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## DISTRIBUTION CODE REVIEW PANEL

Tuesday 6 December 2022

Meeting held on Zoom

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### MINUTES OF MEETING

a. Attendees

<b>Members</b>	<b>Non-members</b>
Alex Houston (AH), NIE Networks (Chair)	Carl Hashim (CH), NIE Networks (Secretary)
David Hill (DH), NIE Networks	Joe Bailey (JB), NIE Networks
Andrew Cupples (AC), NIE Networks	Neil MacDougall (NM), NIE Networks
Sinead Ferris (SF), NIE Networks	Ben Harris (BH), Utility Regulator
Jody O'Boyle (JOB), Utility Regulator	
Joe Duddy (JD), RES	
Paul Kennedy (PK), Power NI [ <i>alternate for William Steele</i> ]	
Danny McSwiggan (DM), Powerhouse Generation [ <i>alternate for Sam Alexander</i> ]	

b. Apologies

Apologies received from:

- Laura Birch, NIE Networks
- Cormac Bradley, NIE Networks
- Kenny McPartland, Utility Regulator
- Sam Matthews, SONI

Attendance unconfirmed from:

- Kevin Hannafin, Energia
- Gemma Monaghan, Air Core NI
- Andrew McCorrison, SSE

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Update on Panel membership

The Secretary advised that Denis Kelly, Metering Manager at NIE Networks, had retired recently. Denis was a member of the Panel, but he rarely attended meetings of the Panel as typically there had been no issues regarding metering featuring on the agenda.

Going forward, Denis will be replaced by Laura Birch. As with Denis, Laura is unlikely to attend unless there are metering issues on the agenda.

3. Review of minutes of previous meeting, including actions

Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and agreed.

4. PPM reactive power capability requirements

DH advised that he had considered further issues presented by JD at the previous meeting of the Panel, and the consequent proposed D Code amendment. DH confirmed that NIE Networks was comfortable with the proposal, and that the next steps would be to draft a consultation on the D Code amendment.

DH will draft this consultation, with a view to publishing it in early 2023.

**Action:**

i. **DH to draft consultation and publish it in early 2023. (DH)**

5. Consultations updates

a. Clusters consultation

SF advised that NIE Networks was still considering its decision following receipt of responses to the consultation.

b. Over-install policy

DH advised that a draft paper which sets out a view to removing the over-install limit altogether, will be shared with UR soon, for its review and comment.

c. FLEX update

There were no updates on the FLEX project.

6. Updates from UR

JOB re-iterated to the Panel that there would be a need to review system security and planning standards in due course, with a view to ensuring they are fit for purpose in the context of facilitating achievement of the Department's energy strategy.

7. Update on EU network codes

DH advised that the European Commission had asked ENTSO-E to review a range of code-related issues such as RfG. DH said implementation of the decisions from this review will be compulsory, and accordingly we may have to amend the D Code in future to comply.

DH advised that some of the recommendations appear quite radical, such as proposals to markedly change RoCoF requirements.

8. SSG SCADA update

JB gave a verbal update to the Panel, noting that 29.3% of required SSG MW capacity now has SCADA installed. However, progress continues to be slow. In response, NIE Networks is no longer setting a target completion date (previously end 2023) and instead we have asked each site for a timetable as to when they believe they can achieve compliance.

9. TSO procurement of system services

DH advised there was nothing noteworthy to advise the Panel, other than Gate 8 would soon be launched.

10. AOB

None.

11. Date of next meeting

Early Q2 2023 was proposed for the next meeting.

**Action:**

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