
DISTRIBUTION CODE REVIEW PANEL

Monday 14 December 2020

Meeting held by conference call

MINUTES OF MEETING

a. Attendees

Members	Non members
Carl Hashim (CH), NIE Networks (Chair and Secretary) [<i>alternate for Trevor Harron as Chair</i>]	Neil MacDougall (NM), NIE Networks
David Hill (DH), NIE Networks	Andrew Cupples (AC), NIE Networks
Jonny Pollock (JP), NIE Networks [<i>alternate for Ian Bailie</i>]	Karen O'Doherty (KOD), NIE Networks
Jody O'Boyle (JOB), Utility Regulator	Christopher Surgeoner (CS), NIE Networks
Joe Duddy (JD), RES	Sam Matthews (SM), SONI
Paul Kennedy (PK), Power NI [<i>alternate for William Steele</i>]	Tim Steele (TS), Utility Regulator
Andrew McCorrison (AM), SSE	
Brian Mongan (BM), Powerhouse Generation [<i>alternate for Sam Alexander</i>]	

b. Apologies

Apologies received from:

- Trevor Harron, NIE Networks
- Ian Bailie, NIE Networks
- Denis Kelly, NIE Networks
- Sam Alexander, Powerhouse Generation
- Gemma Monaghan, Air Core NI
- William Steele, Power NI

Attendance unconfirmed from:

- Kevin Hannafin, Energia

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Chair noted that attendance constituted a quorum.

2. Update on Panel membership

The Chair advised that Ian Bailie was retiring at the end of December and that Jonny Pollock would be taking over Ian's responsibilities in January, including representing NIE Networks at the Panel. The Chair thanked Ian for his services over the years, and welcomed Jonny and wished him well in his new role.

3. Review of minutes of previous meeting, including actions

Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed; there were no actions from the meeting. The Panel agreed the minutes.

4. Updates from UR

JOB noted a number of items of focus for the UR into 2021 including: engaging with NIE Networks over funding submissions for 'Greater Access' works; working with the DfE as it develops the Strategic Energy Framework; carrying out a review of connection charging in Northern Ireland.

5. RoCoF workstream update

DH noted that there was nothing material to update since the previous meeting of the Panel, and that work remains ongoing.

6. Update on EU network codes

DH noted that there was nothing material to update since the previous update. There remains an outstanding action to consult on a number of tidy up / housekeeping modifications required to the D Code; but these are going to be combined with changes needed for D Code amendments regarding Vehicle to Grid (V2G) technologies, which will be brought forward sometime in 2021.

7. SSG SCADA update

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

8. TSO procurement of system services

DH gave a verbal update to the Panel, noting that a new procurement process opened on 30 November. Tender submissions are due by 6 January 2012. Contracts will be awarded thereafter with service provision due to commence on 1 April 2021.

9. Consultations updates

a. Connections update

KOD gave a verbal update to the Panel, noting that a decision paper will be published in January 2021 and the interim connections process will go-live in Q1 2021 subject to all necessary approvals being received.

b. MIC Charging

JP gave a verbal update to the Panel, noting that NIE Networks is proceeding with the MIC charging changes per its published decision paper.

c. Greater Access to the Distribution Network

JP gave a verbal update to the Panel, advising of the various submissions for funding that have been made to the UR in Q4 2020, to take forward the proposals in the recommendations paper.

d. Demand connections into clusters

KOD gave a verbal update to the Panel, noting that the responses to the Call for Evidence had been positive. A consultation paper is now being developed and will be published in Q1 2021.

e. Future design of connections for LCT

JP gave a verbal update to the Panel, noting that consultation expected to be issued in January 2021.

10. AOB

JOB raised an issue of D Code compliance, specifically regarding the matter of power re-rating as covered in a recent episode of the BBC's Spotlight programme. DH said an update would be provided at the next meeting of the Panel.

11. Date of next meeting

March / April 2021 was proposed for the next meeting.

Action:

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