

# 247/06 - APPROVAL OF BSC PANEL REPRESENTATIVE FOR GRID CODE REVIEW PANEL (GCRP)

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**Summary** The Grid Code Review Panel (GCRP) consists of various members, including a person representing the BSC Panel. All members of the GCRP are automatically retired at the beginning of each year. This paper invites you to appoint the BSC Panel's GCRP representative for 2016.

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## 1. Role of GCRP

1.1 The Grid Code Review Panel (GCRP) is a standing body established and maintained by National Grid in accordance with the General Conditions of the Grid Code. It comprises members from across the industry with an interest in the development of the Grid Code (primarily generators, interconnectors, network operators and transmission licensees). Its main purpose is to keep the Grid Code under review, to review, discuss and publish recommendations in relation to proposed modifications to the Grid Code and issue guidance in relation to the Grid Code.

## 2. GCRP Membership Requirements

2.1 The GCRP's membership includes a person that represents the BSC Panel. All members of the GCRP hold office for a year and are automatically retired at the beginning of each year, at which point they are eligible for re-appointment.

2.2 Each GCRP member can appoint any individual as their alternate.

2.3 The [GCRP's full constitution and membership rules](#) can be found on National Grid's website.

## 3. BSC Panel Obligations

3.1 Section F1.6 of the BSC requires the BSC Panel to establish joint working arrangements with each Core Industry Document owner to facilitate the identification, co-ordination, making and implementation of cross-code changes. Since NETA Go-Live in 2001, ELEXON has fulfilled this role on the BSC Panel's behalf by working closely with other code administrators, attending other code panel and working group meetings, and providing updates to the BSC Panel, for example, through the monthly ELEXON Report.

3.2 In fulfilling this role we work with other code administrators to ensure that any consequential impacts of other code changes on the BSC (or vice versa) are identified as early as possible, are highlighted to the relevant code panels and are progressed in a timely and efficient manner. We also share best practice with other code administrators in change administration. This is consistent with our obligations in the Code Administration Code of Practice.

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## 4. Current GCRP Representative

- 4.1 Nicholas Rubin (ELEXON) currently represents the BSC Panel on the GCRP and John Lucas (ELEXON) acts as Nicholas' alternate. Nicholas has represented the BSC Panel for the last year and John represented the BSC Panel between 2008 and 2014.
- 4.2 Nicholas has almost 12 years' experience working in the electricity sector. Having worked at British Energy, Ofgem and ElectraLink, he has developed specialist knowledge of regulatory issues, imbalance pricing and settlement, supplier interoperability arrangements, Supplier Volume Allocation (SVA) arrangements and distribution network policy. Nicholas is currently the Chairman for the Imbalance Settlement Group (ISG) and was the Design Authority's subject matter expert for the recent delivery of the Significant Code Review Modification Proposal, [P305](#), and related imbalance pricing modifications.
- 4.3 John is an experienced member of ELEXON's Design Authority and has in-depth technical knowledge of the BSC and electricity market arrangements and is involved in monitoring the BSC implications of broader industry changes such as developments in European legislation.

## 5. 2016 Appointment

- 5.1 On 18 November 2015, National Grid wrote to all current GCRP members and alternates reminding them that their membership expires at the January 2016 meeting. In addition, National Grid requested that members and industry parties send nominations for membership appointments for 2016 to it no later than 18 December 2015.
- 5.2 We recommend that Nicholas should continue as the BSC Panel's representative on GCRP in 2016 and that John will continue to be Nicholas' alternate. We have attached a description of the role in the appendix to this paper.
- 5.3 We believe that Nicholas' role within the Design Authority focusing on Central Volume Allocation (CVA) related issues, experience working on a wide variety of regulatory and industry code issues and positive stakeholder management mean he is ideally suited to continue representing the BSC Panel on the GCRP.
- 5.4 Given John's in-depth technical knowledge of the BSC arrangements and experience as the BSC Panel's representative on GCRP, John would be Nicholas' alternate on GCRP.
- 5.5 We will notify National Grid of your appointed representative following this meeting, in order to meet the December deadline.

## 6. Recommendations

- 6.1 We invite you to:
  - a) **APPOINT** Nicholas Rubin to be the BSC Panel's representative on the Grid Code Review Panel; and
  - b) **NOTE** Nicholas will reappoint John Lucas as his alternate.

Appendix - Role Description

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## Appendix – Role Description

### 1. Role of the Panel's representative on the Grid Code Review Panel

- 1.1 The Grid Code Review Panel (GCRP) is established and maintained by NGET pursuant to GC.4.1 of the Grid Code. Its membership includes a person representing the BSC Panel. The Panel's representative on this group is bound by the obligations and objectives of the GCRP which, in summary, include responsibility for:
- keeping the Grid Code and its working under review;
  - reviewing suggestions for amendments to the Grid Code;
  - publishing recommendations as to amendments to the Grid Code that the Panel feels are necessary or desirable;
  - issuing guidance in relation to the Grid Code and its implementation, performance and interpretation; and
  - considering any changes to the Code Administration Code of Practice that the Code Administrator considers appropriate to raise.
- 1.2 In fulfilling these responsibilities the Panel's representative on the GCRP should represent the interests of the BSC Panel, save to the extent that such interests must remain subordinate to those obligations and objectives placed on the Member as a member of the GCRP.

### Overview

- 1.3 The role of the Panel's GCRP representative encompasses:
- Communicating the vision, goals and expectations of the BSC Panel to the GCRP;
  - Ensuring that, wherever possible, the work of the GCRP aligns with the BSC Panel's overall strategy; and
  - Building relationships between the GCRP and the BSC Panel, acting as an ambassador for the Panel, engaging in critical debate when challenged and inspiring stakeholder confidence.

### Specific Responsibilities

- 1.4 The Panel's GCRP representative should:
- Ensure that the GCRP are aware of the Panel's priorities and relevant requirements;
  - Where possible, provide briefings to the GCRP on Panel proceedings and thinking;
  - Act as a conduit between the Panel and the GCRP so issues and concerns are properly raised and the Panel kept informed; and
  - Regularly liaise with, and, where appropriate, seek the views of the BSC Panel and the BSC Panel Chairman in advance of GCRP meetings to ensure that the BSC Panel position can be appropriately represented in GCRP decision-making.
- 1.5 It is expected that the Panel's GCRP representative should meet with the BSC Panel Chairman on a regular basis (at least quarterly).