

Minutes of the EirGrid Grid Code Review Panel (GCRP) Meeting

06 December 2023

Member Attendance:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Role</u>
Miriam Ryan	Y	EirGrid GCRP Chairperson
Niamh Daly	Y	TSO Member
Deirdre Hughes	Y	TSO Member
Michael McCormack	Apol	Grid Connected Thermal Generators
Jennifer Geraghty	Y	Grid Connected Thermal Generators
Oliver Caherty	Apol	Grid Connected CCGT Generators
Daniel Grandjean	N	Grid Connected CCGT Generators
Mark Coleman	Y	Grid Connected Non-Synchronous Renewable Generators
Peter King	Y	Grid Connected Non-Synchronous Renewable Generators
Paraic Higgins	Y	Grid Connected Pumped Storage
Position Open		Grid Connected Synchronous Renewable Generators
Bojan Vijackic	Y	Grid Connected Fast Peaking Plants
Mark Phelan	Y	ESB PES
Position open		Independent Electricity Supplier
Jessica Hutton alternate for Cormac Fitzpatrick	Y	Transmission Asset Owner
Payal Soni	Y	Regulator
Karl O'Keeffe	Y	IE - Interconnector Owner
Sorcha Dineen	Y	Market Operator
John Whelan alternate for Tony Hearne	Y	Distribution System Operator
Vlastik Buzek	Y	Grid Connected Demand Side Units
Paul Troughton	Y	Grid Connected Demand Side Units
Gavin McClean	N	Grid Connected Demand Customers
Tom Birney	Y	Battery Storage
Carlos Galvan	N	Solar Generation

Other Attendees:

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Arlene Chawke	Y	TSO Secretary
Melissa Dunne	Y	TSO Observer
Gill Nolan	Y	Alternate to Miriam Ryan - EirGrid
Ciaran Maguire	Y	TSO Observer
Athar Khan	Y	TSO Observer
Patrick Liddy	Y	Observer – The DRAI

1. Introduction to Ireland GCRP Meeting & Approval of Minutes

- a) Miriam Ryan (Chairperson) welcomed all members, observers, and presenters to the meeting.
- b) This meeting marks the end of a two-year term for the members. A new nomination process will commence in January 2024 for the term 2024/2025.
- c) One comment was received to the previous minutes (27 September 2023). This comment was accepted, and the minutes were deemed approved. No other comment was raised at the meeting.
- d) All actions from that previous meeting were deemed closed.

2. Retirement of Members.

- a) Miriam Ryan (Chairperson) expressed thanks, on behalf of EirGrid, to everyone for their valuable contribution over the past two years. Input from members and their time is very much appreciated. The accumulation of efforts from all ensure that the Grid Code is fit for purpose.
- b) **ACTION: The TSO to open a new member nomination process for the 2024/2025 two-year term.**

3. EirGrid GCRP Members – The Constitution

- a) Miriam Ryan (Chairperson) noted that it is important that the membership of the GCRP reflect the profile of users of the transmission system. With that in mind the TSO are proposing the addition of two new members: Offshore Non-Synchronous Generators and Synchronous Condenser Users.
- b) The TSO aim to bring a Grid Code modification to the Spring GCRP meeting to incorporate Synchronous Condensers into the Grid Code. Also, there is a modification with the CRU to incorporate Offshore PPMs into the Grid Code.
- c) It was also noted that members must be appointed by a transmission license holder. Observer status will be granted to either of the members mentioned above while any licences are being granted. The CRU will confirm the licensing status of these two new members before the end of this year.
- d) **ACTION: The TSO will issue the revised constitution to the CRU for their signature.**
- e) No comments or objections raised.
- f) Mark Coleman (Non-Synchronous Renewable Generators) and Tom Birney (Battery Storage) noted their agreement with this approach.

4. CRU Update

- a) Payal Soni (Regulator) provided a verbal update on behalf of the CRU.
- b) The CRU have reviewed eight derogations in past two weeks. The CRU will progress Grid Code modifications review in next few weeks.

5. AOB

- a) John Whelan (DSO) noted that Tony Hearne (DSO) wished to have it noted in the minutes that discussions are still ongoing between EirGrid and the DSO on Safety Rules.
- b) Vlastik Buzek (Demand Side Units) requested that a summary status of Grid Code modifications be given at each GCRP meeting going forward.
- c) **ACTION: The TSO agreed to look at providing a summary status of Grid Code modifications.**
Post meeting note: The following table on the EirGrid website provides an update on Grid Code modifications. Please see link [here](#).
- d) Finally, Miriam Ryan (Chairperson) wished all members and their families a very Happy Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.