

STC Modification Panel Minutes: Monday 1 April 2019

STC Modification Panel Minutes: Meeting Number 167

Date: 01/04/2019	Location: L1-7, Faraday House, Warwick and WebEx
Start: 10:00am	End: 12:00pm

Participants

Attendee	Initials	Company
Chrissie Brown	CB	Chair, Code Administrator, National Grid Electricity System Operator
Lurrentia Walker	LW	Technical Secretary, Code Administrator, National Grid Electricity System Operator
Rob Wilson	RW	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)
Nicola Bruce	NBR	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)
Neil Bennett	NB	Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc. (SHET)
Neil Sandison	NS	Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc (SHET)
Milorad Dobrijevic	MD	Scottish Power Transmission plc. (SPT)
Mike Lee	ML	Transmission Capital (TC)
David Lyon	DL	Blue Transmission (BT)
Roberta Fernie	RF	Ofgem
Richard Woodward	RWO	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Rachel Woodbridge-Stocks	RWS	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO) (Observer)

Tony Johnson	TJ	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO) (Proposer)
Sarah York	SY	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO) (Presenter)
Apologies	Initials	Company
Gareth Hislop	GH	Scottish Power Transmission plc. (SPT)

1. Introductions and Apologies for Absence

4750. Apologies were received from Gareth Hislop.

2. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

4751. The Panel approved the minutes from the meeting held on 27 February 2019. The Panel Secretary will arrange publication of the minutes.

ACTION

3. Review of Actions

4752. The Panel reviewed the open actions from the meeting held on 27 February 2019 which can be found on the Actions Log.

4. Potential Future Modifications

4753. Modification Tracker

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

RF asked for an update on the Brexit modification. CB confirmed that as a result of the extension of Article 50 that the modification was not to be tabled at the meeting. She suggested that a placeholder be added to the Panel's calendar for a meeting on the 15 April 2019 as the next date following the new Brexit date (12 April 2019). The Panel were content with this proposed course of action.

4754. Horizon Scanning

CB advised the Panel that there was no further update on the Horizon Scan. She stated that there had been some feedback provided at the CUSC and Grid Code Panel meetings that the Code Administrator is looking to incorporate so this is work in process.

5. New STC/STCP Modification Proposals

4755. CM070' Consequential STC Updates following implementation of RfG and HVDC into the GB Grid Code'

TJ from National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO) delivered a presentation on a CM070.

The STC Panel unanimously approved that the CM070 should be progressed using the Self-Governance modification route. The next steps following Panel approval are for the Code Administrator to issue the Industry Consultation for 20 working days.

4756. PM0109' STCP27-01 System Performance Monitoring- National Grid Legal Separation changes'

RWS from National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO) advised the Panel that this STCP modification seeks to modify STCP27-01 to reflect the creation of a new National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO) that is legally separated from National Grid Electricity Transmission Limited. References to NGET have been replaced by NGESO.

Section B 7.3 states amendments for a STCP need approval from the STC Modification Panel. The STC Panel is asked to consider if this modification would better facilitate the STC Applicable Objectives. The Panel agreed unanimously that PM0109 better facilitates the STC Applicable Objectives.

The Panel Secretary will circulate the STCP sign off sheet for Panel to sign, CB reminded Panel members that this STCP will be implemented on 1 April 2019 and requested that Panel members sign and return the STCP as soon as practical.

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4757. STCP 18 Series

NB advised the Panel that he has some final amendments to make to the STCP's following Panel feedback. NB confirmed that this modification will be formally raised for a Panel decision next month.

4758. PM0110 'Consequential STCP updates following implementation of RFG and HDVC into the GB Grid Code'

TJ advised the Panel that this STCP modification seeks to modify the relevant STCP's to ensure consistency with the STC and GB Grid Code following implementation of the European Connection Network Codes (RFG, HDVC and DCC).

TJ stated that the STCP's to be amended have been identified and ready to amend, however STCP19-3 is still outstanding. TJ explained that the compliance and monitoring statement with Section A1 of STCP19-3 is no longer fit for purpose, therefore TJ is proposing to remove the table out of the STCP and upload as a separate document onto the ESO website within the STCP documents.

CB advised that both PM0110 is proposing changes to STCP18-1 which is also being raised by NB. CB confirmed that the changes are unable to be consolidated as one STCP change due to the defect the modifications are changing, therefore one needs to be implemented before the other.

It was confirmed that NB's changed to STCP18 series will be raised and implemented first and PM0110 will be raised and implemented in line with CM070.

4759. CM073 ‘Critical Friend review period for submission of new modifications’

CB advised the Panel that this modification has been drafted as a result of the customer journey work. CB stated that the defect was that modifications can be submitted on Panel papers day which doesn’t leave enough time for the Code Administrator to review the proposal as the critical friend before they are sent to Panels.

CB confirmed this isn’t as much of a defect on the STC Panel however the Code Administrator would like to ensure they are consistent on how they administer codes. CB stated that this modification has also been raised on both the CUSC and Grid Code and will proceed as a Self-Governance modifications being issued directly to Code Administrator Consultation.

CB advised that the modification has been raised as a draft to the STC Panel due to the legal text which needs further work. RWO confirmed he is supportive of the modification, however questioned if it was needed due to the behaviour of the STC Panel. CB confirmed the reason is to ensure all codes are aligned with the papers day process.

CB confirmed this modification will be raised at the next Panel meeting once the legal text has been finalised. The STC Panel had no further comments.

6. STC Procedures

4760. No further updates.

7. Europe

4761. Joint European Stakeholder Group

CB advised the Panel that the updates from the JESG meeting will be circulated via email.

4762. European Network Codes Impacts

RW advised there are no further updates.

4763. TSO Issues

The Panel had no TSO issues to raise.

8. Impact of other Code Modifications

4764. Progress Reports

The STC Panel had no further comments on the Progress Reports for CUSC, Grid Code or SQSS.

RWO advised the Panel that CUSC Modification CMP306’ Align annual connection charge rate of return at CUSC 14.3.21 to price control cost of capital’ workgroup report is due to be published. RWO stated this Modification could result in a possible consequential change to the STC. CB advised the progression of this Modification will be updated on the Modification tracker.

ACTION

9. Reports from Sub- Committees

4765. **JPC (Joint Planning Committee)**

NBR advised the Panel that the next JPC meeting has been scheduled for 2 May 2019. NBR confirmed an update will be circulated following this meeting.

4766. **NAP (Network Access Policy Workgroup)**

MD confirmed the last NAP meeting was held on 13 March 2019. MD advised that National Grid Electricity Transmission Owner (NGETO) is now a full member of the NAP working group.

MD stated that the TO's are reviewing the NAP's to see if the meetings can be aligned so that ahead of RIIO T2 there is a single UK NAP meeting. MD confirmed that the workgroup is currently reviewing lessons learnt and improvements from RIIO T1 so that they can implement these changes ahead of RIIO T2.

10. Any other Business

4767. **Energy Code Review**

SY from National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO) advised the Panel that the Electricity System Operator (ESO) will be publishing a thought piece at the end of April which links to the Energy Code Review. SY stated that the thought piece is in line with the terms of reference.

SY advised that it has been established that Code content is a blocker and can be more complex for smaller participants to understand the process. The thought piece is looking to demonstrate how content can be simplified and rationalised. SY stated that the thought piece concludes with how can changing the code content be achieved on a wider scale.

The Panel questioned if the thought piece would be published online. SY confirmed this will be published on the ESO website. LW will circulate the link to the thought piece when this has been published.

ACTION

4768. ML raised a question in relation to a TO/TO interface agreement as a result of National Grid legal separation. RW confirmed he would pick this up offline with ML.

11. Date of next meeting

4769. The date of the next meeting will be confirmed via email to the Panel members. CB advised that Panel that a special STC Panel might be needed on 15 April 2019, however this will be confirmed accordingly.