

STC Modification Panel Minutes: 25 March 2020

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Date: 25/03/2020	Location: 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)
Matt Baller	MB	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)
Keith Jones	KJ	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO) (Alternative)
Richard Woodward	RWO	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Neil Bennett	NB	Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc. (SHET)
Deborah MacPherson	DM	Scottish Power Transmission plc. (SPT)
Mike Lee	ML	Transmission Capital (TC)
David Lyon	DL	Offshore Transmission Owner (OFTO)
Jonathan Coe	JC	Ofgem
Apologies	Initials	Company
Nicola Bruce	NBR	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)

Adam Brown	AB	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Milorad Dobrijevic	MD	Scottish Power Transmission plc. (SPT)
Neil Sandison	NS	Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc (SHET)

1. Introductions and Apologies for Absence

4952. Apologies were received from Nicola Bruce, Adam Brown, Milorad Dobrijevic and Neil Sandison. CB introduced the Panel meeting by citing the STC Governance rules (Section B - <https://www.nationalgrideso.com/document/40766/download>) around quoracy. CB requested that Panel members advise if they are unable to attend the next Panel meeting and the Code Administrator will look to re-arrange to ensure we are quorate.

2. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

4953. The Panel approved the minutes from the meeting held on 29 January 2020, subject to one amendment. The Panel Secretary will arrange publication of the minutes. **ACTION**

3. Review of Actions

4954. The Panel reviewed the open actions from the meeting held on 29 January 2020 which can be found on the Actions Log.

4. STC/STCP Modification Proposals

4955. There were no STC/STCP Modification Proposal presented at the March Panel.

5. Authority Decisions

4956. There were no Authority decisions, however JC advised the Panel that Ofgem are holding a two-week moratorium from publishing decisions. This can be found via the following link:

6. Potential Future Modifications

Modification Tracker and Horizon Scan

4957. The Panel reviewed the STC Modification Tracker. The amendments to this tracker can be found via the following link:

<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/codes/system-operator-transmission-owner-code/meetings/stc-panel-meeting-25-March -2020>

4958. CB advised the Panel that the Proposer of CM063 'Modify the definition of Force Majeure' had been in contact following the rejection of the Modification. CB noted that the Proposer is seeking to raise another Modification based on feedback received from Ofgem. CB confirmed that in line with the governance rules, the proposer can raise another modification.

4959. RWI questioned how this Modification proposal would differ from the original. CB confirmed that the Proposer will be submitting a draft proposal by the end of March to enable to Code Administrator time to carry out their critical friend checks on this.

PM0113 'Update STCP14-1 'Data Exchange of charge setting' to reflect CUSC Modification CMP306 'Align annual connection charge rate of return at CUSC 14.3.21 to price control cost of capital'

4960. NB advised the Panel that a follow up meeting is to be held with Ofgem to ensure that the Transmission Owners (TO's) are comfortable with the changes. RWO confirmed this was discussed at the Transmission Charging Review Group (TCRG) meeting on 24 March 2020 and that a conversation between NGET and NGESO needs to be held to discuss next steps. MB took an action to liaise with the proposer of PM0113 to ensure NGET and NGESO are aligned and feedback to the Panel. **ACTION**

4961. The Code Administrator took an action to highlight the CUSC and Grid Code Modifications that are progressing to make it clearer on timeframes for when the consequential Modifications are required. **ACTION**

EU Impacts

4962. RW advised that there were no further updates for the Panel.

TCR/SCR Updates

4963. JC stated that Ofgem are reviewing work plans for 2020 in light of the Covid-19 situation. JC advised that as Ofgem are holding a two-week moratorium, the only documents that will be published are those that have a legal requirement.

4964. JC advised that the Access and Forward-looking charges workstream have published an open letter, this can be found via the following link: <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/ofgem-s-work-programme>. JC stated that Ofgem are seeking comments on this by 6 April 2020.

4965. JC confirmed that Ofgem are still operating as business as usual, however advised if there are any further updates then the Panel would be notified.

7. Reports from Sub- Committees

Joint Planning Committee – JPC

4966. The JPC meeting was held on 30 January 2020. An update from this meeting will be circulated to the Panel. **ACTION**

Network Access Policy Workgroup – NAP

4967. DM provided an update on the NAP. DM stated that the meeting was held on 18 March 2020 and the focus was on the delivery of one single NAP and stakeholder engagement. DM confirmed that the key deliverables for the NAP are progressing as planned.

Transmission Charging Review Group - TCRG

4968. RWO stated that TCRG meeting was held on 24 March 2020. RWO advised that the TCRG are reviewing application fees, data exchange and how the data exchange options can be simplified. RWO confirmed that the next meeting will be held in May, however a date is to be confirmed.

8. Any other Business

Face to Face Panel meeting

4969. CB advised the Panel that a potential date for the next face to face Panel meeting is 9 June 2020. The Code Administrator will circulate an invite to the Panel for confirmation of availability. **ACTION**

Force Majeure

4970. RWO advised the Panel that this agenda item has been raised for the Panel to think about Force Majeure in light of the Covid-19 pandemic. . RWO advised the Panel that data exchange, commercial obligations and securities are the key things that need to be considered. RWO wanted to ensure that things are still being done right with the current circumstances, to highlight where processes can't be maintained and to think around prioritisation of work RWO advised this question would be fed back to the ESO and aims to provide an update at the next Panel.

4971. JC stated that Ofgem's view is that work continues as normal, however if Panel had further regulatory enquires, they should contact the below email address.

Covid-19@ofgem.gov.uk

Date of next meeting

4972. The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 29 April 2020.**