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## DISTRIBUTION CODE REVIEW PANEL

Tuesday 13 February 2018

NIE Networks, Fortwilliam House, Belfast

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### MINUTES OF MEETING

a. Attendees

<u>Members</u>	<u>Non members</u>
Rodney Ballentine (RB), NIE Networks (Chair)	Carl Hashim (CH), NIE Networks (Secretary)
David McDonald (DMcD), NIE Networks	Stephen Hammond (SH), NIE Networks
David Hill (DH), NIE Networks	Neil MacDougall (NMd), NIE Networks
Ian Bailie (IB), NIE Networks	Raymond Skillen (RS), SONI
Jody O'Boyle (JOB), Utility Regulator	Jonny Pollock (JP), NIE Networks
Cathal Martin (CM), SSE (alternate for Joe Duddy) ( <i>via conf call</i> )	
Paul Kennedy (PK), Power NI (alternate for William Steele)	
Gemma Monaghan (GM), Air Core NI ( <i>via conf call</i> )	
Sam Alexander (SA), Powerhouse Generation	

b. Apologies

Apologies received from:

- Denis Kelly, NIE Networks
- Fiona Hannon, SSE Airtricity
- William Steele, Power NI (alternate in attendance)
- Joe Duddy, Res (alternate in attendance)

Attendance unconfirmed from:

- Kevin Hannafin, Energia

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies for non attendance were noted. The Chair noted that attendance constituted a quorum.

2. Update on Panel membership

The Secretary provided the following updates –

- CH noted he had had further exchanges with the CBI regarding a nomination for a member to the Panel to represent large usage demand customers; and

- CH noted that NIRIG had nominated Gemma Monaghan from Air Core NI to replace Mervyn Adams on the Panel as a representative for small generators.

3. Review of minutes of previous meeting, including actions

Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed, and an update provided on actions from the meeting. The Panel agreed the minutes.

4. Draft governance / framework arrangements for amending the Distribution Code

CH advised the Panel that a revised draft document would be ready soon for circulation to the Panel for review.

JOB advised that the Utility Regulator (UR) had some thoughts on how retrospective application of D Code amendments should be worded in the document. JOB said he would send through some suggested wording for insertion into the document.

RS raised a question about the process for amending Setting Schedules stating that as these were joint documents with SONI, SONI would need to be involved in any amendment process.

CH advised that the proposed arrangements for amending the D Code would apply equally to the Setting Schedules, and thus SONI would have ample opportunity to feed in to any proposed amendments to same.

**Action:**

- UR to send through proposed text for retrospective application of D Code amendments. (JOB)**
- Governance / framework doc to be updated and circulated to Panel. (CH)**

5. RoCoF workstream update

JP presented an update to the Panel. (The presentation was circulated to the Panel.)

A discussion followed regarding the practicalities of getting SSG equipment changes made, and which contractors in NI had capability of doing the work. CM said he knew of a capable contractor and would provide details to NIE Networks.

RS commented that if/when changes are made to RoCoF settings in the D Code, it will be important to ensure SSGs are compliant with new requirements.

It was further noted that NIE Networks would be submitting a recommendations report to the UR following the close of the SSG consultation.

**Action:**

- CM to send details of contractor to NIE Networks. (CM)**
- NIE Networks to send recommendations report to UR. (NIE Networks)**

6. Update on EU network codes

DH presented an update to the Panel. (The presentation was circulated to the Panel.)

Work remains ongoing.

7. SSG SCADA update

SH presented an update to the Panel. (The presentation was circulated to the Panel.)

Work remains ongoing.

8. Update on Phase 2 capacity

DMcD presented an update to the Panel. (The presentation was circulated to the Panel.)

DMcD noted that NIE Networks was hosting a workshop at the Park Avenue hotel on 20 February. DMcD said he would forward the invite to the Panel, for onward circulation as necessary.

**Action:**

- v. **Invite to workshop to be circulated to Panel. (DMcD)**

9. TSO procurement of [11 out of 14] system services

DH gave a verbal update on the above.

Regarding the 11 “slow” system services procured by the TSO, responses to the OJEU notice were required by 8 February 2018. Responses are now being reviewed, and new contracts are to be in place by May 2018.

Regarding the 3 “faster” system services, these will go out to procurement in March 2018 and contracts are to be in place by August 2018.

10. AOB

No AOB matters were raised.

11. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 15 May 2018 was proposed for the next meeting.

**Action:**

- vi. **Secretary to send invite for next meeting. (CH)**

**Summary of actions**

- i. **UR to send through proposed text for retrospective application of D Code amendments. (JOB)**
- ii. **Governance / framework doc to be updated and circulated to Panel. (CH)**
- iii. **CM to send details of contractor to NIE Networks. (CM)**
- iv. **NIE Networks to send recommendations report to UR. (NIE Networks)**
- v. **Invite to workshop to be circulated to Panel. (DMcD)**
- vi. **Secretary to send invite for next meeting. (CH)**