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Revision	**Date**	**Description**	**Originator**	**Reviewer**	**Checker**	**Approver**
R1	17/12/2025	Draft Minutes	EirGrid	GCRP Members	EirGrid	GCRP Members
R2	24/02/2026	Draft Minutes Member Comments	EirGrid	GCRP Members	EirGrid	GCRP Members
R3	26/03/2026	Approved Minutes	EirGrid	GCRP Members	EirGrid	GCRP Members

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1 EirGrid Member Attendance

Member	Present	Representing
Miriam Ryan	Y	Chairperson (EirGrid)
Melissa Dunne	Y	TSO
Michael Coone	Y	TSO
Mark Lucas	N	CCGT
Jennifer Geraghty	Y	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
Position Open		Non-Synchronous Renewable Generators
Thomas O'Sullivan Gavin McClean	Y Y	Demand Customers
Paul Troughton	Y	Demand Side Units
Patrick Liddy alternate for Vlastik Buzek	Y	Demand Side Units (DSU)
Tom Birney	Y	Energy Storage Units (ESPS)
Tony Hearne	Y	Distribution System Operator (DSO)
Jamie Burke	N	Public Electricity Supplier (PES)
Open Position		Independent Electricity Suppliers
Deirdre O'Leary	Y	CRU
Thomas Germaine Jessica Hutton	N Y	Transmission Asset Owner Licensee (TAO)
Matt O'Connor	Y	Market Operator (MO)
		Other TSO
Jonathan Ruddy	N	Interconnector Owners
Daniel Moloney	Y	Solar Generators
TBC		Offshore Non-Synchronous Generators
Utkarsh Agarwal	Y	Synchronous Condenser Units (SCU)

Other EirGrid GCRP Attendees:

Name	Present	Role
Saif Aldahmor	Y	Presenter from EirGrid
Arlene Chawke	Y	TSO Secretary
Kenneth Conway	Y	Observer representing CRU
Niamh Day	Y	Observer from CRU
Cian Fitzgerald	Y	Observer from Energia
Jeff Kelliher	Y	Observer representing CRU
Eoin Kennedy	Y	Observer from EirGrid
Ciaran Maguire	Y	Presenter from EirGrid
Muhammad Saad Khan	Y	Observer from EirGrid
Gill Nolan	Y	Alternate EirGrid Chairperson
Aideen O'Hagan	Y	Observer from EirGrid
Simon Tweed	Y	Observer from EirGrid

2 Introduction to Ireland GCRP Meeting & Approval of Previous Minutes

a. Miriam Ryan (Chairperson) welcomed all members, observers, and presenters to the meeting. In relation to MPID 339 FASS Recommendation Paper, EirGrid is reviewing the paper to ensure the comments made by William Carr (Pumped Storage) are included in the paper. Following a query from Peter King (Non-Synchronous Renewable Generators) Miriam confirmed that the EMT Working Group will come under the governance of the Grid Code Review Panel. The Terms of Reference (ToR) has been drafted and will be issued to the GCRP members. EirGrid will seek nominations for the working group by 15 January 2026. More information will be issued on this to the members. **ACTION: Jennifer Geraghty (Thermal Generators) requested that the TSO consider pausing the implementation of the EMT Specification until the completion of the working group. This was seconded by Mostafa Bakhtvar (Fast Acting Peaking Generators). The TSO took an action to discuss this internally.**

b. *[POST MEETING NOTE: Email from William Carr issued 9 January 2026 - I understood that the Term of Reference would be issued as draft for comment to allow members contribute to them.]*

c. William Carr (Pumped Storage) welcomes the publication of the ToR and is looking forward to feeding into the working group.

d. The minutes from the previous meeting were deemed approved and all actions from the previous meeting were deemed closed.

3 Proposal – MPID345 Fault Ride Through, RoCoF and Post Fault Active Power Recovery for Demand Facilities

a) Saif Aldahmor (EirGrid) presented this modification to panel members at the JGCRP meeting. Miriam Ryan (Chairperson) asked if any member would like to voice their position on the recommendation of the proposal.

b) Several members expressed their position, as recorded below:

1. Tony Hearne (DSO) – support the recommendation.
2. Michael Coone (TSO) – support the recommendation.
3. *[POST MEETING NOTE: Email from Peter King (Non-Synchronous Renewable Generators) issued 05 January 2026 – given that the SNSP increase has been delayed and wind farms being disconnected. He cannot raise an objection but must acknowledge and understand the challenges that the demand customers face in complying with this requirement.]*
4. Thomas O'Sullivan (Demand Customers) – this Grid Code requirement is not achievable, and a Working Group should be established. A solution that cannot be implemented doesn't make the grid a secure one. The TSO are passing the issue to CRU to make a reasonable decision. Eoin Kennedy (EirGrid) responded to this, reiterating that the TSO has been engaging with relevant parties and are confident that a solution will be brought forward
5. Mostafa Bakhtvar (Fast Acting Peaking Generators) – support the recommendation in general, however how it is applied requires further discussion.
6. Paul Troughton (DSUs) – there may be one possible solution to fix this but that is in the pipeline, it doesn't seem like a sensible way forward given the discussion at the JGCRP meeting.
7. Jennifer Geraghty (Thermal Generators) – the proposed modification, in its current format, is not mature enough.
8. Gavin McClean (Demand Customer) – the proposed modification is not mature enough to go forward. Industry wants to work with EirGrid to resolve this. Technical analysis must be done, and further work needs to be done with the OEMs. One solution from one OEM will not work for all demand facilities.
9. William Carr (Pumped Storage) – re-highlighted several of the points and concerns he raised at the JGCRP meeting and at previous GCRP meetings. He also queried:
    i. the implications of approving or not approving the modification
    ii. would there be a moratorium on wind generation (SNSP) *[POST MEETING NOTE: Email from William Carr - 9 Jan 2026: I wasn't thinking of a new wind moratorium being applied if the modification was rejected but instead asking if Eirgrid would feel obligated to put a moratorium on new*

Demand Customers using the wind moratorium from the 2000's as an example of when this had happened previously.]

iii. what actions would EirGrid need to take if users cannot comply with the requirements.

c) Simon Tweed (EirGrid) noted that regarding the maturity of the modification, it had been shared with all GCRP members and feedback invited. EirGrid took on board this feedback in making an update to, and clarifications of, the modification proposal.

d) Miriam Ryan (Chairperson) noted that the predominant issue is the safety and resilience of the grid. This requirement is in the best interest of all users including Demand and Generation. The TSO is close to breaching their security standards and those standards are there for the security of the system. The TSO understands and appreciates the challenges that Demand Customers face but the TSO will be recommending this requirement for approval to the CRU. Miriam confirmed that all views will feed into the recommendation paper. All comments and concerns will be noted in the meeting minutes.

e) Eoin Kennedy (EirGrid) clarified that the TSO has had a significant level of engagement with individual parties and the TSO is confident there will be solutions brought forward. Eoin further added that if this requirement is not implemented then there will be a significant operational security risk to the grid. It is a growing risk, and we need this capability from Demand Customers.

f) Tony Hearne (DSO) added that the DSO will bring forward a similar modification to the Distribution Code. The DSO will need to consider a MW threshold otherwise the DSO will be swamped with derogation applications given the level of connections.

g) Patrick Liddy (DSU) added that this modification could be approved if it was not retroactive, and that as such that alternative should be considered. This would reduce the damage to investor confidence (both generator and DC) that this retroactive measure will create.

h) *[POST MEETING NOTE: 11 December 2025 Tom Birney (ESPS) issued an email to EirGrid with a letter attached from Energy Storage Ireland. The letter is regarding 'Large Demand Facility Fault Ride-Through Issue and Proposed Solutions – Information Paper'. Tom requested that the letter be included in the recommendation to the CRU. He also requested that this post meeting request be included in the December meeting minutes.]*

i) **ACTION:**

1. **By COB, 17 December 2025: the TSO will issue meeting minutes, along with a draft of the compliance and derogation framework.**
2. **By COB, 09 January 2026: members can provide comment to the minutes.**
3. **Week commencing 12 January 2026: the TSOs will host a webinar on the compliance and derogation framework.**
4. **Week commencing 19 January 2026: the TSO will issue a recommendation paper (including all views and concerns) to the CRU. The TSO will also issue the derogation and compliance framework to the CRU.**

4 Update - Grid Code Derogations

a) Ciaran Maguire (EirGrid) presented slide number 7 providing an updated picture of the derogation statistics. Ciaran confirmed that his team are working on a new dashboard to better present the stats for the next GCRP meeting.

5 Update - CRU

a) Niamh Day (CRU) provided an update from the CRU, see slide number 8. Currently there are two DSU Grid Code modification recommendations with the CRU for decision and Niamh advised that significant progress has been made. They have received reports from their external advisors. The CRU is finalising their decision and is hopeful to issue soon.

6 Update - Modifications

a) Arlene Chawke (GCRP Secretary) provided GCRP stats from the past two-year period 2024-2025. Miriam thanked all members for their engagement and participation over that period. All members will automatically retire at the end of 2025. EirGrid will seek nominations in the new year for the membership period 2026 -2027.

7 AOB

a) Following a comment from Thomas O'Sullivan (Demand Customers) Miriam confirmed that the TSO will include all comments and views in the recommendation paper. The paper will note those in favour of the modification and those not in favour of the modification and will also note that most members remained silent.
b) Tony Hearne (DSO) further clarified the process noting that the TSO is not calling for a strict vote, the TSO is calling for recommendation/no recommendation. The TSO will submit a recommendation paper noting all objections and concerns. The CRU will be in full suite of all the information to make a decision.
c) Jennifer Geraghty (Thermal Generators) noted her appreciation for the one in-person Grid Code meeting that took place in 2025. The chairperson confirmed that the TSO intends to host two in-person meetings per year. EirGrid will discuss potential dates with SONI colleagues.
d) William Carr (Pumped Storage) queried recent changes to the Secondary Fuel testing requirements and if such amendments will be brought to the GCRP for discussion.
e) Miriam Ryan (Chairperson) stated the Secondary Fuel requirement was codified in 2014 following a decision made by the CRU. She is not aware of any potential changes, and no actions have been brought to the Grid Code.
f) **ACTION – the TSO to follow up on William's query with Robert Koch.**
g) William Carr (Pumped Storage) noted that his query is also about the governance of the Grid Code and the change process of items such as testing procedure and other changes

that impact users. Users are not aware of changes occurring until it is published on the EirGrid website.

h) Miriam Ryan (Chairperson) is mindful of the quantity of procedures and changes, and it would not be possible to bring forward every process/procedure amendment to the GCRP. There would need to be a practical implementation.

i) **ACTION: The TSO to arrange a call with William to discuss specific concerns.**

j) Thomas O'Sullivan (Demand Customers) queried if it is possible to request additional member seats for a cohort of users.

k) Miriam Ryan (Chairperson) clarified if a need is identified, the Chairperson can propose a seat, or the CRU can request to extend representation. If a member feels their cohort is not adequately being represented, they can request a three-way discussion with the Chairperson and the CRU.

l) Tom Birney (ESPS) voiced his support for William Carr's comments on changes to test procedures, especially those procedures that are connected to Grid Code requirements. There needs to be a better way of highlighting to industry that changes have taken place.

m) Miriam Ryan (Chairperson) closed the meeting thanking participants for their valued engagement and wished everyone a Happy Christmas. Members have until the 9 January to return comments to the meeting minutes.