

Grid Code Review Panel Paper

Good Industry Practice for Training of Safety Co-ordinators

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Introduction

1. This paper is intended for information to Panel members and their constituents. It invites Users to become involved in discussions to establish best practice in the training of Safety Co-ordinators.
2. In discussions between Generator and NGC safety representatives the method of training Safety Co-ordinators has arisen. Due to the low number of outages on HV equipment Power Station staff infrequently complete the Record of Inter System Safety Precaution (RISSP) forms as required by OC8.
3. OC8 and the Connection Conditions of the Grid Code makes it clear that it is the User's responsibility to ensure that competent Safety Co-ordinators carry out the role at each connection site.

Background information

4. In 2002 NGC initiated regular liaison meetings with Generators as a means of discussing documented near misses that had occurred between NGC's and Generator's Safety Co-ordinators. Discussions in these meetings have suggested that a more consistent approach to training and authorisation of 'safety co-ordinators' could be of benefit. It is also thought that it would be useful to extend discussion on this subject to include other parties.
5. Generators involved in the liaison meetings have been seeking guidance from NGC to allow them to establish a common standard for training of Safety Co-ordinators within their companies. Given that it is the responsibility of individual User's to provide competent Safety Co-ordinators NGC do not believe it appropriate to take a lead on defining a common standard, but have agreed to bring the matter to the attention of the Grid Code Review Panel and seek further input.
6. The discussions between NGC and Generators indicated it would be useful to document Good Industry Practice for Training of Safety Co-ordinators. This could then be developed by individual Users to aid in the training their Safety Co-ordinators.

Invitation For Users to define Good Industry Practice for Training of Safety Co-ordinators

7. Users or Users Groups are invited nominate representatives to work with members of the NGC/Generator liaison group to document and discuss Good Industry Practice for Training of Safety Co-ordinators. The output of this exercise will be made available to the Grid Code Review Panel and Users. Users will then be free to adopt best practice as they consider appropriate and consistent with their own internal procedures and processes.
8. NGC wishes to encourage as wide a representation of Users as possible to contribute to the discussions. Clearly, best practice can only be identified if

there is a wide selection of Users. Ultimately good practice in agreeing safety precautions across boundaries will benefit all Users.

- 9 If Users are interested in being involved they are requested to contact Richard Scarth (richard.scarth@ngtuk.com). NGC is hoping to organise a first meeting in July 2005. It is envisaged that the whole process would take in the order of three meetings over a number of months. This would not be a formal working group under the panel.