

STC Modification Panel Minutes: 29 May 2019

STC Modification Panel Minutes: Meeting Number 169

Date: 29/05/2019 **Location:** L1-8, 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
Tony Johnson	TJ	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO) (Alternate)
Keith Jones	KJ	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO) (Alternate)
Neil Bennett	NB	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)
Liam King	LK	Ofgem
Richard Woodward	RWO	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Apologies	Initials	Company
Gareth Hislop	GH	Scottish Power Transmission plc. (SPT)
Nicola Bruce	NBR	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)

Rob Wilson	RW	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)
Roberta Fernie	RF	Ofgem
Neil Sandison	NS	Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc. (SHET)
Adam Brown	AB	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)

1. Introductions and Apologies for Absence

4794. Apologies were received from Nicola Bruce, Rob Wilson, Roberta Fernie, Neil Sandison and Adam Brown.

2. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

4795. The Panel approved the minutes from the meeting held on 30 April 2019 subject to some minor housekeeping amendments. The Panel Secretary will arrange publication of the minutes.

ACTION

3. Review of Actions

4796. The Panel reviewed the open actions from the meeting held on 30 April 2019 which can be found on the Actions Log.

4. Potential Future Modifications

4797. **Modification Tracker and Horizon Scanning**

RWO requested that CUSC Modification CMP315 ‘TNUoS: Review of the expansion constant and the elements of the transmission system charged for’ be added onto the Modification Tracker as this could be of interest to the Panel. CB advised an email with further information about this Modification will be circulated to the Panel.

<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/codes/connection-and-use-system-code-cusc/modifications/cmp315-tnuos-review-expansion-constant-and>

ACTION

4798. CB advised the Panel that there was no further update on the Horizon Scan.

5. STC/STCP Modification Proposals

4799. CM070 ‘Consequential STC updates post RFG and HDVC implementation’

This modification seeks to modify the STC to ensure consistency with the GB Grid Code following implementation of the European Connection Network Codes (RfG, HVDC and DCC).

At the Panel meeting held 1 April 2019, the STC Panel unanimously agreed that CM070 meets the self-governance criteria and as such the Panel will make the decision.

CM070 was issued to Industry Consultation for 20 working days. No responses were received to this consultation.

The STC Panel unanimously approved the Draft Self- Governance Report and in line with the timetable, the Code Administrator will issue the Final Self-Governance Report out to Industry for the standard Appeals window of 15 working days on 7 June 2019 (close date 28 June 2019).

Pending no appeals being received, CM070 will be implemented into the STC on 15 July 2019.

4800. CM073: Critical Friend review period for submission of new Modifications'

This modification seeks to codify a requirement for new modifications to be submitted to the National Grid ESO Code Administrator for a period of five working days ahead of when the modification is to be submitted to the STC Panel. This period will allow the Code Administrator to deliver a better service and in turn allow all network users to better understand code modifications.

At the Panel meeting held 1 April 2019, the STC Panel unanimously agreed that CM073 meets the self-governance criteria and as such the Panel will make the decision. CM073 was issued to Industry Consultation for 10 working days. One response was received to the consultation which supported CM073.

RWO questioned, if the Grid Code Panel and the CUSC Panel vote differently on GC0124 'Critical Friend review period for submission of new modification' and CMP313 'Critical Friend review period for submission of new modification' how will this impact the STC Modification and the legal text. CB advised that CM073 is a Self-Governance modification, therefore there is no scope to amend the legal text. CB confirmed that the Modification would either be approved or rejected. RWO asked if any other Panel members would change their voting position should the Grid Code and CUSC Modifications be rejected. The STC Panel confirmed their voting position would remain the same.

CB stated that she would take an action to advise the STC Panel of the outcome of the Grid Code and CUSC Panel vote on GC0124 'Critical Friend review period for submission of new modification' and CMP313 'Critical Friend review period for submission of new modification'. Further information on these Modifications can be found via the following links:

<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/codes/grid-code/modifications/gc0124-critical-friend-review-period-submission-new-modifications>

<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/codes/connection-and-use-system-code-cusc/modifications/cmp313-critical-friend-review-period>

ACTION

The STC Panel unanimously approved the Draft Self- Governance Report and in line with the timetable, the Code Administrator will issue the Final Self-Governance Report out to Industry for the standard Appeals window of 15 working days on 7 June 2019 (close date 28 June 2019)

Pending no appeals being received, CM073 will be implemented into the STC on 15 July 2019.

4801. PM0112: 'STCP Modifications as a result of CM070 'Consequential STC updates post RFG and HDVC implementation'

This proposal 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, HVDC and DCC).

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 PM0112 better facilitates the STC Applicable Objectives and will therefore be implemented on 15 July 2019 in line with CM070 'Consequential STC updates post RFG and HDVC implementation'.

6. Evaluation Phase/ Workgroup Reports

4802. LW advised the Panel that the CM063 'Modify the definition of Force Majeure' industry consultation was published on 24 May 2019 for 15 working days.

7. Europe

4803. **Joint European Stakeholder Group**

CB advised the Panel that the updates from the JESG meeting have been circulated via email.

4804. **European Network Codes Impacts**

TJ advised the Panel that Grid Code Modification GC0114 'System Operation Guideline: Prequalification Processes' <https://www.nationalgrideso.com/codes/grid-code/modifications/gc0114-system-operation-guideline-prequalification-processes> has been implemented into the Grid Code.

RWO questioned if GC0123' Clarifying references to NGET and Relevant Transmission Licensees' Workgroup had met quoracy. CB confirmed quoracy has been met and further communications will be sent to the Workgroup in regards the first meeting.

TJ advised the Panel that GC0103' The introduction of harmonised Applicable Electrical Standards in GB to ensure compliance with the EU Connection Codes' has been identified as having an impact on the OFTO's, therefore the Workgroup is seeking OFTO representation on the Workgroup. LW will circulate an email to Panel members with further information on this Modification.

ACTION

TJ also highlighted the Grid Code Modifications which could be of interest to Panel members:

GC0125' EU Code Emergency & Restoration: Black Start testing requirements for Interconnectors' <https://www.nationalgrideso.com/codes/grid-code/modifications/gc0125-eu-code-emergency-restoration-black-start-testing-requirements>

GC0126' Implementing Profiled Stable Import and Export Limits, and reversing unimplemented aspects of GC0068' <https://www.nationalgrideso.com/codes/grid-code/modifications/gc0126-implementing-profiled-stable-import-and-export-limits-and>

GC0127' EU Code Emergency & Restoration: Requirements resulting from System Defence Plan' <https://www.nationalgrideso.com/codes/grid-code/modifications/gc0127-eu-code-emergency-restoration-requirements-resulting-system>

GC0128' EU Code Emergency & Restoration: Requirements resulting from System Restoration Plan' <https://www.nationalgrideso.com/codes/grid-code/modifications/gc0128-eu-code-emergency-restoration-requirements-resulting-system>

LW took an action to circulate further information on these Grid Code Modifications to the STC Panel.

ACTION

4805. **TSO Issues**

The Panel had no TSO issues to raise.

8. Impact of other Code Modifications

4806. **Progress Reports**

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

4807. **Significant Code Review**

LK advised that Ofgem have published a letter updating industry colleagues on timing and next steps on Future Charging and Access reforms. Further information can be found via the following link: <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/update-timing-and-next-steps-future-charging-and-access-reforms>.

Reports from Sub- Committees

4808. **JPC (Joint Planning Committee)**

CB advised that the JPC updated with circulated in advance of the Panel. The next JPC meeting will be held on 24 July 2019.

4809. **NAP (Network Access Policy Workgroup)**

No further update for the Panel. The next NAP meeting will be held on 19 June 2019.

TCRG (Transmission Charging Review Group)

4810. RWO advised the Panel that the next TCRG meeting has been scheduled for 22 August 2019 at Faraday House, Warwick.

9. Any other Business

4811. ML advised the Panel that there is an error with STCP09-1'Safety Co-ordination between Parties' and this could be a result of National Grid legal separation changes. LW took an action to review the implemented versions of STCP09-1 and report back to ML and the Panel.

ACTION

4812. NB requested that the minutes from the JPC meeting be uploaded onto the National Grid ESO website. LW took an action to liaise with NBR to get the minutes for the meeting.

ACTION

10. Date of next meeting

4813. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 26 June 2019.