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**MINUTES OF THE JOINT GRID CODE REVIEW PANEL MEETING**

**Held at the Radisson SAS Hotel, Belfast**

**On 23 February 2011 at 10:00**

Present:

<b>Members/Alternates</b>	<b>Representing</b>	
Dick Lewis	SONI	Chairman
Jon O'Sullivan	EirGrid	TSO EirGrid
Adrian Henning	SONI	As an observer for SONI
Michael Preston	SONI	As an observer for SONI
Leslie Burns	SONI	As an advisor for SONI
Bronagh McKeown	SONI	As an observer for SONI
Connor O'Doherty	SONI	As an advisor for SONI
Tom McCartan	SONI	(Alternative for Alex Baird)
Brían McAuley	EirGrid	
Cormac McCarthy	EirGrid	
Arlene Chawke	EirGrid	
Ger Harnett	EirGrid	
Alan Darbey	EirGrid	
Anne Trotter	EirGrid	
Jim Cooke	Coolkeeragh ESB Power Station	Generator
Denis McBride	AES Ballylumford	Generator
Ian Luney	AES Kilroot	Generator
Angela Blair	PPB	Observer
Cathal Martin	SSER	Generator
Jane McArdle	SSER	Generator
John Lynch	CER	
Rónan Ó'hógartaigh	DSO	
Gary Thompson	Bord Gais Energy	

Barry Sherry	Endesa Ireland	
Gráinne O'Shea	ESB	
Chevron Nolan	ESB Customer Supply	
Yazhou Lei	Wind Prospect	
Peter Gillespie	Edenderry Power	
Billy Walker	UregNI	Regulator
Juliet Corbett	NIAUR	Regulator
Ewan Powrie	Secretary of the GCRP	

### **1. Introduction to JGCRP meeting**

- Jon O'Sullivan, acting as Chairman of the JGCRP meeting, welcomed Panel Members to the meeting and provided an overview of the agenda. He then introduced new members to the panel.

### **2. Minutes and Actions from JGCRP held on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2010**

- The Chairman asked if there were any queries or comments about the minutes of the previous meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2010 in Dublin. No comments were raised, and as such the minutes of the previous meeting were approved by the Panel.

### **3. Fail to Sync – update on approvals**

- Jon O'Sullivan explained that both EirGrid and SONI have submitted their reports to their respective regulators. The changes were approved by the regulators on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2011.

### **4. NI OC11 changes affecting SDC1 & 2 – update on consultations and approval**

- Jon O'Sullivan introduced this topic and explained that it is still subject to ongoing discussions between SONI and NIE PPB.
- Leslie Burns then proceeded to provide an overview of the proposed changes to section OC11 of the Grid Code. He explained that following the entry into the HAS contracts in 2010 and the resulting industry changes, SONI reviewed OC11 in order to reflect these changes as well as the differences between PPA CDGUs and Non-PPA CDGUs in respect of the framework for Monitoring, Testing and Investigation. A SONI GCRP sub-group was formed to progress the work on the changes, which focussed on splitting the existing OC11 into Part A (PPA CDGUs) and Part B (Non-PPA CDGUs), together with drafting the necessary consequential changes to the Grid Code. SONI published a consultation on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2010, which ran until 14<sup>th</sup> January 2011. Comments were received from NIE PPB only. SONI submitted its report to NIAUR on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2010.
- A secondary consultation was published on the Agreed Testing and Monitoring Procedure for OC11 on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2011, and closed on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2011. The

Agreed Testing and Monitoring Procedure is a new procedure required under the proposed amendments to OC11, and it sets out detailed procedures and methodologies for conducting certain Tests and undertaking certain Monitoring for non-PPA CDGUs, and will form part of the Grid Code and be subject to Grid Code governance. No comments were received during the consultation and so a report will be forwarded to URegNI requesting approval in due course.

- Jon O’Sullivan asked the Panel Members whether there were any issues to discuss or clarifications required. No comments were made and as such the amendments to OC11 were accepted by the Panel Members subject to any revisions NIAUR may implement following the resolution of outstanding issues with NIE PPB.

#### **5. Dwell Time changes affecting SDC1 – Appendix A & Glossary and Definitions – TSC Modification proposal**

- Jon O’Sullivan introduced this topic and explained that the proposed changes are designed to provide for a more accurate reflection of the characteristics of Generators.
- At present the Grid Code allows for five Ramp Rates up and down, as well as three Dwell Times and three Trigger Points. Most plants do not need to use Ramp Rates for both occasions, i.e. they only require Ramp Rates up or Ramp Rates down. Therefore they are liable to use artificial Dwell Times to compensate, or not to use Dwell Times at all and to simply use a very low Ramp Rate. The current changes are therefore a response to the fact that Dwell Times are not being used very much, and current Ramp Rate use is causing problems with the TSC.
- Jon O’Sullivan asked the Panel Members whether it is appropriate for such technical characteristics to be reflected in the Grid Code, due to concerns that this could cause non-compliance, and whether this issue should actually be dealt with by way of derogation. No comments were made in support of this argument. There being no other comments or objections, the Panel Members approved the proposed changes, subject to the normal regulatory approval process that will now commence.

#### **6. Arrangements for next meeting**

- It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May in Dublin. The changes to the SDCs required as a result of the East-West Interconnector will be a major item on the agenda.

#### **7. Any other business**

- Jon O’Sullivan provided a brief update on European matters. He explained that ACER (the successor to ERGEG) is becoming much more active as it sets up its office in Ljubljana, and it is preparing to launch the Framework Guidelines. Pursuant to the requirements of the 3rd Package, ACER who must submit framework guidelines to the European Commission; the Commission will then request the ENTSOs to draft (within 12 months) the corresponding network code which must comply with ACER’s framework guideline. Jon O’Sullivan explained that the current EC focus centres on three areas: 1) standards, 2) operational practices and 3) target network model (which itself focuses on improving transparency, and promoting trading with neighbour states).
- 2 Framework Guidelines are already in circulation, covering: 1) capacity allocation, and 2) intra-day trading [electricity grid connection]. All stakeholders are entitled to

input into the development process, and Jon O’Sullivan mentioned several European organisations that are engaged in the process, namely Eurelectric, EFET and EREC, as well as the fact that ACER will be running workshops. In response to a question regarding whether or not Generators should input separately, Jon O’Sullivan stated that it was probably better to input via an organisation, especially if any issues correspond with the issues the organisation wants to develop. It was agreed that European Matters would become a standing item for future JGCRPs so that the whole Panel could be kept up to date.

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