

Summary of Meeting and Actions

Meeting Name	P2/5 Working Group
Meeting No.	3
Date of Meeting	Thursday, 2 nd November 2006
Time	10:00am – 3:30pm
Venue	National Grid Offices, Coventry Road, Hinckley

This note outlines the key action points from the third meeting of the P2/5 Working Group.

1) Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Chandra Trikha (Scottish & Southern), David Harrison (Central Networks) and Ian Gray (EDF Networks).

2) Timescales

It was highlighted to the Working Group the importance of the revised Working Group Report being submitted to February 2007 GCRP Meeting. The Working Group acknowledged the importance of the proposals being implemented within the Grid Code in a timely manner during 2007 ensure any improvements realised through the Working Group can be implemented as soon as possible.

3) SO-TO Code Consideration

The STC Committee is to be provided with an overview of P2/5 proposals. The presentation will highlight any potential impacts of the P2/5 proposals on the SO-TO Code and/or the associated STC Procedures.

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4) Presentation of Amended P2/5 Proposals

National Grid provided a presentation on the amended P2/5 proposals. The associated presentation slides and paperwork will be circulated to Working Group members for reference.

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The Working Group acknowledged the amended P2/5 proposals. The following points were identified by the Working Group as areas of particular importance or aspects that would benefit from additional clarity/further modification:

Impact of Proposals

- i. It was acknowledged by the Working Group that if the new proposals were implemented, it may highlight further issues of non compliance at the interface between DNOs and National Grid which would need to be addressed in the appropriate manner by the relevant parties.

Current Agreements

- ii. It was acknowledged that although the P2/5 tables are deficient in some areas, the process does ensure full transparency of the data submitted which is useful when identifying errors in the data. It is desirable for the future security assessment process to be equally as transparent to Users.

Single Line Diagrams

- iii. Concerns were raised regarding the resubmitting of the Single Line Diagram to reflect changes in the DNO Network. In some circumstances the Single Line Diagram has a significant amount of associated data (i.e. branch and node information) attached, which would have to be resubmitted when highlighting a change to the Single Line Diagram. The Working Group noted that this may be onerous for relatively minor changes and it is desirable for these minor changes to be exchanged in a simpler form if clarity of the change can be achieved.

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- iv. The Working Group noted that it must be explicit within the Grid Code that a revised Single Line Diagram would only be required when notifying National Grid of changes to their network during the defined Period only. The associated legal text to be reviewed, in particular PC.A.2.2.2 in order that this reflected.

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- v. The Working Group highlighted that additional study data would be required from National Grid, in order to assist the DNOs in running their studies. This has been incorporated in the text through changes to PC.A.8.

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Terminology and Definitions

- vi. It was noted that the use of 'Planned Outage' would be replaced with 'Maintenance Period' in the draft P2/5 legal text.

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- vii. It was noted that the definitions for Access Group and Maintenance Period should refer to the interface assets that have to be maintained between the Transmission and Distribution System.

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- viii. Maintenance Period definition to be revised to clarify the issues regarding the concurrent outages and the number of discrete Maintenance Periods that need to be declared over a three year maintenance cycle.

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Maintenance Period and Maintenance Period Demand

- ix. The Working Group noted that it may be beneficial to specify that the Maintenance Period refers to weeks 13 to 43 unless a DNO has to reduce the period to demonstrate compliance.

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- x. It was acknowledged that additional clarification was required regarding the basis upon which the Maintenance Period Demand is calculated i.e. weather conditions.

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Demand Transfer

- xi. It was acknowledged that the new provisions may result in further issues that will be required to be addressed e.g. where DNO are reluctant to offer a demand transfer due to operational risks. This decision may result in incomplete investment signals being received by National Grid. The Working Group agreed that this issue would be noted in the Working Report but the matter itself was outside the scope of the group.

- xii. PM to examine the work implications of providing demand data at each Connection Site in an Access Group at the time of the Maintenance Period of a Connection Site.

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- xiii. National Grid to investigate the feasibility of allowing Demand Transfer actions to be declared as a sequence of actions by the DNO in relation to its Single Line Diagram rather than a MW value declared between Grid Supply Points.

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Estimated Data

- xiv. It was acknowledged that the proposals would have to clearly specify to whom the submitted data rules apply to e.g. DNOs and/or Generators. The proposals would have to clarify the impact of the proposals on the different sub-sets of Users which will have to be highlighted within the Working Group Report.

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DRC Schedules

- xv. National Grid informed the Working Group that additional items will have to be added to the DRC Schedules in order to reflect the proposed changes.
- xvi. The Working Group was informed that Schedule 5, 11 and Schedule 13 could be made available in electronic format in order to assist in the submission and analysis of the data.

Action: National Grid

Illustrative Examples

- xvii. The Working Group acknowledged that it would be beneficial if the proposal could be applied to 'real' examples before the changes were finalised.

Action: National Grid and DNOs

Implementation Issues

- xviii. The Working Group acknowledged that further thought would have to be given as to how the proposals would be implemented into the Grid Code.

5) Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Working Group will be held on Friday, 8th December 2006 at National Grid offices in Hinckley.

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Appendix 1 – Working Group Attendance

Members Present:

Mark Duffield	MD	Chairman
Lilian Macleod	LM	Secretary
Brian Roberts	BR	National Grid
Martin Banton	MB	National Grid
Dave Carson	DC	Scottish Power
Ian Povey	IP	United Utilities
Peter Twomey	PT	United Utilities
Phil Mann	PM	Western Power Distributions
Alan Creighton	AC	YEDL
Bridget Morgan	BM	Ofgem

Apologies:

Dave Harrison	DH	Central Networks
Chandra Trikha	CT	SSE
Ian Gray	IG	EDF Networks