

STC Modification Panel Minutes: 27 January 2021

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Date: 27/01/2021 **Location:** Microsoft Teams

Start: 10:00am **End:** 11:00pm

Participants

Attendee	Initials	Company
Jennifer Groome	JG	Chair, Code Administrator, National Grid Electricity System Operator
Rob Wilson	RWI	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)
Matt Baller	MB	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO) (Alternate)
Nicola Bruce	NBR	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)
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)
Paul Smillie	PM	Scottish Power Transmission plc. (SPT) (Observer)
Mike Lee	ML	Offshore Transmission Owner (OFTO)
David Lyon	DL	Offshore Transmission Owner (OFTO)
Jonathan Coe	JC	Ofgem
Apologies	Initials	Company
Milorad Dobrijevic	MD	Scottish Power Transmission plc. (SPT)
Rashpal Gata-Aura	RGA	Technical Secretary, Code Administrator, National Grid Electricity System Operator

1. Introductions and Apologies for Absence

5218. Apologies were received from Milorad Dobrijevic and Rashpal Gata-Aura. An **ACTION** was taken to add Paul Smillie to the STC Panel distribution list as an observer.

2. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

5219. The Panel approved the minutes from the meeting held on 16 December 2020 subject to minor amendments. The Panel Secretary will update the minutes and arrange publication of the minutes. **ACTION**

3. Review of Actions

5220. The Panel reviewed the open actions from the meeting held on 16 December 2020 which can be found on the [Actions Log](#).

4. Authority Decisions

5221. 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 Final Sums Definition’

5222. The Panel held their Determination Vote on CM075. The Panel unanimously agreed that CM075 should be implemented on 9 March 2021.

5223. The Chair shared the next steps for CM075. The Final Self-Governance Report will be issued on 29 January. Panel will have 5 working days to check that their votes have been correctly recorded within the report. The Final Self-Governance Report will then be published on the ESO website, and an appeals window will be opened from 9 February to 2 March 2021. If no appeals are received, the modification will be implemented on 9 March 2021.

6. Potential Future Modifications

Modification Tracker and Horizon Scan

5224. 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>

5225. The Chair updated that the Proposers of both [CM072](#) and [CM074](#) (‘Force Majeure’ and No deal Brexit’ respectively) withdrew their support for their modifications. Notifications were sent to industry and 5 working days were given for anyone wishing to pick up the modifications. No requests were received, and the modifications have been withdrawn.

5226. MB updated on an in-development modification proposal which concerns ‘TNUoS Revenue Timing Transfer’ STCP changes. Panel members were mindful that the modification must be implemented by April 2021. It was suggested that the draft proposal could either be circulated for comment in advance of the February Panel so that it could be raised as a formal modification at February Panel, or that it could be shared as a draft to February Panel and raised formally at March Panel.

5227. MB updated on an in-development modification which looks to change some of the templates within STCPs. He shared that so far, changes to the Application Fee Refresh

template within STCP19-6 have been discussed and agreed with all TOs. RWO raised that there are other changes to be made to STCP19-6. It was confirmed that he should liaise with MB on these changes.

- 5228. RWI shared that there will be a replacement modification for CM072 which concerns the Brexit Deal. RWI shared that there is not yet enough information on future arrangements to develop the proposal but that in developing the 'no deal' modification it had been confirmed that there were no showstopping issues. The Chair stated that this will be added to the modification tracker so that any update on this can be discussed at the next Panel.
- 5229. The Panel discussed that CM072 has been withdrawn because the definition which it sought to amend in the STC in relation to OFTOs will now be covered within the OFTO License, an amendment to which is in progress by Ofgem.

European Network Code impacts

- 5230. RWI advised that there were no further updates for the Panel.
- 5231. RWO queried whether the EU network codes are still being implemented. RWI explained that as in the main the relevant European legislation has become 'Retained European Law' and therefore still applies in GB so the EU network codes will continue to be implemented in most cases while there may be some minor technical amendments necessary.
- 5232. ML queried whether NGESO still has representation in EU working groups. RWI stated that in general NGESO can continue to attend in an observer capacity but that they do not get a vote.

Significant Code Review (SCR)

- 5233. JC updated that the minded to decision on the Access review will be delayed. Ofgem are hoping to issue more detail on the timings for publishing in March.

Targeted Charging Review (TCR)

- 5234. JC stated that there was no further update on TCR.
- 5235. RWO requested that an update on the Energy Code Review could also be covered within this section of the STC Agenda standing items. Both JC and the Chair were happy to facilitate the request. An **ACTION** was taken to update the standing item.
- 5236. On the Energy Code Review, JC shared that in December BEIS published a summary of responses received to their 2019 joint consultation on reforming the energy codes. It can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/reforming-the-energy-industry-codes>. Alongside this, Ofgem have also published the full set of responses received on our website here: <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/consultation-reforming-energy-industry-codes>. JC stated that the next consultation is planned for springtime.

Force Majeure

- 5237. The Panel had no issues to raise. Panel members agreed to remove this item from the STC Agenda standing item due to there being no update on this in several months. The intention of the item was to raise any COVID-19 related STC issues. It was agreed that any issues that arise should instead be raised as AOB. An **ACTION** was taken to

remove this standing item.

7. Reports from Sub- Committees

Joint Planning Committee – JPC

5238. The next JPC meeting is 28 January 2021.

Network Access Policy Workgroup – NAP

5239. The next NAP meeting is in March 2021. DM updated that the Chair person on the NAP group has changed. The new Chairperson will be in place for the next two years.

Transmission Charging Review Group - TCRG

5240. The next TCRG meeting is 24 March 2021.

8. Forward Plan Update

5241. No update.

9. Any other Business

5242. DL raised that he will be stepping down from his Panel role of OFTO representative. He shared that he will be advertising his role at the next ENA forum and will likely be doing a handover with the new OFTO representative for the first few months.

5243. RWO raised that the NGET representation has changed. Ian Bottomer will be joining RWO as a representative for NGET. AB will continue to be involved with the STC Panel but as an Alternate Panel member for RWO.

5244. JC shared that Ofgem are considering running their annual cross code survey this year from May through to August (the 2020 survey did not go ahead due to COVID-19 limitations). JC explained that the survey would mainly involve questionnaires and some deep-dive sessions with volunteers. JC sought the Panel's view on whether industry will have capacity to participate in the survey. No issues were highlighted by Panel regarding the survey going ahead.

Date of next meeting

5245. The next STC Panel meeting will be held on **Wednesday 24 February 2021.**