO'H)	NSAI
Dominick Fitzsimons (DF)	Energy Storage Users
Neassa McCabe (NM)	DSO (Presenting)
Ivan Codd (IC)	DSO (Presenting)
Fiona O'Donnell	DSO (Observing)
Ray Dorney	DSO (Observing)

Note: Due to Covid-19 restrictions, this meeting of the DCRP was held remotely via conference call

Apologies:

Robert O'Rourke	CRU
Conor Minogue	Major Customers
Sean Doolin	PES/Independent Suppliers
Claire Quane	DSO

1. Review of Previous Minutes:

- Previous minutes approved. These will be posted on the ESB Networks website.

2. Derogations Update:

- SOS noted that the DSO has 37 (12 permanent and 25 temporary) derogations to be assessed.
- MR noted that there were 105 derogations under assessment by the TSO, 21 are with the CRU.

3. CRU Update:

- DA informed the members that the CRU were working through the Modifications sent since the previous meeting.
- The CRU may also provide an update on progress on the System Services workstream to the DCRP at a future meeting.

4. Discussion on the Registered Capacity definition:

- TH discussed the definition of Registered Capacity. It was recently discovered that the Registered Capacity definition that was published in the version 7 of the Distribution Code was incorrect. Therefore in principle, a revision to this will need to be made to the upcoming version 8 of the Distribution Code, where Registered Capacity will be the lessor of Max Capacity.
- However, MR noted that at the recent Joint Grid Code Review Panel meeting a discussion was held on a review of Registered Capacity between EirGrid and SONI which will take c.18 months.
- The Panel was asked if it had any views on whether or not to leave the Registered Capacity definition alone until the above-mentioned review is completed, or if a new Modification should be proposed to deal with it.

Actions:

- ALL: Panel members to consider options and provide email feedback to the Secretary
- TH: update the Panel at the next meeting.

5. Vote on Modification #51: Adoption of Operational Notification processes as mandated by RfG EU Network Code and adoption of Operational Notification and Compliance processes as mandated by DCC EU Network Code (Articles 31-42):

- Modification #51 which would allow for the incorporation of relevant articles from the Demand Connection Code (DCC) and the Requirements for Generators (RfG) EU Network Codes into the Distribution Code, was presented to the Panel.
- NMcC presented to the Panel on the DCC aspects of Modification #51 and detailed the requirement for the inclusion of Operational Notifications and Compliance Process with content from Articles 31-42 and associated new definitions from DCC into the Distribution Code.
- Two new subsections created under the existing section “DCC 13.2 Demand Response Service Providers” (this applies to users providing demand response services to the DSO):
 - DCC13.2.4 Demand Response Operational Notification Process
 - DCC13.2.5 Compliance
- This new content aligns with the Demand Connection Code requirements for the Operational Notification and Compliance Process, and will be the final mod required for the Distribution Code to align with the Demand Connection Code requirements.
- TH discussed the RfG aspects of the Modification and the new proposed section DOC12 Distribution Operating Code – Generator Operational Notification Process.
- Two Power Generating Module Documents (PGMD) which are required under the RfG will also be published on the ESB Network website. The use of PGMDs is mandated by RfG for Type B and C generators but in the UK and NI jurisdictions, it has been decided to extend the practice to Type D generators as well.
- Modification #51 was put to the Panel for a vote, and the Panel voted to recommend Modification #51 for approval to the CRU.

Actions:

- SOS to submit the recommended Modification #51 to the CRU for approval.

6. Vote on Modification #52 Adoption of new Topology 1A:

- Up to now, any 110kV generator connections to DSO operated network have only arisen outside of Dublin City, and for which the existing Topology 1 definition has been entirely adequate. However, with the influx of renewable resources connecting at 110kV to the Dublin City DSO operated network a new topology 1A will need to be incorporate into the Distribution Code.
- Modification #52 was put to the Panel for a vote, and the Panel voted to recommend Modification #46 for approval to the CRU.



Actions:

- SOS to submit the recommended Modification #52 to the CRU for approval.

7. AOB:

- The topic of NSAI III (TC3) was discussed, and it was noted that if there were any emerging issues on on TC3 of interest to the DCRP then a presentation from TC3 could be sought.
- PH notified the Panel that an application was received for membership of the Panel from the DRAI (Demand Response Aggregators of Ireland). This will be discussed further with the CRU and with the DRAI and an update will be provided to the Panel at the next meeting.

Summary of Meeting Actions:

TH to update the Panel on Registered Capacity at the next meeting.

SOS to submit the recommended Modification #51 to the CRU for approval.

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