

# Summary of Meeting and Actions

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Meeting Name	P2/5 Working Group
Meeting No.	5
Date of Meeting	Monday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2007
Time	10:00am – 3:00pm
Venue	National Grid Offices, Hinckley Operational Centre, Hinckley

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

**1) Apologies for Absence**

No apologies were received.

**2) Implementation Issues**

The Working Group discussed how the proposals would be effectively implemented into the Grid Code, given that the changes would have consequential implications for the entire planning calendar. The Working Group noted if the changes were incorporated 'mid-planning year', this would lead to transitional issues and as such a mid-year introduction was considered by the Working Group to be inappropriate.

Working Group members agreed that should the recommended proposals be approved by the Authority prior to 1 January 2008 then the proposals should be implemented within the Grid Code effective upon 1 January 2008. This would inevitably mean that the basis upon which Week 24 data is submitted by DNOs for 2007 would legally remain as per the existing Grid Code text.

However members agreed that the time between any Authority approval of the changes and their potential implementation on 1 January 2008 could be used to move the existing processes towards those that would be required under the new arrangements. This could include submission of data items in the new format for week 24 2007 if this were to prove possible. The Working Group agreed that should the Authority ultimately approve the changes an implementation programme should be drawn up by the parties affected by the changes.

**3) Feedback on Bilateral Meetings**

The Working Group received feedback from the Bilateral Meetings between took place National Grid and DNO representatives. The Working Group noted that the meetings provided a good opportunity for parties to step through the process highlighting any potential issues and/or concerns.

The Bilateral Meeting did emphasise the increase in workload for DNOs and National Grid both in terms of the compliance process and in the production of the data to feed into that process.

**4) Basis of Forecast Demands**

The Working Group noted that some of the periods for which forecast demands are required to be provided by DNOs under the Grid Code would or may occur in the summer months (e.g. Maintenance Period Demand and Connection Point Peak Demand). As a result, the accuracy of using Average Cold Spell (ACS) conditions as a basis for these forecasts is likely to be inappropriate.

The Working Group agreed that the associated Grid Code wording will specify that a more appropriate basis for submissions of forecast demand is used which is that forecast demands over weeks 13 to 43 (inclusive) should be based upon Average Conditions, whereas those for the period weeks 44 to 12 (inclusive) should be based upon ACS Conditions.

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Given the assumption that Maintenance Period Demand be based upon weather corrected Average Conditions, the Working Group noted that as severe weather could significantly increase this demand level a “due allowance” figure would be added to the data submissions by National Grid following the User’s submission to ensure that the Transmission System can be operated within GBSQSS. This “due allowance” figure would need to be carefully selected as higher demands in the summer are generally triggered by warmer weather. These higher demands are then compounded as the warmer weather lowers the ratings of the Transmission Interface Assets. This is the reverse situation to the winter where colder weather triggers increased demand but has the benefit of enhancing the ratings of the Transmission Interface Assets.

Members of the Working Group were keen to see a more extensive evaluation of the basis upon which summer forecast demands would need to be provided. However it was recognised that this work was again beyond the terms of reference for this group. As an interim solution agreement was reached that forecast summer demands are provided by DNOs based upon Average Conditions and that DNOs in the absence of thorough forecasting methodologies for establishing forecasts against Average Conditions would do so on a best endeavours basis. National Grid would then establish its best view of the “due allowance” that needed to be added to this forecast demand in order to mitigate against adverse weather conditions

The Working group acknowledged that further evaluation of both the methodologies for forecasting against Average Conditions and the appropriate “due allowance” to be added to forecast summer demands be considered by a pan industry body.

## 5) Demand Transfer Capability

The Working Group noted that existing Demand Transfer section within the Grid Code should be replaced by one entitled ‘Post Fault User System Layout’ and that through these provisions the User would be able to describe, relevant to its Single Line Diagram, the network topology changes that would occur that would lead to the Demand Transfer occurring.

## 6) DRC Schedules

National Grid will circulate the proposed text which would allow DRC Schedule data to be submitted in electronic format.

**Action: National Grid**

## 7) Working Group Report and Associated Legal Text

The Working Group reviewed the latest version of the associated legal text. Comments were received from members regarding the new provisions which will be incorporated in the document.

It was noted that the Working Group recommendation would be presented to February’s GCRP, prior to the proposal being submitted for industry consultation. A draft version of the Working Group Report (with associated revised legal text) would be circulated to member for comment by 26<sup>th</sup> January 2007. The Working Group noted that any comments on the report would need to be received by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2007.

**Action: National Grid and Working Group Members**

## 8) Next Steps

- National Grid to circulate draft version of Working Group Report by 26<sup>th</sup> January 2007.
- Comments on the Working Group Report received by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2007.
- Finalised Working Group Report (with associated legal text) to be submitted to February’s GCRP 2007 (papers day 15<sup>th</sup> February 2007).

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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
Luke Fieldhouse	LF	National Grid
Dave Carson	DC	Scottish Power
Gary Loudon	GL	United Utilities
Will Clements	WC	SSE
Freddie Van Der Linde	FL	Western Power Distributions
Alan Creighton	AC	YEDL
David Charlesworth	DC	Central Networks
John Harris	JH	Central Networks
Bob Bassett	BB	EDF
Bridget Morgan	BM	Ofgem