

STC Modification Panel Minutes: 29 July 2020

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Date: 29/07/2020	Location: WebEx
Start: 10:00am	End: 12:00pm

Participants

Attendee	Initials	Company
Jennifer Groome	JG	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) (Alternate)
Keith Jones	KJ	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO) (Alternate)
Richard Woodward	RWO	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Patricia Dunne	PD	Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc. (SHET) (Alternate)
Neil Sandison	NS	Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc (SHET)
Neil Bennett	NB	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)
Jonathan Coe	JC	Ofgem

Matthew Paige-Stimson	MPS	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET) (Agenda Item 5)
Apologies	Initials	Company
Nicola Bruce	NBR	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)
Adam Brown	AB	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
David Lyon	DL	Offshore Transmission Owner (OFTO)

1. Introductions and Apologies for Absence

5044. Apologies were received from Nicola Bruce, Adam Brown and David Lyon.

2. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

5045. The Panel approved the minutes from the meeting held on 24 June 2020. The Panel Secretary will update the minutes and arrange publication of the minutes. **ACTION**

3. Review of Actions

5046. The Panel reviewed the open actions from the meeting held on 24 June 2020 which can be found on the Actions Log.

4. Authority Decisions

5047. JG advised the Panel that there had been no Authority decisions on STC modifications, however, advised the Panel that Ofgem submitted a revised implementation date for CUSC modification CMP306 '*Align annual connection charge rate of return at CUSC 14.3.21 to price control cost of capital*' which has an impact on STCP14-1. JG confirmed that the implementation date is now 1 April 2021, instead of 30 October 2020. The Ofgem revised implementation letter can be found via the following [link](#).

5048. JC advised the Panel that as [CM074](#) '*Modify the definition of Force Majeure*' was raised on the STC, Ofgem expect the consequential CUSC Modification to be raised and submitted to Ofgem at the same time for a decision. It was confirmed that the ESO are working with the Proposer of CM074 to ensure the CUSC Modification is aligned.

5. STC Modification Proposals for discussion

Amendments to STCP13-1 Clause 3.2 - Changes to TO Site Specific Charges

5049. RWO from National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET) provided an overview on a potential change to STCP13-1 '*Invoicing and Payment*'.

5050. RWO explained that this change would amend STCP13-1, clause 13.2 'site specific charge' to decrease the formal notice period needed by the ESO from three months to one month, for the Onshore Transmission Owners to amend their Site-Specific Charges forecast within year. RWI advised that ESO are supportive of this change.

5051. RWO advised the Panel that he would look to formally raise this at the next STC Panel meeting.

STC Modification Proposals for Panel Decision

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'

5052. The STC Panel held their determination vote on [PM0113](#). The Panel unanimously agreed that PM0113 better facilitated the Applicable STC objectives and as such should be implemented by 5 August 2020.

6. Potential Future Modifications

Modification Tracker and Horizon Scan

5053. 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-3>

European Network Code impacts

5054. RW advised that there were no further updates for the Panel.

Significant Code Review (SCR)

5055. JC stated that there was no further update for the Panel.

Transmission Charging Review

5056. JC advised that Ofgem are starting to receive code modifications for Ofgem to evaluate and form a decision on.

Force Majeure

5057. The Panel had no issues to raise.

7. Reports from Sub- Committees

Joint Planning Committee – JPC

5058. There was no update for the Panel. JG took an action to follow up on the JPC summary from the meeting held on 15 July 2020. **ACTION**

Network Access Policy Workgroup – NAP

5059. MD stated that the next NAP Workgroup meeting will be held in September 2020.

Transmission Charging Review Group - TCRG

5060. RWO stated that the next TCRG meeting will be held on 16 September 2020. RWO advised that the work that TCRG are reviewing could impact the STC, and as such future STC/STCP modifications could be raised.

5061. JG opened the Panel discussion on the Terms of Reference for TCRG. It was agreed that this would be looked at offline by RWO and any changes would be presented at the September Panel meeting for Panel approval. **ACTION**

8. Forward Plan Update

5062. No further update for the Panel.

9. Any other Business

TNUoS Cashflow Timing Risk

5063. RWO advised the Panel that this has been raised on the back of an Ofgem decision. RWO stated that the timing risk will be with the TO's rather than the ESO and wanted confirmation on if any STC changes are needed as a result of this decision. RWI advised that he thought this was a license change and not a code change, however, will take away and confirm. **ACTION**

Date of next meeting

5064. The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 26 August 2020.**