

STC Modification Panel Minutes: 31 July 2019

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Date: 31/07/2019	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
Lurentia Walker	LW	Technical Secretary, Code Administrator, National Grid Electricity System Operator
Rob Wilson	RW	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)
Keith Jones	KJ	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO) (Alternate)
Alan Inman	AI	Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc. (SHET) (Alternate)
Milorad Dobrijevic	MD	Scottish Power Transmission plc. (SPT)
Mike Lee	ML	Transmission Capital (TC)
David Lyon	DL	Blue Transmission (BT)
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)
Roberta Fernie	RF	Ofgem

Neil Sandison	NS	Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc. (SHET)
Neil Bennett	NB	Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc. (SHET)
Adam Brown	AB	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)

1. Introductions and Apologies for Absence

4829. Apologies were received from Gareth Hislop, Nicola Bruce, Roberta Fernie, Neil Bennett, Neil Sandison and Adam Brown.

2. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

4830. The Panel approved the minutes from the meeting held on 26 June 2019 subject to an amendment to minute 4825. The Panel Secretary will arrange publication of the minutes.

ACTION

3. Review of Actions

4831. The Panel reviewed the open actions from the meeting held on 26 June 2019 which can be found on the Actions Log.

4. STC/STCP Modification Proposals

4832. **STCP19-4 ‘Commissioning and De-Commissioning’**

KJ advised the Panel that National Grid ESO is looking at raising a STCP Modification to amend STCP19-4 ‘Commissioning and De-Commissioning’ (<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/codes/system-operator-transmission-owner-code?code-documents>). KJ stated that the ESO are reviewing this STCP due to the lack of clarity in relation to protection testing. KJ confirmed that this is still under review internally and advised Panel that a draft would be submitted before the STCP is formally raised.

5. Potential Future Modifications

Modification Tracker and Horizon Scan

4833. CB advised the Panel that CM063 ‘Modify the definition of Force Majeure’ has been submitted to the Authority for a decision.

4834. CB confirmed that CM070 ‘Consequential STC updates following implementation of RfG and HVDC into the GB Grid Code’ and PM0112 ‘Consequential STCP updates following implementation of RfG and HDVC into the GB Grid Code’ were implemented on 1 August 2019.

4835. CB stated that CM072 'STC changes in the event the UK leave the EU without an agreement' is currently on hold until 31 October 2019. CB advised the Panel they will need to re-vote on 1 November 2019 and therefore suggested moving the Panel to this date. Panel agreed to move the date and the Technical Secretary took an action to amend the calendar and re-send meeting invites.

ACTION

6. Europe

4836. **Joint European Stakeholder Group**

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

4837. **European Network Codes Impacts**

RW advised the Panel that a number Grid Code Modifications have proceeded to Code Administrator Consultation. RW stated that 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> will be presented to the Grid Code Panel on 29 August 2019 for the Panel to approve the Modification to proceed to Code Administrator Consultation.

4838. RW stated that National Grid ESO is looking to raise Modifications in regards to EGBL Article 18 compliance. RW confirmed that these new Modifications are being reviewed internally.

4839. **TSO Issues**

The Panel had no TSO issues to raise.

7. Impact of other Code Modifications

4840. **Progress Reports**

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

4841. **Significant Code Review**

RF advised the Panel that Ofgem published updates on timing and next steps on future charging and access reforms and further their consultation on reforming the energy industry. Further information can be found via the following links:

<https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/update-timing-and-next-steps-future-charging-and-access-reforms>

<https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/consultation-reforming-energy-industry-codes>

Reports from Sub- Committees

4842. **JPC (Joint Planning Committee)**

The minutes from the JPC meeting held on 24 July 2019 will be circulated via email to the Panel.

4843. NAP (Network Access Policy Workgroup)

No updates

TCRG (Transmission Charging Review Group)

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

8. Any other Business

4844. The Panel discussed holding a face to face meeting in Glasgow on 26 November 2019, the Panel secretary took an action to liaise with MD and confirm if this could be held in Glasgow.

ACTION

4845. LW provided the Panel with an update on STCP09-1 'Safety Co-ordination between' Parties'. LW explained that the incorrect baseline had been used for the implementation of legal separation. LW confirmed the documents have been merged and will circulate to the Panel and upload to the website. The STC Panel confirmed they were happy with this approach.

9. Date of next meeting

4846. The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday 28 August 2019, however Panel confirmed they are happy for this meeting to be cancelled due to no agenda items or new Modifications. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 25 September 2019.