

Meeting Date: 16 August 2023

PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF NEXT
MEETING'S SUBSTANTIVE PAPERS

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1 Purpose and scope of next meeting's substantive papers

1.1 This is the SRC's opportunity to provide verbal guidance for next meeting's substantive papers

- 1.1.1 The purpose of this paper is to allow the SRC to provide expectations for the following meeting's substantive papers and improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the secretariat's preparation. If there is any particular context or SRC concerns/questions, these would be valuable to share with the secretariat.
- 1.1.2 The secretariat's suggestions for the 26 October meeting, incorporating previous member input from previous discussions, are set out below for consideration and refinement at this meeting.

1.2 Technology and information security

- 1.2.1 The SRC's chosen theme for the October meeting is technology and information security. This has broadened the focus from previous years to encompass additional risks that may not relate specifically to cyber security.
- 1.2.2 In previous years the cyber security theme has centred on aggregated results, analysis and learnings arising from a survey sent to participants on their level of cyber preparedness. After two consecutive years of surveys the SRC decided not to conduct a survey this time, instead preferring to focus on Market Operations Service Providers (MOSPs), including Transpower, as system operator.
- 1.2.3 The secretariat understands the purpose of the theme is for the SRC to gain a better understanding of:
 - a) how MOSPs approach technology and information security,
 - b) how the Authority monitors MOSPs and the frameworks in place to support robust policies and procedures,
 - c) the role of the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC)
 - d) The role of The Colloquium for Information Systems Security Education (CISSE)
- 1.2.4 The secretariat proposes to include high-level summaries of recent incidents and issues.
- 1.2.5 The secretariat considers a case study or two may help to highlight the issues and increase engagement. Members are encouraged to think about what these could include and bring their suggestions to the August meeting.

1.3 System operator's support of industry evolution

- 1.3.1 In addition to *technology and information security*, the SRC has chosen a theme of *system operator support of industry evolution*, for the October meeting. The secretariat understands the purpose of this is to enable deeper consideration of issues such as:
 - a) How the system operator is planning to meet sector and consumer needs through the transition,

- b) How the system operator's processes are evolving to meet the needs of a more decentralised power system, with greater direct consumer input,
- c) How the system operator is engaging across the sector to ensure it has the information it needs to manage the system in real time, and plan forward,
- d) How the system operator is using and sharing information to support industry's understanding of security and reliability risks,

1.3.2 The secretariat will ask the system operator to provide a paper and presentation on these issues.

1.4 Annual self-review of system operator performance

- 1.4.1 The Electricity Industry Participation Code 2010 (Code) requires the Authority to review the system operator's performance each year. When doing this, it must take account of a self-review that the system operator must perform each year under the Code.
- 1.4.2 The SRC was given a specific mandate for system operator performance because of the information asymmetry that arises between the Authority and the system operator. The SRC receives the draft executive summary of the review, as this gives the appropriate level of detail. As a group with industry and consumer representation, the SRC can bring perspectives to the system operator's performance otherwise unavailable to the Authority.
- 1.4.3 The secretariat considers the purpose of this paper is to enable the SRC to formulate advice to the Authority about the system operator's performance in the 2022/23 year, based on the system operator's self-review and a draft of the Authority's review.

2 Questions for the SRC to consider

2.1.1 The SRC may wish to consider the following questions:

- Q1. Does the SRC have any other suggested topics/papers for the October (Q4 2023) meeting, aligned with, or as a counterpoint to, the *information and technology security* or *system operator support of industry evolution* themes?
- Q2. What other topics would the SRC like to hear about from the system operator on how it is supporting system evolution?
- Q3. Does the SRC have further guidance for the secretariat about how it would like to receive information about the themes for upcoming meetings?
- Q4. What other presenters, if any, would the SRC like to hear from at the Q4 meeting?