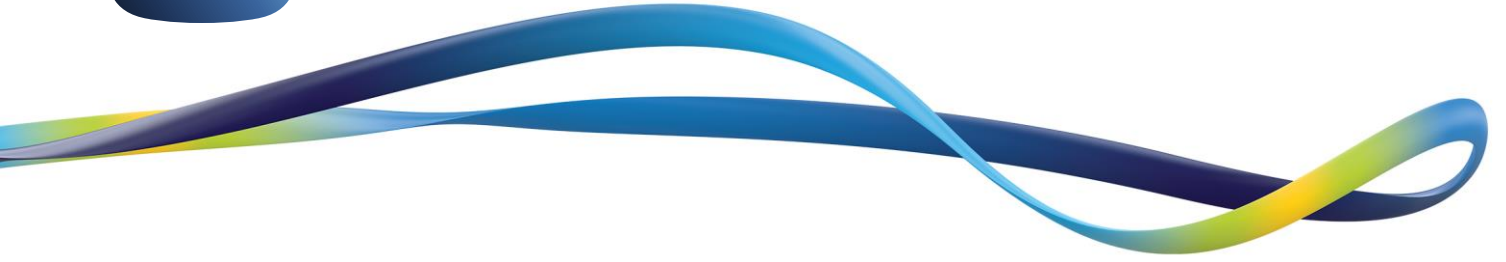




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# MINUTES OF DISTRIBUTION CODE REVIEW PANEL MEETING

01<sup>st</sup> September 2020

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## Present

Paul Harrington (PH)	Chair
Stephen O' Sullivan (SOS)	Secretary
Tony Hearne (TH)	DSO
Miriam Ryan (MR)	TSO
Carlos Galvan	Embedded Generators (Solar)(Alternate)
Mark Phelan	PES/Independent Suppliers (Alternate)
David McMullin (DMcM)	Embedded Generators (Wind)
Ger Beatty (GB)	Synchronous Generators Ireland
Neassa McCabe (NM)	DSO (Presenting)
John Whelan	DSO (Observing)
Niamh Daly	TSO (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
Peter Kavanagh	Embedded Generators (Solar)
Michael O'Hara	NSAI

## 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 53 permanent derogations to be assessed, and 28 temporary derogations to be assessed.
- MR noted that there were 84 DSO derogations under assessment by the TSO. 21 of these are for Fault Ride Through (FRT)

## 3. Smarter HV and MV Customer Connections Project Update:

- NM updated the Panel on this project. Documentation on the Smarter HV and MV Customer Connections Project was submitted to the CRU on 31st March, and it is currently under CRU consideration, with interactions ongoing between ESB Networks and the CRU.

## 4. Update on the upcoming Demand Connection Code (DCC) Modifications:

- NM provided the following update
- ESB Networks are currently working on incorporating the relevant articles from the Demand Connection Code into the Distribution Code, mainly from Articles 27-30 and associated definitions from other articles, as well as the inclusion of the parameters consulted upon in 2018.
- The panel was shown some draft pages of how the Distribution Code would look with the modification proposal in place.
- Operational Notifications and Derogations will be included in a future Distribution Code modification.
- The modification proposal will be shared with the members in the next few weeks with a view to discussing and voting on the modification at the next DCRP meeting in December.
- A new section called DCC13 Demand Response Requirements will be included in the modification proposal. This section would be split into two sections:
  - DCC13.1 Dispatchable Demand Customers,
  - DCC13.2 Demand Response Service Providers.

## 5. Update on Distribution Code Version 7

- Both Modification #43 and the Distribution Code Version 7 have been approved by the CRU and have been published on the ESB Networks website. This means that the Version 7 is now the current Distribution Code.

## 6. Vote on Modification #47, on the addition of RfG derogation process to Distribution Code:

- TH presented on a new Modification proposal which had been shared with the members previously on 5<sup>th</sup> August.
- The content of this modification proposal has its origins in the RfG primary text and we are required to implement it as directed within the RfG primary text.
- GB noted that the proposed RfG Derogation Application Form which would be required once this Modification comes into force, made reference to Power Park Modules (PPM), and asked if this should be removed.
- TH confirmed that reference to PPM should be removed from the RfG Derogation Application Form.
- DMcM enquired as to who should customers seek guidance from on how to fill in the if needed new RfG Derogation Application Form. It was confirmed that ESB Networks will assist customer with this, and queries should be sent [DistCodePanel@esb.ie](mailto:DistCodePanel@esb.ie)
- The Chair asked the Members if there were any objections to a vote being held at this meeting and there were no objections.
- The Chair asked if Members if there were any objection to the Modification proposal #47 being recommended to the CRU.
- There were no objection and Modification #47 will be recommended to the CRU for approval.

### **Actions:**

- TH to remove the reference to Power Park Modules (PPM) from RfG Derogation Application Form before submission to the CRU.
- SOS to submit the recommended Modification #47 to the CRU for approval.

## 7. Scheduled Outage Data Requirements under SOGL:

- MR presented to the Members on KORRR which is a standalone document that stems from Article 40.6 of the System Operators Guidelines (SOGL).
- The purpose of KORRR is to define a common framework for data exchange between different parties to ensure the operational security of electricity systems.
- The parties which KORRR will apply to are TSOs, DSOs and SGUs.
- KORRR was approved by all NRAs in December 2018 and is being implemented in 2020.
- A new form that similar to the GEN05 form for Transmission Connected generation will be required for outages > 5 MW.
- The completed form will need to be sent to both TSO and DSO three weeks in advance of outage, and the data required will be set out in the Distribution Code
- A new modification will be brought forward to the next DCRP meeting.
- TH noted that this is already in practice for Transmission connected generators.

## 8. Update on the recently submitted Grid Code Modifications

- MR detailed how a number of modifications have recently been made to the Grid Code, including MPID278 'Correction of Reactive Power Capability Requirements' which will need to be incorporated in the Distribution Code. If any members have any queries regarding Grid Code Modifications, they are asked to contact [gridcode@eirgrid.com](mailto:gridcode@eirgrid.com)

## 9. Membership Update

- Discussions are currently underway on the DCRP membership between the Storage industry representative bodies, and it is anticipated that these discussions will reach a conclusion by the end of September.

## 10. AOB:

- TH informed the Members that the CRU has approved the Joint DSO – TSO paper 'Proposal for Application of Connection Network Codes to Existing Users', and this will be published shortly.

### **Action:**

- SOS to update the Panel once this is published.

Summary of Meeting Actions:

- TH to remove the reference to Power Park Modules (PPM) from RfG Derogation Application Form before submission to the CRU.
- SOS to submit the recommended Modification #47 to the CRU for approval.
- SOS to update the Panel once the 'Proposal for Application of Connection Network Codes to Existing Users' is published