
DISTRIBUTION CODE REVIEW PANEL

Thursday 5 December 2019

NIE Networks, Fortwilliam House, Belfast

MINUTES OF MEETING

a. Attendees

<u>Members</u>	<u>Non members</u>
Trevor Harron (TH), NIE Networks (Chair)	Neil MacDougall (NMCD), NIE Networks
David Hill (DH), NIE Networks	Carl Hashim (CH), NIE Networks (Secretary)
Ian Bailie (IB), NIE Networks	Andrew Cupples (AC), NIE Networks
Lisa O'Neill (LON), NIE Networks [<i>alternate for David McDonald</i>]	Sam Matthews (SM), SONI
Jody O'Boyle (JOB), Utility Regulator	Kenny McPartland (KMCP), Utility Regulator
Joe Duddy (JD), RES [<i>by conf call</i>]	
Gemma Monaghan (GM), Air Core NI [<i>by conf call</i>]	
Andrew McCorriston (AMcC), SSE [<i>alternate for Fiona Hannon</i>]	
William Steele (WS), Power NI	
Brian Mongan (BM), Powerhouse Generation [<i>alternate for Sam Alexander</i>]	

b. Apologies

Apologies received from:

- Denis Kelly, NIE Networks
- Sam Alexander, Powerhouse Generation
- Fiona Hannon, SSE

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 Secretary confirmed there were no changes to note.

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

5. Update on EU network codes

DH gave a verbal update to the Panel. DH advised that G98/NI, G99/NI and the Distribution Code itself will require some amendments in the near future. Some amendments will be of a tidying / housekeeping nature, whilst others may be more substantive, the need for which having arisen following feedback from industry.

DH may have draft amendments ready for discussion at the next meeting of the Panel.

6. SSG SCADA update

DH gave a verbal update to the Panel. DH confirmed that since the RoCoF programme was nearing completion, a more proactive approach will be taken to ensure SSG compliance with SCADA requirements.

7. TSO procurement of [12 out of 14] system services

DH advised that there had been a further round of contract awards since the last meeting of the Panel. The next round of contract awards will taken place in H1 2020.

8. Consultations updates

a. Connections update

LON presented an update to the Panel. (The presentation was circulated to the Panel.) A consultation paper will be published before Christmas.

b. MIC Charging

IB gave a verbal update to the Panel and noted that a consultation paper will be published before Christmas.

WS noted that suppliers need to be kept well informed on these matters, since customers are likely to contact their suppliers if/when considering how to respond to the amendments to the MIC charging regime. IB confirmed that a briefing will be provided by NIE Networks to suppliers at the CDA meeting in January 2020.

c. Greater Access to the Distribution Network

IB gave a verbal update to the Panel noting that NIE Networks' recommended way forward paper will be published before Christmas.

A general comment was made by AMcC for NIE Networks to give sufficient time for stakeholders to respond to consultations, especially as the above consultations are to be published before the Christmas holidays. NIE Networks agreed to allow more time to account of the holidays.

9. AOB

No AOB matters were raised.

10. Date of next meeting

Late March 2020 was proposed for the next meeting.

Action:

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