

Minutes of Distribution Code Review Panel Meeting – 03rd March 2020

Present:

Paul Harrington (PH)	Chair
Stephen O' Sullivan (SOS)	Secretary
Tony Hearne (TH)	DSO
Niamh Doyle (ND)	TSO (Alternate)
Dylan Ashe (DA)	CRU (Alternate)
Michael O'Hara (MOH)	ETCI
Carlos Galvan (CG)	Embedded Generators (Solar Alternate)
David McMullin (DMcM)	Embedded Generators (Wind)
Ger Beatty (GB)	Synchronous Generators Ireland

Apologies:

Robert O'Rourke	CRU
Conor Minogue	Major Customers
Jim Wynne	PES/Independent Suppliers
Claire Quane	DSO
Peter Kavanagh	Embedded Generators (Solar)
Miriam Ryan	TSO

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1. Review of Previous Minutes:

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

2. Derogations Update:

- SOS stated that the DSO has 53 permanent derogations to be assessed, and 25 temporary derogations to be assessed.
- ND gave the TSO update and said if there are any urgent applications for customers to contact the System Operators. ND added that the TSO has allocated resourcing to prioritise the back log of derogations.
- DA added that the CRU is currently discussing recent derogations submitted by the SOs to the CRU regarding DMOL compliance, and a decision is pending.

3. Smarter HV and MV Customer Connections Project Update:

- PH gave the panel an update on the Planning Standards review which is currently being undertaken by ESB Networks.
- ESB Networks received 7 responses to the November consultation, all broadly supportive of the proposals.
- ESB Networks plan to submit revised documentation to CRU by end March 2020 for review and approval.

4. Update on the upcoming Demand Connection Code (DCC) Modifications and the eventual Distribution Code Version 8:

- PH presented the timeline for the upcoming Demand Connection Code (DCC) Modifications and the eventual Distribution Code Version 8.
- Modification proposal is being prepared by the DSO and will be brought to the DCRP when finalised
- Draft Modification Proposal for the introduction of DCC-related clauses into Distribution Code Version 8 will be presented to the panel in June.
- Plan to circulate final modification proposal to the members by early August.
- Vote on DCC Modification Proposal and Distribution Code Version 8 intended to take place at the September DCRP meeting .

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5. Update on Distribution Code Version 6, Mod #36, and the Class Derogation against Mod #36:

- DA discussed the CRU' decision regarding the Class Derogation against Modification #36.
- The CRU decided that the units within the Class Derogation that have yet to connect have until 31st January 2021 to connect. If not connected by this date the unit will fall out of the Class Derogation and have the option to apply for separate derogations.
- DA also requested that units whose turbine details are absent from the Class Derogation should send in their details to ESB Networks

6. Discussion on Distribution Code Version 7 and the revised Mod #43:

- The Chair proposed a vote on Modification #43. The Modification was recommended by all present to be submitted to the CRU for approval.
- It was noted that ESB Networks were engaging with DMcM on points of clarification regarding the proposed Distribution Code version 7.
- Once these points are clarified Distribution Code Version 7 will be circulated to the panel and a remote vote will be arranged.

Action:

- ESB Networks to provide clarifications to DMcM
- SOS to then arrange remote vote on the Distribution Code Version 7.
- SOS to submit Modification #43 to the CRU for approval.

7. Discussion of Applicability of V7 Requirements to generation on demand sites:

- TH gave a presentation on the applicability of V7 requirements to generation on demand sites, and noted that in the case of PPM the requirements of the Distribution Code Version 7 will apply to the total PPMs size, while in the cases of SPGMs it will apply to the size of the individual machines.
- CG spoke regarding the ability for wind generation sites to over install by 20% and noted that solar generation sites do not have this ability. CG added that this means that solar generation sites may not reach their capacity factor due to cloud and that he feels solar generation sites should be able to over install in the same manner as wind generation sites.

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- CG noted that suppliers are querying as to what signals will be needed under RfG
- TH asked CG to submit queries on this to DSO Generators for follow-up.
- DMcM asked if an industrial site wanted to install a single turbine of 1MW or more would their controllability requirements be the same as those that apply to a 10MW site.
- TH responded that he believes so, and PH proposed that this should be discussed further at our next meeting.

Action:

- SOS to add this as an agenda item for our June meeting.
- DMcM will revert to ESB Networks with more questions on this.

8. AOB:

- There will be an update on the joint DSO – TSO paper ‘Proposal for Application of Connection Network Codes to Existing Users’ (formerly referred to as the ‘Substantial Modification paper’) at our next meeting.
- SOS asked members to submit their details for the Membership Register and asked for those members whom do not have alternates in place to arrange and submit alternate details.
- IESA membership application:
 - IESA membership application is still active
 - A new industry Group, ‘Energy Storage Ireland’ have submitted a membership application to the DCRP. This group is an evolution of the Irish Wind Energy Association’s (IWEA) Storage Committee .
 - PH sought members views on this matter and noted that the DSO will seek a discussion on this with the CRU before the June meeting.
 - Members expressed an interest in having storage representation on the DCRP.
- TH noted that a Memorandum of Understanding has been reached between the DSO and TSO with regards to the use of a DSO RTU to implement the EirGrid controllability requirements on sites ranging from 1 – 5MW.
- SOS was asked to change the upcoming 2020 DCRP meeting times to morning time slots.

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Action:

- TH will update on the joint DSO – TSO paper ‘Proposal for Application of Connection Network Codes to Existing Users’ at our next meeting.
- SOS to update membership register.
- DSO will seek a discussion on membership applications with the CRU before the June meeting.
- SOS will update the times of future meeting to morning time slots.
- **Our next DCRP Meeting will be held on June 2nd.**