DISTRIBUTION CODE REVIEW PANEL

Monday 21 September 2020

Meeting held by conference call

MINUTES OF MEETING

a. Attendees

Members	Non members
Trevor Harron (TH), NIE Networks (Chair)	Carl Hashim (CH), NIE Networks (Secretary)
David Hill (DH), NIE Networks	Neil MacDougall (NM), NIE Networks
Ian Bailie (IB), NIE Networks	Andrew Cupples (AC), NIE Networks
Sinead Ferris (SF), NIE Networks	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 [*alternate for William Steele*]	Tim Steele (TS), Utility Regulator
Andrew McCorriston (AM), SSE	Kenny McPartland (KM), Utility Regulator

b. Apologies

Apologies received from:
- Denis Kelly, NIE Networks
- Sam Alexander, Powerhouse Generation
- Brian Mongan, 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 there had been no changes since the last meeting of the Panel.

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. RoCoF workstream update

DH gave a verbal update to the Panel, noting that –
- NIE Networks had completed all the necessary work to give affect to the RoCoF changes, and as of 16 June the TSOs are now progressing with Phase 1 of the programme; and
- to date there has been limited opportunities to operate the system in such a way as to give rise to >0.5 Hz RoCoF. Phase 1 will continue during Q4 2020.

5. Update on EU network codes

DH noted that there was nothing material to update since the previous update.

6. SSG SCADA update

DH advised that NIE Networks had appointed a programme manager for this work, Christopher Surgeoner, and that work would recommence imminently.

7. TSO procurement of system services

DH gave a verbal update to the Panel, noting that contracts are due to be in place by 1 October.

8. Consultations updates

a. Connections update
KOD gave a verbal update to the Panel, noting that the consultation closed in January 2020. Work is ongoing through the Connections Innovation Working Group (CIWG) and at present NIE Networks is awaiting a decision from UR regarding a derogation request from its licence standard to offer terms of connection within 3 months. The next CIWG will be organised following that UR decision.

b. MIC Charging
IB gave a verbal update to the Panel, noting that NIE Networks will soon be writing out to customers to advise them of the coming changes.

c. Greater Access to the Distribution Network
IB gave a verbal update to the Panel, noting that NIE Networks will be developing and submitted funding requests to UR 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 Call for Evidence on the issue is nearly ready for publication and encouraged feedback from industry.

e. Future design of connections for LCT
IB gave a verbal update to the Panel, noting that the consultation on this will be published in the next few weeks.

9. AOB

- SF gave a verbal update to the Panel on fast-track G99 applications, noting that NIE Networks is now able to accept these on our website.

- IB advised the Panel about the importance of NIE Networks being notified if/when people purchase electric vehicles (EVs). To ensure we are notified, a marketing campaign will be launched shortly to encourage people to tell us when they buy an EV.

10. <u>Date of next meeting</u>

Mid December 2020 was proposed for the next meeting.

<u>Action:</u>
i. **Secretary to send invite for next meeting. (CH)**