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Headline Report

Meeting name	Joint European Standing Group (JESG)
Meeting number	32
Date of meeting	20 January 2015
Location	**Elexon Offices, 350 Euston Road, London, NW1 3AW**

This note sets out the headlines of the most recent meeting of the Joint European Standing Group (JESG). The note is provided in addition to the presentations from the meeting which are available on the JESG website[1] and material in the presentations is not duplicated in the report.

1.   JESG Action Log Review

The current version of the JESG Action Log, including any additions from this meeting, follows this Headline Report.

2.   Grid Connection Network Codes:

Requirements for Generators (RfG)
- No further information has been issued by the European Commission on the progress of RfG through the Comitology process.
- No further update on RfG was provided at the meeting.

Demand Connection Code (DCC)
- No further information has been issued by the European Commission on the progress of DCC through the Comitology process.
- No further update on DCC was provided at the meeting.

HVDC Network Code
- No further information has been issued by the European Commission on the progress of HVDC through the Comitology process.
- No further update on HVDC was provided at the meeting.

3.   Market Network Codes (CACM, FCA and Balancing Network Code):

Capacity Allocation and Congestion Management Network Code (CACM)
- Elena Mylona (DECC) presented an update on the progress of the CACM Regulation.
- The CACM regulation was voted on and finalised by the EC Cross-Border Committee at the end of 2014
- An update was provided on the discussions of the comitology meeting which covered the timeline for NEMO designations, correcting regional inconsistencies for timelines and the processes for agreeing bidding zones
- On the issue of TSO voting the fact that GB has multiple TSOs was noted and it was mentioned that a GB Regional Group is in the process of being formed. More information on the group was requested by attendees.

Forward Capacity Allocation Network Code (FCA)
- No further information has been issued by the European Commission on the progress of FCA through the Comitology process.
- No further update on FCA was provided at the meeting.

Electricity Balancing Network Code (EB NC)
- Grendon Thompson (Ofgem) presented an update from the Ofgem Balancing Code meeting held on 5 January 2015.

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[1]   http://www2.nationalgrid.com/UK/Industry-information/Electricity-codes/Standing-groups/Joint-European-standing-group/

- The meeting sought views from stakeholders on two main topics, the first of which was the scenarios of GB Implementation of the EB NC and the extent to which internal balancing arrangements were harmonised with Europe.
- Stakeholders expressed a strong desire for the use of standard products to be maximised and shared concerns about the TSO-TSO model, underlining the importance of TSO neutrality in their role as facilitators of the balancing market.
- Discussions around GB implementation remain ongoing between DECC, Ofgem and National Grid
- The second topic was on the Imbalance Settlement Period (ISP), in which Elexon presented some high level analysis on the potential implications of moving to a 15 minute ISP.
- The analysis and consensus among stakeholders was that it would it would have a significant and wide ranging impact on metering and IT systems across the industry.
- GT will feed this analysis and feedback into the discussions around ISP with ACER.
- ACER call for comments on the EB NC closed on 09/01/15 and will be published shortly with an ACER opinion expected the end of March 2015.

4. **System Operation Network Codes**
   Operational Security (OS), Operational Planning & Scheduling (OP&S) and Load Frequency Control and Reserves (LFCR) Network Codes
   - No further information has been issued by the European Commission on the progress of the System Operation Network Codes.
   - No further update was provided on the System Operation Network Codes at the meeting.

   Emergency and Restoration Network Code (ER)
   - Bec Thornton and Alex Haffner (NGET) provided an update on the ENTSO-E Consultation on the ER Network Code. There were over 1200 comments received from across the EU, GB accounted for 16% of those.
   - Many comments were related to consistency with the other draft Network Codes.
   - The Market Suspension chapter received many comments, especially on the issue of the threshold that triggers market suspension, and whether this should be automatic or to be exercised by TSOs.
   - A final ENTSO-E Stakeholder Workshop will be held in Brussels on 12 February to present how stakeholders' comments have been taken into account and the changes made to the new draft as a result of these. A new draft of the Code will be published ahead of the meeting on 29 January.

5. **Implementation of EU Network Codes in GB and Reviewing Stakeholder Forums for EU Network Code Development and Implementation**
   - Natasha Smith and Mark Copley (Ofgem) presented an update of the review by DECC and Ofgem on the structure of stakeholder engagement on EU issues.
   - The steering group has proposed to restructure the hierarchy of stakeholder groups in GB to simplify the organisation and to remove duplication/confusion between JESG and The DECC-Ofgem EU Stakeholder Group. The proposal includes the retention of the JESG but to widen its remit to include the areas of work currently discussed in the DECC/Ofgem Stakeholder meetings and also to establish subgroups to look at areas such as GB Code mapping (in place of ECCAF), EU Code Development, GB Issues prioritisation etc.
   - Natasha Smith took an action to review and amend the current JESG Terms of Reference and to circulate these for stakeholder comments. Natasha Smith also took an action to ensure that the GB Code Panels were consulted on the proposed changes in order to facilitate the implementation process.
   - Intention is for the first of these new JESG meetings is planned for March 2015.
   - DECC and Ofgem will look to ensure the fewest changes necessary are made to GB Codes to fulfil the requirements of the EU Network Codes and to minimise the implementation timescales.

6. **ACER – ENTSO-E Joint Consultation on Stakeholder Engagement**
   - Natasha Smith (Ofgem) presented an update on the joint consultation being run by ACER and ENTSO-E on stakeholder engagement on the EU Network Codes. The consultation closes on 23 January 2015.

- Current proposals are for three stakeholder committees focusing on code implementation to be set up covering the different families of codes, with 1 being chaired by ACER and the others by ENTSO-E.
- The view was expressed that an independent chair would be preferred rather than ENTSO-E and that one committee per code may be required, although it was noted that this may cause co-ordination issues between codes. It was stressed that the committees should have open membership and should link in with the amendments process.

7.   ECCAF Update

- There have been no ECCAF meetings for several months due to the slowdown in Code development through Comitology, so there was no ECCAF update at the January JESG. ECCAF's status will be reviewed as part of the DECC and Ofgem review of Network Code implementation and stakeholder engagement.

8.   AOB

- Marta Krajewska (Energy UK) requested a change of 16th June 2015 JESG date and proposed 18th June – Tom Selby to look into this.

9.   Forthcoming events/workshops

Please refer to [the calendar on the JESG website](#).

Details of forthcoming Stakeholder events are listed in the calendar and available on individual websites:
- ENTSO-E: https://www.entsoe.eu./resources/network-Network Codes/
- ACER: http://acer.europa.net
- Ofgem: http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/Europe/stakeholder-group/Pages/index.aspx

10.   Next meeting

The next scheduled meeting for the JESG is 19th February 2015 at Elexon Offices in London. Registration details will be provided in the JESG Weekly Updates.

The actions log follows this report.

JESG Action Log

Standing Actions

Action No	Action	Lead Party
S1	Prepare a commentary / comparison document between the Network Code and the existing GB arrangements at appropriate stages in the Code development for each Network Code.	NGET
S2	Engage with DECC and Ofgem to ensure appropriate and timely input can be provided from GB Stakeholders in to the Comitology process.	JESG Chair
S3	Continue to review the membership of the JESG and engage additional industry parties where appropriate.	JESG Chair
S4	Provide update on future Network Codes and incentives being developed as and when appropriate.	NGET/Ofgem/DECC
S5	If required by the Commission, facilitate an industry-wide read-through of the Network Codes once they are released by the Commission . (formerly Open Action 135)	JESG Chair/Ofgem/DECC
S6	Stakeholders are requested to provide specific examples of inconsistent or problematic definitions in the Network Codes to Ofgem (natasha.z.smith@ofgem.gov.uk) and DECC (elena.mylona@decc.gsi.gov.uk). (formerly Open Action 140)	All
S7	Consider the need for how to best capture stakeholders' most recent priority issues before and during the Comitology process, in particular for the RFG, DCC and CACM Network Codes as the codes develop in the pre-Comitology phase.	DECC

New and Open Actions

Action No	Action	Lead Party	Status	Update
152	Arrange another stakeholder group workshop on RfG Network Code following publication of the next draft.	NGET/DECC/Ofgem	Open	Awaiting new RfG draft
179	Will the TERRE MoU be made available to NRAs and stakeholders?	NGET	Open	To be investigated further with TERRE Project Team and NG legal department
182	Speak to press contacts to publicise CACM, and consider if this needs to be raised as an agenda item at a future JESG.	Energy UK	Open	
186	Circulate ELEXON initial high-level analysis on a 15 minute imbalance settlement period	Steve Wilkin, NGET	Closed	Circulated 22nd January 2015. The analysis can be found on the Elexon website.
187	Circulate for comment the proposals for the new JESG format, including the revised Terms of Reference	DECC, Ofgem, NGET	Open	

Action No	Action	Lead Party	Status	Update
188	Consult GB Code Panels on the proposed changes to JESG.	DECC, Ofgem	Open	
189	Circulate the slides used at the Energy UK EU Network Codes workshop slides in the weekly update	Energy UK, NGET	Open	
190	Provide feedback to JESG on the ENTSO-E Transparency Launch Event	Ofgem	Open	
191	Consider if the June JESG date needs to be moved	Energy UK, NGET	Open	Meeting moved to Thursday 18th June.
192	Feedback to JESG on the formation of the GB Regional Group and how it will work	NGET	Open	

Recently Closed Actions

Action No	Action	Lead Party	Status	Update
163	Invite Simon Reid (GB ENTSO-E Balancing Pilot Project Stakeholder Representative) to a future JESG meeting to provide an update on the Balancing Pilot Projects.	NGET	Closed	Simon attended the January Balancing Code Meeting.
176	Identify small generators who may benefit from the Energy UK Seminar on EU Network Codes in New Year 2015	Energy UK/ NGET/ DECC/ Ofgem	Closed	A range of new contacts were invited and attended the workshop. Future workshops to be considered.
178	Coordinate GB TERRE Stakeholder Workshops to be held after ENTSO-E meetings.	NGET	Closed	To be decided by the JESG Balancing Stakeholder Focus Group
180	Consider when Balancing Code stakeholder workshop should be held, to follow ENTSO-E meeting if possible.	Ofgem	Closed	To be decided by the JESG Balancing Stakeholder Focus Group
181	Publicise the TERRE stakeholder group through the BSC Panel Executive Report and through the subgroups.	Steve Wilkin, Garth Graham	Closed	
185	Decide whether to hold a Balancing Code Meeting in place of a JESG meeting in January 2015.	Ofgem	Closed	Ofgem Balancing Meeting went ahead earlier in the month than the JESG stakeholder meeting.

List of JESG Attendees on 20 January 2015

First Name	Surname	Organisation
Barbara	Vest	Energy UK (Chair)
Tom	Selby	NGET (Technical Secretary)
Chris	Alexander	Citizens Advice
James	Anderson	Scottish Power
Peter	Bolitho	Waters Wye Associates
Mark	Copley	Ofgem
John	Costa	EDF Energy
Chris	Fox	NGET
Garth	Graham	SSE
Alex	Haffner	NGET
Paul	Jones	E.ON
Marta	Krajewska	Energy UK
Sam	Mercer	National Grid Business Development
Martin	Moran	National Grid Business Development
Stephen	Powell	CER
Jon	Robinson	DECC
Natasha	Smith	Ofgem
Neil	Smith	GDF Suez
David	Spillett	ENA
Helen	Stack	Centrica
Grendon	Thompson	Ofgem
Bec	Thornton	NGET
Steve	Wilkin	Elexon