

STC Modification Panel Minutes: 26 August 2020

STC Modification Panel Minutes: Meeting Number 181

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| Date: 26/08/2020 | Location: WebEx |
| Start: 10:00am | End: 12:00pm |

Participants

| Attendee | Initials | Company |
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| Jennifer Groome | JG | Chair, Code Administrator, National Grid Electricity System Operator |
| Lurentia Walker | LW | Technical Secretary, Code Administrator, National Grid Electricity System Operator |
| Matt Baller | MB | National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO) (Alternate) |
| Richard Woodward | RWO | National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET) |
| Neil Sandison | NS | Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc (SHET) |
| Neil Bennett | NB | Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc (SHET) |
| Milorad Dobrijevic | MD | Scottish Power Transmission plc. (SPT) |
| Mike Lee | ML | Transmission Capital (TC) |
| Jonathan Coe | JC | Ofgem |
| Rashmi Radhakrishnan | RR | National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO) (Agenda Item 5) |
| Rebecca Yang | RY | National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO) (Agenda Item 9) |
| Matt Wootton | MW | National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO) (Agenda Item 9) |
| Apologies | Initials | Company |

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| Nicola Bruce | NBR | National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO) |
| Keith Jones | KJ | National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO) (Alternate) |
| Deborah MacPherson | DM | Scottish Power Transmission plc. (SPT) |
| Rob Wilson | RW | National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO) |
| Adam Brown | AB | National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET) |
| David Lyon | DL | Offshore Transmission Owner (OFTO) |
| Patricia Dunne | PD | Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc. (SHET) (Alternate) |

1. Introductions and Apologies for Absence

5065. Apologies were received from Nicola Bruce, Keith Jones, Deborah MacPherson, Rob Wilson, Adam Brown, David Lyon and Patricia Dunne.

2. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

5066. The Panel approved the minutes from the meeting held on 29 July 2020. The Panel Secretary will update the minutes and arrange publication of the minutes. **ACTION**

3. Review of Actions

5067. The Panel reviewed the open actions from the meeting held on 29 July 2020 which can be found on the Actions Log.

4. Authority Decisions

5068. JG advised the Panel that there had been no Authority decisions on STC modifications.

5. STC/STCP Modification Proposals for Panel Decision

PM0115 'Amendments to STCP13-1 'Invoicing and Payment' Clause 3.2 - Changes to TO Site Specific Charges'

5069. RWO from National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET) provided a summary of PM0115.

5070. 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.

5071. The STC Panel held their determination vote on PM0115. The Panel unanimously agreed that PM0115 better facilitated the Applicable STC objectives and as such should be implemented on 1 September 2020.

STC/STCP Modification Proposals for Panel Discussion

PM0116 'Amendments to STCP18-1 'Connection and Modification Application' to incorporate Interactivity process'

5072. NB from SHE Transmission (SHET) delivered a [presentation](#) on PM0116. NB advised the Panel that the purpose of this modification is to update the existing STCP18-1 'Connection and Modification Application' to incorporate the new Interactivity process following the [ENA \(Electricity Networks Association\)](#) working groups proposed approach to Interactivity.
5073. The STC Panel confirmed that they would hold their determination vote on PM0116 at the September Panel meeting. RWO noted some typographical errors within the draft legal text which will be amended ahead of the modification being submitted. **ACTION**

6. Potential Future Modifications

Modification Tracker and Horizon Scan

5074. 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-4>

European Network Code impacts

5075. MB advised that there were no further updates for the Panel.

Significant Code Review (SCR)

5076. JC stated that there was no further update for the Panel.

Transmission Charging Review

5077. JC advised that Ofgem are still receiving code modifications for Ofgem to evaluate and form a decision on.

Force Majeure

5078. The Panel had no issues to raise.

7. Reports from Sub- Committees

Joint Planning Committee – JPC

5079. 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

5080. MD stated that the next NAP Workgroup meeting will be held in September 2020.

Transmission Charging Review Group - TCRG

5081. RWO stated that the next TCRG meeting will be held on 16 September 2020.

8. Forward Plan Update

New Modification Proposal Templates

5082. JG presented the new [STC and STCP modification proposal templates](#) to the Panel. The Panel confirmed that they approved of the new templates and stated that the guidance throughout the form would be particularly helpful when it comes to industry raising modifications.
5083. JC advised that Ofgem are also supportive of the new templates, however noted that any feedback should be shared at the next CACoP Forum to ensure consistencies between Code Administrators where possible.

9. Any other Business

TNUoS Forecast - TO information

5084. MW and RY from National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO) attended the Panel to give an overview of a potential modification due to TNUoS Forecasting.
5085. MW advised the Panel that ESO are planning on publishing the 5 year forecast by the end of August 2020 and as part of this, the ESO have been gathering data from the TO's, however upon doing this, ESO have found some inaccuracies in the way expansion factors are formed. MW stated that ESO are looking to take this item to the next TCRG meeting on 16 September to enable further engagement with the TO's. Following this, ESO will look to raise a formal modification proposal at the October Panel meeting.
5086. The Panel feedback that, although this item needs a discussion, going forward it would be useful if the ESO could prepare some presentation slides or background on the subject ahead of the Panel to ensure that Panel members can also come prepared ahead of the meeting. This feedback was taken on board by the ESO and also the Code Administrator.

Microsoft Teams

5087. JG advised the Panel that going forward Panel meetings will be held using Microsoft Teams instead of WebEx, as this is being decommissioned by National Grid. The Panel were all supportive of using Microsoft Teams going forward.

CACoP Survey

5088. JC advised the Panel that following feedback from Industry, Ofgem are postponing the annual CACoP Survey until 2021.

Date of next meeting

5089. The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 30 September 2020**.