



Minutes of SONI Grid Code Review Panel Meeting – Meeting 3 of 2022

MS Teams Video Conferencing

Teams Meeting

Wednesday 09th November (11.00am to 12.00pm)

Members/Alternates	Representing	Position on the GCRP
Sam Matthews [SM]	SONI TSO	Vice Chair (b)
Conor O’Byrne [COB]	SONI TSO	Member (b)
Jody O’Boyle [JOB]	Regulator	Member (h)
Timothy Steel [TS]	Regulator	Alternate (h)
Brian Mongan [BM]	DSU	Member (k)
William Deane [WD]	RES- Small Scale	Member (i)
Krishna Anaparthi [KA]	Electricity Storage	Member (j)
Sam Gibson [SB]	Interconnector Owners	Alternate (e)
Stephen Brownlees [SB]	Generators - NI	Member (c)
Richard Lavender [RL]	Consultant	Observer
Catriona Kelly [CK]	SONI TSO	Observer
Danny McSwiggan [DM]	DSU	Observer
James McGrann [JM]	SONI TSO	Observer
Ben Harris [BH]	UR	Observer

1. **Chairpersons introduction to Meeting and Apologies for Absence(s)**
2. **Minutes approval from SONI Grid Code Review Panel meeting held on 14th June 2022**

Minutes taken as approved.

3. **Actions from SONI Grid Code Review Panel meeting held on 14th June 2022**

Derogations and Modifications lists development ongoing. COB indicates will go up on website as a list initially without links.

4. **Modifications**

- a. **Grid Code Implementation of ESPS (Energy /storage Power Stations)**

An update adding on to what was presented at the Joint Grid Code meeting was provided by RL. It was specifically highlighted by RL about a decision not to impose a limit on rate of charging of batteries after an event. SB queried this as may be better to have a Grid Code limit so that all are treated equality. SM gave an update on recent dispatch events of batteries and what was observed after dispatch i.e. starting to charge at times when imbalance price was likely to remain high. SB indicates it may make commercial sense to get battery charged back up to offer services e.g. at times of high SNSP. TSO is still minded to not put a limit until we have more operational experience and the current approach of individual limits is being applied.

- b. **EP Kilroot – MCR clause**

COB gave an update on progress in relation to scope of work agreed and being progressed. SB indicated that procurement was supposed to have concluded in June and it is now November and hence timelines for delivery in Q1 are challenging.

- c. **1Hz/s RoCoF**

COB indicated the consultation has closed with no responses and hence will submit to UR for approval.

- d. **Solar Signal list future changes**

CK gave a presentation on three new additional signal requirements for solar farms that SONI TSO wishes to incorporate into the Grid Code. SONI TSO may wish to apply these retrospectively and JoB indicated that we normally do not do that in N. Ireland. SM indicated the current volume of solar which is relatively small may already have signals available.

5. **Update on the implementation of Connection Network Codes**

SONI's request for a derogation from RfG to allow the Connection Network Code for HVDC to be implemented is being considered by UR legal staff.

6. SONI Governance and Constitution update

Likely to be changes in membership from the UR and also from DSU. JOB indicated that BH would replace TS for the UR. BM indicated that DM would represent FERA on the NI GCRP in future. Emails to be sent into SM to action and update published membership list which is out of date.

7. Regulatory Updates

Covered under network Codes above.

8. Any other business

BM brought up DSU signals in an all island market and referencing SONI GC CC.13.4 and highlighting inconsistencies in approach by TSOs. A discussion ensued around RTUs, how EirGrid TSO has had a trial on-going in relation to new communication technologies. SM indicates he has written to all parties on RTU jurisdictional requirements which may change in future as new technology solutions evolve.

9. Arrangements for next meeting

TBC