

# STC Modification Panel Minutes: Wednesday 26 September 2018

## STC Modification Panel Minutes: Meeting Number 163

<b>Date:</b>	26/09/2018	<b>Location:</b>	G2-02, National Grid House, Warwick and WebEx
<b>Start:</b>	10:00am	<b>End:</b>	12:00pm

## Participants

Attendee	Initials	Company
Chrissie Brown	CB	Chair, National Grid
Ren Walker	RW	Technical Secretary, Code Administrator, National Grid
Rob Wilson	RWI	National Grid (NGESO)
Neil Bennett	NB	Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc. (SHET)
Milorad Dobrijevic	MD	Scottish Power Transmission plc. (SPT)
Deborah Macpherson	DM	Scottish Power Transmission plc. (SPT)
David Lyon	DL	Blue Transmission (BT)
Mike Lee	ML	Transmission Capital (TC)
Roberta Fernie	RF	Ofgem
Richard Woodward	RWO	National Grid (NGET)
Fiona Williams	FW	National Grid (Proposer)
Phil Ashton	PA	National Grid (Proposer Alternate)
Greg Heavens	GH	National Grid (Observer)
Apologies	Initials	Company
Simon Sheridan	SS	National Grid (NGESO)
Nicola Bruce	NBR	National Grid (NGESO)
Neil Sandison	NS	Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc (SHET)

### 1. Introductions and Apologies for Absence

4642. Apologies were received from Simon Sheridan, Nicola Bruce and Neil Sandison.

### 2. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

4643. The Panel approved the minutes from the previous meeting. The Panel Secretary will arrange publication of the minutes.

**ACTION**

### 3. Review of Actions

4644. The Panel reviewed the open actions from the meeting held on 29 August 2018 which can be found on the Actions Log. The first open action was for RW to publish the approved STC Panel minutes and actions, this action was complete and closed.

4645. The next open action was in relation to STCP11-4. MD advised the Panel that the Network Access Policy Workgroup met in September to finalise the STCP, MD confirmed this was after Panel Papers submission date and therefore will be submitted for the October Panel. MD advised he will send the final documents to RW who will then circulate to the Panel two weeks ahead of the next meeting.

**ACTION**

### 4. Potential Future Modifications

#### 4646. **Modification Tracker**

RWI provided an update on the progression of future STC/STCP Modifications, these updates are detailed on the Modification tracker.

RWO added that CUSC Modifications CMP288 'Explicit charging arrangements for customer delays and backfeeds' and CMP289 'Consequential change to support the introduction of explicit charging arrangements for customer delays and backfeeds via CMP288' need to be included on the Modification tracker due to the impact these Modifications could have on the STC.

**ACTION**

CB advised under agenda item 19 she will be providing the Panel with an update on the Customer Journey work that the Code Administrator is leading on and will look to further discuss improvements which will be made with the horizon scanning.

### 5. New STC/STCP Modification Proposals

#### 4647. **PM0107- STCP27-01: System Performance Monitoring**

CB advised the Panel that further comments from Panel members have been received therefore the vote on the STCP will be postponed until the Proposer and Panel Members have discussed comments and the STCP has been finalised. It was agreed by the Panel that the final version of STCP27-01 should be submitted two weeks prior to the STC Panel to ensure sufficient time for review.

FW delivered a presentation on STCP27-01. FW advised the Panel that in December 2017 this Modification proposal was presented and a Workgroup was formed. FW confirmed the Workgroup consisted of representation from all the Transmission Owner's and a one Offshore Transmission Owner. FW stated that the draft STCP was finished in June and has since been with National Grid's legal team for review.

FW noted that the comments received show nothing contentious however as Proposer she will review and liaise with those Panel members who have provided their comments. NB explained that one of his comments was in relation to the deadline for the STCP and questioned if this should be for the end of RIIO T2, FW advised this will be looked at further.

CB suggested the Proposer set up a meeting to review the comments received from the Panel and once finalised bring to the October Panel meeting. FW confirmed she will liaise with the Panel members and re-submit the STCP the following month.

CB advised the Panel that going forward, should Panel members have any further comments or objections on a STCP that these are highlighted early on. The Panel agreed with this approach going forward.

## **ACTION**

### **6. Evaluation Phase/ Workgroup Updates**

4648. There were no evaluation phase/ Workgroup updates.

### **7. Evaluation Phase Reports**

4649. There were no evaluation phase updates.

### **8. Initial Modification Reports**

4650. There were no initial Modification reports.

### **9. Proposed Modification Reports**

4651. There were no proposed Modification reports.

### **10. Modification Reports**

4652. There were no Modification reports.

### **11. Pending Authority Decisions**

4653. There were no pending Authority decisions.

### **12. Authority Decisions**

4654. There were no Authority decisions.

### **13. Implementation**

4655. There were no implementations in September.

### **14. Europe**

4656. **Joint European Stakeholder Forum**

RW advised the Panel the JESG meeting was held on 11 September at the ELEXON offices. RW stated that updates were provided from National Grid on Channel and IU capacity calculation methodologies, Emergency and Restoration, SOGL, Connection Codes and EBGL.

Updates were also provided by the Joint European Stakeholder committee on Market stakeholder committee and Grid Connection stakeholder committee. BEIS also provided an update on Brexit.

The next JESG meeting will be held on 9 October 2018.

#### **4657. European Networks Code Impacts**

RWI advised the Panel that two Grid Code Modifications had been approved by Ofgem. These Modifications are GC0097 'Grid Code processes supporting TERRE' and GC0104 'EU Connection Codes GB Implementation – Demand Connection Code', which have been implemented into the Grid Code.

RWI confirmed that under the BSC Modification P344 'Project TERRE implementation into GB market arrangements' has been implemented and P345 'Reducing the CAP change notice period and improving its flexibility' has been withdrawn.

#### **4658. TSO Issues**

The Panel had no TSO issues to raise.

### **15. Impact of other Code Modifications**

#### **4659. Code Summary Document**

RWI advised the Panel that SSE have raised Grid Code Modification GC0117 'Improving transparency and consistency of access arrangements across GB by the creation of a pan – GB commonality of PGM requirements', this Modification seeks to review the small, medium and large thresholds. RWI noted he has previously raised this Modification to the STC Panel however as the first Workgroup is being held on 11 October 2018 he wanted to flag again in case Panel members wanted to participant in the Workgroup. RWI advised if Panel members wish to get involved in this Workgroup they should contact the Code Administrator for further information.

CB advised the Panel, should Workgroup members not be able to attend the meeting a podcast will also be produced after the meeting.

4660. RF advised the Panel that a letter on the extended competition in transmission was published on 14 September 2018 with a closing date of the 22 October 2018. RF is to circulate the link to the Panel Secretary so this can be provided to the Panel.

**ACTION**

### **16. Reports from Sub- Committees**

#### **4661. JPC (Joint Planning Committee)**

RW advised the Panel that the Joint Planning Committee (JPC) meetings are held on a quarterly basis with the next meeting due to be held in October. RW noted the JPC terms of

reference are currently being reviewed and this will be shared with the Panel at the next meeting.

CB asked the Panel if they had any views on how they would like the updates from the Sub Committees to be reported back. The Panel agreed that the updates should remain as verbal updates.

#### 4662. **NAP (Network Access Policy Workgroup)**

MD confirmed that National Grid TO now has a seat at the Network Access Policy Workgroup. MD noted there will also be a Network Access Policy Workgroup meeting at the end of RIOT1. MD advised the Network Access Policy Workgroup are currently looking to implement a trial where a connected party can buy a service from a transmission owner. MD confirmed SPT are currently running a trial with a connected generator and using existing processes identified in STCP16-1. MD continued by explaining that the generator involved will be impacted in 2020 by an outage in the system which will last for five months, therefore a temporary former connection will be provided.

MD advised that the change to the design and delivery will be funded by the generator, MD confirmed the TO is not financially impacted as they are regulated to provide the cheapest design for consumer impact. MD confirmed SHET have also identified an ability to carry out this type of change on the network and the long-term aim is to have this as an endearing process between the TO and the connected party with the ESO (Electricity System Operator overseeing the process).

#### 4663. **TCRG (Transmission Charging Review Group)**

RWO advised the Panel that the Transmission Charging Review Group met on 20 September 2018. RWO confirmed that the purpose of this meeting was to confirm the Terms of Reference which had previously been approved by the STC Panel and to discuss the scope and frequency of the meetings.

RWO advised the Panel that the group discussed the technical charging review and potential future modifications. RWO stated that the next meeting will be held in October, however going forward the meetings will be held on a quarterly basis.

## 17. Any other Business

#### 4664. **CACoP and Customer Journey Update**

CB advised the Panel that the National Grid Code Administrator has been working with an external consultant (Engie) and customers on a 'Changemy Code Journey plan'. CB noted that the external company meet with different customers and pulled together data from different sources such as key frustrations, the CACoP survey results and improvements that's customers believe the Code Administrator can make.

CB confirmed that one of the key concepts from the customer journey work for the STC Panel is around accessible events. CB explained this includes the Code Administrator facilitating meetings in different locations dependent on where the majority of stakeholders are located which could result in more face to face meetings.

CB suggested to the Panel with this feedback in mind and with legal separation due to be implemented on 1 April 2019 would it be an opportunity for the Panel to come together for a face to face meeting. CB advised this meeting would be suitable for the majority of the

Panel if we held this in Scotland. MD confirmed SPT can facilitate a meeting for the Panel in the offices in Glasgow, the only requirement being there is sufficient notice. CB thanked MD for the offer and advised she would be in touch to confirm.

CB continued by discussing the horizon scanning, she advised this is a longer strategic piece of work for the Code Administrator to work on. CB confirmed she will circulate further comments received on the customer journey to Panel members.

CB also advised the Panel that Ofgem ran the Code Administrators survey which National Grid was involved in, however updates from this survey will be provided next month once the results have been published by Ofgem.

#### 4665. Codes Summary Document

RW asked Panel members to confirm how useful they found the Codes Summary document, NB advised he found this useful as all information on the other codes is in one place. RW advised that the other Panels produce a headline report after each Panel and a progress report and Modification register which is the same information. RW confirmed going forward a headline report will be produced following each STC Panel and to replace to Codes Summary document RW will provide links to the Progress Reports for each of the Codes for Panel members to source the information if they require this.

### 18. Date of next meeting

4666. The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 31 October 2018.**