STC Modification Panel Minutes: 16 December 2020

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Date:	16/12/2020	Location:	Microsoft Teams
Start:	10:00am	End:	11:00pm

Participants

Attendee	Initials	Company
Jennifer Groome	JG	Chair, Code Administrator, National Grid Electricity System Operator
Rashpal Gata-Aura	RGA	Technical Secretary, Code Administrator, National Grid Electricity System Operator
Lurrentia Walker	LW	Code Administrator, National Grid Electricity System Operator (Observer)
Rob Wilson	RWI	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)
Nicola Bruce	NB	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)
Deborah MacPherson	DM	Scottish Power Transmission plc. (SPT)
Paul Smillie	PC	Scottish Power Transmission plc. (SPT) (Observer)
Milorad Dobrijevic	MD	Scottish Power Transmission plc. (SPT)
Mike Lee	ML	Transmission Capital (TC)
Jonathan Coe	JC	Ofgem

Apologies	Initials	Company
David Lyon	DL	Offshore Transmission Owner (OFTO)

1. Introductions and Apologies for Absence

5184. Apologies were received from David Lyon and Patricia Dunne.

2. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

5185. The Panel approved the minutes from the meeting held on 25 November 2020. The Panel Secretary will update the minutes and arrange publication of the minutes. **ACTION.**

3. Review of Actions

5186. The Panel reviewed the open actions from the meeting held on 25 November 2020 which can be found on the Actions Log.

5187. The Chair agreed that calendar invites for the STC Panel meetings for 2021 will be forwarded to all Panel members with a link to join the via Teams. **ACTION**

4. Authority Decisions

5188. JG advised the Panel that there had been no Authority decisions on STC modifications.

5. STC/STCP Modification Proposals for Panel Decision

CM075 – 'Clarification on TO Final Sums Definition'

5189. RWO shared with the Panel members what has been changed since the CM075 modification was presented in draft to November Panel, and talked through the updated legal text.

5190. RWO advised the Panel that the modification is an editorial change only and does not have any consequences on any other Frameworks.

5191. RWO stated that there do not seem to be any issues regarding the interpretation, and it does not impact customers.

5192. The Panel were satisfied with what the modification is set to achieve.

5193. The Panel agreed with the proposer's recommendation of the Governance Route. The modification will follow a Self-Governance route and proceed straight to Code Administrator Consultation. The Panel agreed to a 15 working day Consultation, opening on Monday 21 December 2020.

STC/STCP Modification Proposals for Panel Discussion

6. Update - *CM072 "STC changes in the event the UK leaves the EU without an agreement"*

5194. JG provided an update on the CM072 modification, advising the Panel that if the UK government has not achieved a Brexit Deal by the end of 2020, Panel members will carry out the determination vote on CM072 at the Special Panel on 6 January 2021.

5195. JG confirmed that no Code Administrator Consultations responses had been received for CM072.

5196. If a Brexit Deal is achieved, ESO will be raising a new modification and withdrawing CM072.

5197. JG presented the possible governance routes for the new modification, with an indication of timescales for each route.

5198. JG advised the Panel that in view of the unknown outcome of Brexit, the Panel papers cannot be issued until first working day in January 2021. If the Special Panel is required, the papers will be issued on the 4 January 2021 for the Special STC Panel on 6 January 2021.

7. Potential Future Modifications

Modification Tracker and Horizon Scan

5199. 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-7

European Network Code impacts

5200. RWI advised that there were no further updates for the Panel.

Significant Code Review (SCR)

5201. JC advised that there were no further updates for the Panel.

Targeted Charging Review (TCR)

5202. No further updates for the Panel.

Force Majeure

5203. The Panel had no issues to raise.

8. Reports from Sub- Committees

Joint Planning Committee – JPC

5204. NB advised the Panel there were no further updates. The next meeting for the Joint Planning Committee is planned for the 28 January 2021.

Network Access Policy Workgroup – NAP

5205. MD advised the Panel that a meeting was held on 1 December 2020 between ESO, Ofgem and the 3 TOs, focusing on the start of RIIO 2T and the outage impact that has.

5206. MD explained that the period ahead looked very busy from the Network Access point of view, given all the work that is being planned by the TOs for over the next five-year period.

5207. MD told the Panel that there were twelve KPIs developed, associated with outage planning. Discussions have centred around data collation process to ensure all 3 TOs

collate the data in the same format so that prudent metrics can be achieved at the end of the regulatory year.

5208. MD informed the Panel that meetings for 2021 were in the process of being set up and are looking to be held in March, June, September and December.

Transmission Charging Review Group - TCRG

5209. RWO advised the Panel that there could soon be a modification on charge setting process improvements. Some work has already been undertaken to rationalise the number and type of application fees for charge setting for 2021. There have been conversations regarding RPI and CPI and the Final Determinations have provided some clarity on indexation methods with talks continuing on charge settings.

5210. RWO highlighted that contract management/commercial principles for agreements for Pathfinder or other ESO products where the TO has investment risks requires some improvement also.

5211. RWO informed the Panel that the next meeting will be held in March 2021.

9. Forward Plan Update

5212. None

10. Any other Business

5213. **"Application of P28 in Operation Timescales"**

5214. ML sought the STC Panel's guidance on the requirements for compliance with Engineering Recommendation P28 in operational timescales, particularly where energising cable circuits. An action was taken away for this to be presented at the next Joint Planning Committee meeting for further input. **ACTION**

5215. JG advised the Panel that Lurrentia Walker will be stepping away from the STC Panel and Rashpal Gata-Aura will be taking over as the Technical Secretary. JG thanked Lurrentia for all her contribution to the STC Panel and welcomed Rashpal.

Date of next meeting

5216. If required, the next **STC Special Panel** meeting will be held on **Wednesday 6 January 2021.**

5217. The next regular monthly STC Panel meeting will be held on **Wednesday 27 January 2021.**