

# STC Modification Panel Minutes: 30 September 2020

## STC Modification Panel Minutes: Meeting Number 182

**Date:** 30/09/2020      **Location:** Microsoft Teams

**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	RWI	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)
Nicola Bruce	NBR	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)
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)
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
Mike Oxenham	MO	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)
Apologies	Initials	Company
Milorad Dobrijevic	MD	Scottish Power Transmission plc. (SPT)

Keith Jones	KJ	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO) (Alternate)
Adam Brown	AB	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Patricia Dunne	PD	Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc. (SHET) (Alternate)

## 1. Introductions and Apologies for Absence

5090. Apologies were received from Milorad Dobrijevic, Keith Jones, Adam Brown and Patricia Dunne.

## 2. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

5091. The Panel approved the minutes from the meeting held on 26 August 2020. The Panel Secretary will update the minutes and arrange publication of the minutes. **ACTION**

## 3. Review of Actions

5092. The Panel reviewed the open actions from the meeting held on 26 August 2020 which can be found on the Actions Log.

## 4. Authority Decisions

5093. JG advised the Panel that there had been no Authority decisions on STC modifications.

## 5. STC/STCP Modification Proposals for Panel Decision

### **PM0116 ‘Amendments to STCP18-1 ‘Connection and Modification Application’ to incorporate Interactivity process’**

5094. 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.
5095. The STC Panel held their determination vote on PM0116. The Panel unanimously agreed that PM0116 better facilitated the Applicable STC objectives and as such should be implemented on 31 December 2020.

## STC/STCP Modification Proposals for Panel Discussion

5096. No further updates.

## 6. Potential Future Modifications

### **Modification Tracker and Horizon Scan**

5097. 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-5>

5098. RWI provided an update on [CM074](#) *'Modify the definition of Force Majeure'*. RWI stated that the proposer of this modification is requesting that this be put on hold. This is in light of Ofgem's recent announcement of an OFTO license consultation and one key element of which is that they are considering removing the Force Majeure definition link to the STC and putting the definition directly in the OFTO license. The Panel agreed that this modification should be put on hold.
5099. JG advised the Panel that [CM072](#) *'STC changes in the event the UK leaves the EU without an agreement'* is currently on hold. JG explained that the Code Administrator Consultation has already been held for this modification, however it has now been a considerable amount of time since that consultation and there are changes that need to be made to the proposed legal text. Therefore, the ESO intend to bring the Draft Final Modification Report with updated legal text to October STC Panel. The second Code Administrator Consultation would then run during November.
5100. MB advised that ESO have two STCP modification proposals they intend to raise. The first change will be regarding the TNUoS Revenue Timing Transfer, a draft will be presented to the Panel in October and formally raised in November.
5101. The second change is in relation to Expansion Factors. MB stated that on-going Workgroups with the TO's are taking place to ensure alignment and to form a solution that everyone agrees with. RWO stated that there are two tranches of expansion reforms, one is a quick fix and the other in a longer term fix which aligns with CUSC Modification [CMP315](#) *'TNUoS: Review of the expansion constant and the elements of the transmission system charged for'*. RWI agreed it would be beneficial for ESO to bring a draft of these changes to the Panel before formally raising and also provide the Panel with a background of these changes and how these changes would fit in with ongoing work.

### **European Network Code impacts**

5102. RWI advised that there were no further updates for the Panel.

### **Significant Code Review (SCR)**

5103. JC stated that there was no further update for the Panel.

### **Transmission Charging Review**

5104. JC had no further updates for the Panel.

### **Force Majeure**

5105. The Panel had no issues to raise.

## **7. Reports from Sub- Committees**

### **Joint Planning Committee – JPC**

5106. The JPC meeting was held on 13 August 2020. JG confirmed a meeting summary document was circulated to the Panel with the Panel papers. The Panel had no further comments.

### **Network Access Policy Workgroup – NAP**

- 5107. NBR provided an update on the NAP meeting. NBR stated that the meeting was held on 16 September. NBR advised that the NAP discussed how the new outage planning KPIs that will be common to all TOs in T2 would be complied and agreed to set up a new sub-group to look at how these KPIs would be produced.
- 5108. NBR advised that the ESO presented a new NAP outage justification record format, to which all parties agreed to. There was also a discussion between parties on how the future generation pattern in YK will affect network security and the ability to TOs to have their outages agreed by the ESO.

### **Transmission Charging Review Group - TCRG**

- 5109. RWO presented the amended Terms of Reference for TCRG to the STC Panel. The Panel agreed with the proposed amendments to the Terms of Reference. The Code Administrator will ensure the approved Terms of Reference are published on the ESO website. **ACTION**
- 5110. RWO advised the Panel that the TCRG meeting was held on 16 September 2020. RWO stated that the group identified changes required to the charge setting process STCPs. RWO advised that these changes will be raised at future STC Panel meeting.
- 5111. RWO explained that a change to the STC is required to amend the definition of Final Sums within [Section J 'Interpretations and Definitions'](#), as there is currently confusion between the definitions, which disagree on whether capitalised interest should be included. This modification proposal will be raised at a future Panel meeting.
- 5112. RWO advised that a change to [STCP19-6 'Application Fee'](#) is under review by TCRG. RWO stated that this change would have an impact on the CUSC, however further discussions are being held.
- 5113. The TCRG group also thanked Eleanor Horn, ESO for her support on TCRG over the past year.

## **8. Forward Plan Update**

- 5114. JG had no further updates for the Panel.

## **9. Any other Business**

### **Early Competition Plan**

- 5115. MO from National Grid ESO delivered a presentation on the Early Competition Plan. MO explained that Ofgem asked the ESO to deliver an Early Competition Plan by the end of February 2021.
- 5116. MO advised that the Early Competition Plan will describe an end of end process of how early competition may work, set out how models for early competition could be implemented and outline the roles and responsibilities of all parties in the proposed end to end process.
- 5117. MO stated that the phase 2 consultation, which focuses on the proposed end to end process closed on 14 August 2020. An overview of what was proposed in the phased 2 consultation can be found via the following link:

<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/industry-information/codes/system-operator-transmission-owner-code-stc-old/meetings/stc-panel-5>

5118. MO advised that the ESO are now reflecting on the consultation feedback and planning further stakeholder engagement for phase 3. MO explained that phase 3 will include further thinking on how the industry codes could be impacted by the implementation of early competition as well as the associated timescales and processes for future code modifications.

**Date of next meeting**

5119. The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 28 October 2020**.