

# **EirGrid Grid Code Review Panel (GCRP) Meeting Minutes 27 March 2025**

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# 1 Member Attendance

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

## Other Attendees:

Name	Present	Role
Arlene Chawke	Y- person	TSO Secretary
Aideen O'Hagan	Y- person	Presenter from EirGrid
Ciaran Maguire	Y- person	Presenter from EirGrid
Emerson O'Callaghan	Y- person	Observer from CRU
Niamh Day	Y- person	Observer from CRU
Elaine Corcoran	Y - online	Observer from EirGrid
Saad Khan	Y - online	Observer from EirGrid
Brian Burke	Y - person	Observer from EirGrid
Deirdre Hughes	Y - person	Observer from EirGrid

## 2 Introduction to Ireland GCRP Meeting & Approval of Previous Minutes

- Miriam Ryan (Chairperson) welcomed all members, observers, and presenters to the meeting.
- No comments were received to the previous minutes. The minutes were deemed approved.
- All actions from the previous meeting were deemed closed.
- Actions were recorded at JGCRP meeting regarding MPID328 Notice to Respond and MPID319 SCU. These modifications were not discussed any further at the GCRP meeting.

## 3 Proposal - MPID329 Clarification of Demarcation

- Melissa Dunne (TSO) discussed a proposal to add a clarification to the Grid Code to align with custom and practice as described in the guideline document jointly published by EirGrid and ESB Networks in September 2020: [Guideline for the Application to Existing Users of Commission Regulation \(EU\) 2016/631 establishing a network code on requirements for grid connection of generators \(RfG\), Commission Regulation \(EU\) 2016/1388 establishing a Network Code on Demand Connection \(DCC\) and Commission Regulation \(EU\) 2016/1447 establishing a network code on requirements for grid connection of high voltage direct current systems and direct current connected power park modules \(HVDC\)](#)
- Tony Hearne (DSU) raised a point regarding upcoming version 2 of the EU Connection Network Codes and the need to introduce new symbols for demarcation of user requirements. It was noted that the TSO and the DSO will need to work in parallel when developing such symbols.

- c) Following a discussion, it was confirmed that this guideline and proposed clarification applies to non RfG/non DCC/non HVDC units that have undergone a significant upgrade, modification or refurbishment. In such cases, the RfG/DCC/HVDC requirements will apply to the plant and/or apparatus that has undergone upgrade/modification/refurbishment as described in the guideline document. The requirements are proportional to the works carried out.
- d) Patrick Liddy (DSU) raised a concern that a more complex Grid Code will lead to more queries from industry.
- e) Miriam Ryan (Chairperson) agreed that the Grid Code is a complex document, and the TSO is working towards a more user-friendly Grid Code. She encouraged members to reach out to the Grid Code team (gridcode@eirgrid.com) with any queries or to request clarifications.
- f) It was recommended to include a footnote to the guideline in the Grid Code.
- g) Following another discussion on Network Codes it was clarified that SCUs are not covered under Network Codes.
- h) **ACTION: The TSO to Include a footnote in the Grid Code.**
- i) **ACTION: No objections raised, the TSO to issue a recommendation paper to the CRU.**

## 4 Proposal - MPID331 Derogation Procedures

- a) Melissa Dunne (TSO) raised this modification proposal on behalf of the TSO, details of the proposal are included in slides 12 to 16.
- b) The text in section GC.9 Derogations should be corrected to reflect that the requirement for a User to report a non-compliance to the TSO without delay, and make reasonable efforts to remedy such non-compliance, applies to all Users, and not only Non-Connection Network Code Users. The derogation procedures for CNC users were also collated to make that section of the Grid Code more accessible and less repetitive.
- c) The members did not object to the proposal but recommended including a footnote to the guideline document for context.
- d) **ACTION: The TSO to include a footnote in the Grid Code.**
- e) **ACTION: No objections raised; the TSO to issue a recommendation paper to the CRU.**

## 5 Proposal - MPID332 Reactive Energy

- a) Aideen O'Hagan (TSO) presented slide numbers 18 and 19.
- b) The purpose of this proposal is to include a new definition for Reactive Energy in the Grid Code for the purposes of clarity and transparency.
- c) **ACTION: No objections raised; the TSO to issue a recommendation paper to the CRU.**

## 6 Update - Housekeeping Modification Trial Process

- a) Aideen O'Hagan (TSO) presented an update on the Housekeeping Modification Trial Process. Please see slides 22 to 25.
- b) Aideen extended thanks to the members, on behalf of the TSO, for their correspondence and engagement to date.
- c) **ACTION: The TSO will issue a survey to members from 16 April to gather member feedback on the process.**

## 7 Update - DSU/TSO Working Group on MPID293

- d) Miriam Ryan (Chairperson) presented an update MPID 293 Working Group. Please see slide number 27.
- e) The DSU and CRU are awaiting a CRU decision on the TSO assessment of the three proposed solutions.
- f) Following a discussion, it was noted that if the CRU's decision requires a change to the Grid Code then a modification proposal will be presented to the members of the GCRP as per the governance process of the Grid Code and the GCRP Constitution.
- g) Patrick Liddy (DSU) noted that such a lengthy process will put the timeline for this proposal at risk and that such a lengthy process discourages organisations from proposing changes to the Grid Code.
- h) Miriam Ryan (Chairperson) further noted that this proposal was an exceptional case given the complexity of the modification and the setting up of a working group.

## 8 Update - GCRP Member Roles

- a) The TSO is seeking permission to publish member contact details on the EirGrid website.
- b) **ACTION: The TSO will issue an email post the GCRP meeting seeking consent to publish member business contact details .**
- c) **ACTION: The TSO to discuss with the TSO GDPR officer if the TSO can share company names of constituents with the members that represent them.**

## 9 Update - Grid Code Modifications

- a) Slide number 32 provides an updated picture of the modification statistics.

## 10 Update - Grid Code Derogations

- a) Slide number 34 provides an updated picture of the derogation statistics.

## 11 Update - CRU

- a) Deirdre O’Leary (CRU) noted that the CRU are currently reviewing 7 modification recommendation papers, with a particular focus on MPID320 NPDR and MPID318 ESPS Phase 2. Also, two housekeeping batches have been approved, and the CRU are currently reviewing the third batch.

## 12 AOB

- a) Following a query from Paraic Higgins (PSG) on grid code requirement for models, Miriam Ryan (Chairperson) noted that this falls outside of the Grid Code but further added that the TSO are drafting a new policy with the intention to publish end of June. An update will be provided at the June GCRP meeting.
- b) **ACTION: Following a discussion regarding Offshore Readiness the TSO will engage with members to discuss their concerns:**
- **Grid Code testing on 66kV busbar**
  - **SDP**
  - **Balancing Market**
  - **Compliance testing at the connection point**
  - **Registering in the market**
  - **RES Auction**
  - **System Services requirements**
- c) Finally, Peter King (non-sync renewable) expressed his thanks to the TSOs for facilitating an in-person meeting.