

STC Modification Panel Minutes: 29 April 2020

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Date: 29/04/2020	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
Jennifer Groome	JG	Code Administrator, National Grid Electricity System Operator (Observer)
Rob Wilson	RW	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)
Matt Baller	MB	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)
Nicola Bruce	NBR	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)
Richard Woodward	RWO	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Neil Bennett	NB	Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc. (SHET)
Alan Inman	AI	Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc (SHET) (Alternate)
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

Keith Jones	KJ	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO) (Alternate)
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

4973. Apologies were received from Nicola Bruce, Adam Brown, Milorad Dobrijevic and Neil Sandison. CB advised the Panel that JG from the Code Administrator team would be taking over as the STC Panel Chair.

2. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

4974. The Panel approved the minutes from the meeting held on 25 March 2020, subject to amendments from JC and RWO. The Panel Secretary will arrange publication of the minutes. **ACTION**

3. Review of Actions

4975. The Panel reviewed the open actions from the meeting held on 25 March 2020 which can be found on the Actions Log.

4. STC/STCP Modification Proposals

4976. There were no STC/STCP Modification Proposal presented at the April Panel.

5. Authority Decisions

4977. There we no Authority decisions.

6. Potential Future Modifications

Modification Tracker and Horizon Scan

4978. The Panel reviewed the STC Modification Tracker. The amendments to this tracker can be found via the following link:

<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/industry-information/codes/system-operator-transmission-owner-code-stc-old/meetings/stc-panel>

4979. RWO asked JC if Ofgem had any further update on Extending Competition in Transmission (ECIT). JC took an action to get a further update from colleagues and provide an update at the next Panel. **ACTION**

European Network Code impacts

4980. RW advised that there were no further updates for the Panel.

Emergency & Restoration Code implementation - letter to Ofgem

4981. RW advised the Panel that there are a few things ongoing on the implementation of the E&R code. RW advised that NGESO submitted a letter to Ofgem, which seeks to cover a period in which unavoidably means that not all of the GB code changes are in place, therefore other actions are in place to ensure compliance.
4982. RW stated that the modifications which will implement these changes are [GC0132](#) 'Updating the Grid Code governance process to ensure we capture EBGL change process for Article 18 Terms and Conditions (T&Cs)' and [CMP323](#) 'Updating the CUSC governance process to ensure we capture the EBGL change process for Article 18 Terms and Conditions (T&Cs)'. RW confirmed the implementation of these modifications will require a consequential change to [STCP06-1](#) 'Black Start'. CB took an action to add this to the modification tracker. **ACTION**

Significant Code Review (SCR)

4983. JC stated that the SCR team have met with industry to make revisions to delivery timescales. JC noted that this gave industry the ability to engage and work to develop the impact of the proposals. JC advised that Ofgem will be publishing a minded to decision in late Autumn 2020.

Transmission Charging Review

4984. JC advised that on 25 March 2020, NGESO wrote to Ofgem asking for consent to withdraw CUSC modification [CMP332 'Transmission Demand Residual bandings and allocation \(TCR\)'](#) with a view to delay the implementation date of the modification until April 2022. JC confirmed all other TDR modifications will continue as directed.

TSO Issues

4985. The Panel had no TSO issues.

Force Majeure

4986. The Panel concluded that there are no immediate Force Majeure issues for the STC, however agreed to have this as a standing agenda item for the next Panel.

7. Reports from Sub- Committees

Joint Planning Committee – JPC

4987. The JPC meeting was held on 28 April 2020. An update from this meeting will be circulated to the Panel. **ACTION**

Network Access Policy Workgroup – NAP

4988. AI provided an update on the NAP. AI stated that the Workgroup are continuing to deliver a single NAP for the start of RIIO-T2. AI advised that the date for the NAP submission plans has been brought forward to May, however Ofgem are content on the draft plans.

Transmission Charging Review Group - TCRG

4989. RWO stated that the next TCRG meeting will be held in June - a date is to be confirmed.

8. Forward Plan Update

New Code Administrator Website Update

4990. RP from the Code Administrator team provided the Panel with a demonstration of the new Code Administrator website. RP stated feedback from industry on the website has been taken on board and Code Administrator have been working with an external company to deliver a better website for industry.

4991. RP advised the Panel to get in contact if they had any further feedback or questions on the new website.

Proposal Summary document

4992. NA from the Governance Team provided the Panel with an overview of the Proposal Summary document. NA advised that the Proposal Summary document was a commitment in the ESO's forward plan. The purpose of the document is to accompany all new modifications raised, to help industry understand the purpose of the modification and assess whether they need to be involved. NA noted that the document is not written in the view of the proposer, but in the view of the Code Administrator team.

4993. RWO noted that, as important as it is to be consistent across the codes, it is also important not to change the things that currently work well for the STC. NA advised that this would be feedback to the Code Administrator team.

ESO Performance – Ofgem call for evidence

4994. CB advised the Panel that [Ofgem's Call for Evidence on ESO](#) performance over the 2019-20 regulatory period is open. The Code Administrator Performance is also covered by this and feedback is welcomed. Further details can be found using the following [link](#):

4995. CB noted that key highlights for the ESO Code Administrator are:

- Relaunch of Code Administrator website
- Redevelopment of consultation documents
- Introduction of proposal summaries and executive summaries

9. Any other Business

Goodbye and thank-you

4996. CB advised the Panel that she has secured a new role in the Offshore Coordination Team and therefore will be handing over the role of STC Panel Chair to JG. The STC Panel thanked CB for all her work and support as Panel Chair and wished her the best of luck for her new role.

Date of next meeting

4997. The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 27 May 2020**.

