STC Modification Panel Minutes: 27 May 2020

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Date:	27/05/2020	Location:	WebEx
Start:	10:00am	End:	12:00pm

Participants

Attendee	Initials	Company
Jennifer Groome	JG	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)
Matt Baller	MB	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)
Richard Woodward	RWO	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Neil Bennett	NB	Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc. (SHET)
Neil Sandison	NS	Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc (SHET)
Deborah MacPherson	DM	Scottish Power Transmission plc. (SPT)
Milorad Dobrijevic	MD	Scottish Power Transmission plc. (SPT)
Mike Lee	ML	Transmission Capital (TC)
David Lyon	DL	Offshore Transmission Owner (OFTO)
Jonathan Coe	JC	Ofgem
John Sinclair	JS	Balfour Beatty (Proposer of CM074)
Apologies	**Initials**	**Company**
Nicola Bruce	NBR	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)

Keith Jones	KJ	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO) (Alternate)
Adam Brown	AB	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)

1. Introductions and Apologies for Absence

4998. Apologies were received from Nicola Bruce, Keith Jones and Adam Brown.

2. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

4999. The Panel approved the minutes from the meeting held on 29 April 2020. The Panel Secretary will arrange publication of the minutes. **ACTION**

3. Review of Actions

5000. The Panel reviewed the open actions from the meeting held on 29 April 2020 which can be found on the Actions Log.

4. STC Modification Proposals

CM074 *'Modify the definition of Force Majeure'*

5001. JS from Balfour Beatty delivered a presentation on CM074. JS explained that the purpose of this modification is to clarify a misunderstanding regarding the extent of Good Industry Practice as applied within the definition of Force Majeure. JS advised the Panel that the proposal addresses the reasons for CM063 *'Modify the definition of Force Majeure (Section J: Interpretation and Definitions)'* being rejected by the Authority.

5002. JS stated that a further reason that the Authority rejected CM063 was due to the fact that the CUSC wasn't aligned to the STC, JS confirmed that he is seeking CUSC alignment for CM074. RWO advised that as a former Workgroup member from the CM063, he had the same concern with the Codes aligning and stated that it is important that the CUSC change runs alongside CM074.

5003. RW stated that it would be preferable if a CUSC Party raised the consequential CUSC change, however noted that there does need to be alignment across the Codes so if no Parties come forward then ESO could raise the consequential change. RW explained to the Panel that due to current workload on the CUSC, it is hard to confirm timescales of when this proposal would be raised.

5004. LW advised the Panel that, as CUSC Panel technical secretary she will advise the CUSC Panel that CM074 has been raised. RWO also suggested that the proposer submit CM074 as an agenda item at the Transmission Charging Methodology Forum (TCMF) to engage with CUSC Parties. LW took an action to circulate the details of TCMF to JS. **ACTION**

5005. Following further discussions, the Panel unanimously recommended that CM074 would follow a standard governance route and be progressed by a joint workgroup with an equivalent CUSC modification. The Terms of Reference were drafted for CM074 and the Code Administrator will ensure that there is alignment with the Terms of Reference agreed for the equivalent CUSC modification, pending this being raised.

5. Authority Decisions

5006. JG advised the Panel that on 21 May 2020, Ofgem approved CUSC modification CMP306 *'Align annual connection charge rate of return at CUSC 14.3.21 to price control cost of capital'*. JG stated that the consequential STCP change will be presented at the next STC Panel.

6. Potential Future Modifications

Modification Tracker and Horizon Scan

5007. 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-0

European Network Code impacts

5008. RW advised that there were no further updates for the Panel.

Significant Code Review (SCR)

5009. JC stated that the SCR team are continuing to work and assess options for change. JC advised that the next milestone for the SCR is the minded to position which Ofgem will publish in Autumn 2020, with implementation on course for April 2023.

Transmission Charging Review

5010. 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

5011. The Panel had no TSO issues.

Force Majeure

5012. RWO stated that NGET are working on a proposal to try and avoid Force Majeure. RWO advised that customers are experiencing with delays in connections and onsite work. NGET are working with the TO's and ESO to get customers to speak about this RWO flagged that if Panel members have any further questions on this to contact him.

7. Reports from Sub- Committees

Joint Planning Committee – JPC

5013. The next JPC will be held on 15 July 2020. **ACTION**

Network Access Policy Workgroup – NAP

5014. MD stated that the next NAP meeting will be held on 10 June 2020. MD explained that the NAP group will be holding final discussions on a single NAP meeting, in place for

RIIOT2. MD confirmed that the final document was submitted to Ofgem on 25 May 2020 which, following this Ofgem will publish for consultation.

5015. MD stated that the TO's have worked hard to get this completed, there has been a lot of engagement to canvas views and comments which have all been included in the final document. MD stated that at the start of July, the TO's will have to complete final outage proposals and send to ESO which will highlight the outage plan for RIIOT2.

5016. MD confirmed he will provide a further update at the June STC Panel meeting following the NAP on 10 June 2020.

Transmission Charging Review Group - TCRG

5017. RWO stated that the next TCRG meeting will be held on 17 June 2020. An update will be provided at the June STC Panel meeting.

8. Forward Plan Update

New Code Administrator Website Update

5018. No further updates. The next update will be provided at the June STC Panel.

9. Any other Business

5019. The Panel had no AOB to discuss.

Date of next meeting

5020. The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 24 June 2020.**