

# Minutes of the Joint Grid Code Review Panel (JGCRP) 26 June 2025

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# 1. EirGrid Member Attendance

Member	Present	Representing
Miriam Ryan	Y	Chairperson
Melissa Dunne	Y	TSO
Michael Coone	Y	TSO
Mark Lucas	N	CCGT
Jennifer Geraghty	N	Thermal Generators
Michael McCormack	Y	Thermal Generators
Mostafa Bakhtvar	Y	Fast Acting Peaking Generators
Open Position		Synchronous Renewable Generators
William Carr	Y	Pumped Storage Generators (PSG)
Peter King	Y	Non-Synchronous Renewable Generators
Kevin Moran	N	Non-Synchronous Renewable Generators
Thomas O'Sullivan	Y	
Gavin McClean	Y	Demand Customers
Paul Troughton	Y	Demand Side Units (DSU)
Patrick Liddy alternate for Vlastik Buzek	Y	Demand Side Units (DSU)
Tom Birney	Y	Energy Storage Units (ESPS)
John Whelan alternate for Tony Hearne	Y	Distribution System Operator (DSO)
Mark Phelan	Y	Public Electricity Supplier (PES)
Open Position		Independent Electricity Suppliers
Deirdre O'Leary	Y	CRU
Thomas Germaine	Y	
Jessica Hutton	Y	Transmission Asset Owner Licensee (TAO)
Sorcha Dineen	N	Market Operator (MO)
		Other TSO
Jonathan Ruddy	Y	
Fred Baselle	Y	Interconnector Owners
Daniel Moloney	N	Solar Generators
TBC		Offshore Non-Synchronous Generators
Paul Murphy	N	Synchronous Condenser Units (SCU)

**Other Attendees:**

Name	Present	Role
Arlene Chawke	Y	TSO Secretary
Aideen O'Hagan	Y	Presenter from EirGrid
Gill Nolan	N	Alternate Chairperson from EirGrid
Niamh Day	Y	Observer from CRU
Elaine Corcoran	Y	Observer from EirGrid
Niall Rutherford	Y	Observer from EirGrid
Jeremy Vincent	Y	Observer from EirGrid
Saad Muhammad Khan	Y	Presenter from EirGrid
Cian Fitzgerald	Y	Observer from Energia

## 2. SONI Member Attendance

Attendance: Name	Present	Role
Alan Kennedy (AK)	Y	SONI GCRP Chairperson
Jake Loftus (JL)	Y	SONI GCRP Secretary
Brian Mongan (BM)	Y	Aggregator Member
Stephen Hemphill (SH)	Y	Interconnector Owners
Sam Gibson (SG)	N	Interconnector Owners Alternate
Stephen Brownlees (SB)	Y	Generators
Damian O'Neill (DON)	N	Generators
Jody O'Boyle (JO)	Y	Utility Regulator (UR)
Ben Harris (BH)	Y	Utility Regulator Alternate
Tola Laly (TL)	N	Utility Regulator Observer
Niall Maguire (NM)	Y	RES- Large Scale
Andy McCrea (AMC)	N	RES- Large Scale Alternate
William Deane (WD)	N	RES - Small Scale
Krishna Anaparthi (KA)	N	Electricity Storage
Jim Cooke (JC)	N	Generators
Andrew Cupples (AC)	N	NIE Networks
Sarah Friedel (SF)	N	TSO- Member
James McGrann (JM)	N	Market Operator- Member
Michael Bambrick (MB)	N	Aggregator Alternate

### 3. Introduction to JGCRP Meeting & Approval of Previous Minutes

- a) Miriam Ryan (JGCRP Chairperson) welcomed all members, observers, and presenters to the meeting.
- b) Comments were received from Peter King (Non-Synchronous Renewable Generators) to the previous minutes (27 March 2025) - please see section 5(g) in relation to MPID319/SPID\_07\_2024 Incorporation of SCUs. The comments were accepted, and the members approved the previous minutes.
- c) All actions were reviewed and deemed closed.

### 4. MPID319 and SPID\_07\_2024 Incorporation of Synchronous Condenser Units

- a) Melissa Dunne (TSO) presented the modification proposal to incorporate SCUs into the SONI and EirGrid Grid Codes. Melissa discussed the background to the modification proposal - please see slide 7 and indicated that there had been no changes to the modification proposal since presenting it at the March 2025 JGCRP.
- b) Referring to an action taken by SONI and EirGrid at the March 2025 JGCRP, Melissa confirmed that the TSOs facilitated a meeting with their respective Future Operations teams and EirGrid GCRP members Tom Birney and Peter King to discuss the proposed minimum reactive power capability requirements for SCUs. The outcome of this meeting was agreement that the proposed minimum requirements are acceptable, and that separate engagement is required to discuss the enhanced requirements to be provided under System Services. No change to the minimum reactive power requirements is proposed.
- c) Tom Birney (ESPS Units) issued the following comment in relation to the SVU reactive power requirements - "It is understood that the adoption of Clause SCU 1.4.6.3 in its current form is intended to set the minimum requirements only and is not intended to be prescriptive in any way for how reactive power beyond the minimum requirements is expected to be provided over the various TSO p.u. voltage ranges. Furthermore, regarding provision of reactive power beyond the minimum requirements it is expected that the TSOs will comprehensively assess the need for reactive power export at the top right hand corner and import at the bottom left hand corner of the envelope (in other words counterintuitively exporting at very high p.u. voltage and importing at very low p.u. voltage) and comprehensively assess the cost, value, and technical challenges associated with this."
- d) Tom confirmed that EirGrid Future Operations team have been in contact regarding further engagement on provision of reactive power beyond the minimum requirements.

- e) Melissa welcomed Paul Murphy to the panel as the new EirGrid GCRP SCU representative, noting that Cahir O'Neill has retired. Melissa went on to express thanks to industry for their valuable engagement to date in the development of this proposed modification.
- f) There were no further comments on the modification proposal. Members will confirm whether to recommend the modification proposal for submission to the Regulators at the respective GCRP meetings later this afternoon.

## 5. Fault-ride-through requirements for Demand Facilities

- a) Miriam Ryan (Chairperson) provided an update on behalf of the Future Operations team - "These requirements are still under consideration by the two TSOs. Further industry communication will take place in due course."
- b) There was no comment from members.

## 6. FASS

- a) The TSOs are currently undertaking Grid Code reviews to support Future Arrangements for System Services reserve products. The focus of the review is to ensure that the Grid Code enables the DASSA and the future arrangements whilst minimising the development of new requirements and the impact on user compliance.
- b) The TSOs intend to bring a proposed modification to the September 2025 JGCRP meeting.

## 7. Regulatory Updates

- a) Niamh Day (CRU) provided an update on behalf of that the CRU, please see slide 12.
- b) Ben Harris (UR) provided an update on behalf of the UR. The UR have published one decision since the previous meeting and have one modification under review.

## 8. AOB

- a) No other comments were raised under AOB.
- b) Tom Birney (ESPS) cannot attend the EirGrid GCRP meeting but would like to ensure that his comments on the SCU proposed modification are noted in both the JGCRP meeting minutes and the EirGrid GCRP meeting minutes. Miriam Ryan (JGCRP Chairperson) invited Tom to submit any post-meeting comments to add to the minutes.
- c) Miriam Ryan (JGCRP Chairperson) thanked all the presenters, members, alternates, and observers for their time.
- d) The TSOs will issue the draft minutes by 10 July for members to review.

Approved