

# STC Modification Panel Minutes: 24 February 2021

## STC Modification Panel Minutes: Meeting Number 187

**Date:** 24/02/2021      **Location:** Microsoft Teams

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

### Participants

Attendee	Initials	Company
Jennifer Groome	JG	Chair, Code Administrator, National Grid Electricity System Operator
Kirsten Shilling	KS	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)
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)
Milorad Dobrijevic	MD	Scottish Power Transmission plc. (SPT)
Neil Bennett	NB	Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc (SHET)
Deborah MacPherson	DM	Scottish Power Transmission plc. (SPT)
David Lyon	DL	Offshore Transmission Owner (OFTO)
Jonathan Coe	JC	Ofgem
Paul Smillies	PC	Scottish Power Transmission plc. (SPT) (Observer)
Rashpal Gata-Aura	RGA	Observer, Code Administrator, National Grid Electricity System Operator

Apologies	Initials	Company
Mike Lee	ML	Offshore Transmission Owner (OFTO)

## 1. Introductions and Apologies for Absence

5246. Apologies were received from Mike Lee.

## 2. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

5247. The Panel approved the minutes from the meeting held on 27 January 2021 subject to minor amendments. The Panel Secretary will update the minutes and arrange publication of the minutes. **ACTION**

## 3. Review of Actions

5248. The Panel reviewed the open actions from the meeting held on 27 January 2021 which can be found on the [Actions Log](#).

## 4. Authority Decisions

5249. JG advised the Panel there had been no Authority decisions on STC modifications.

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

### CM075 – ‘Clarification on Final Sums Definition’

5250. The Chair advised the Panel that no appeals had been received to date on CM075 and the closing date is 2 March 2021. If no appeals are received, the modification will be implemented on 9 March 2021. *(Post meeting note: no were appeals received and CM075 was implemented on 9 March 2021)*

## 6. Code Administrator Update

### Satisfaction Survey 2020

5251. The Chair introduced Kirsten Shilling, ESO Code Administrator to the Panel.

5252. KS delivered an overview of the Code Administrator Satisfaction Survey, advising the Panel that whilst a decision had been made by Ofgem not to undertake the CACoP Survey in 2020, it was felt towards the end of the year, that it was the right time to get stakeholders views regarding the ESO Code Administrator activities.

5253. KS advised the Panel that based on stakeholder feedback in the 2019 survey, the Code Administrator pledged there would be 3 key areas for improvements - documentation, website and communication. Great improvements have been made in these areas and this is reflected in the latest Satisfaction Survey results which are up by 25%.

5254. KS conveyed to the Panel that the next step forward for the Code Administrator is to use the feedback received in the Satisfaction Survey 2020, to ensure that for the complex processes of change that the Code Administrator have, navigation is made simpler for the stakeholders.

5255. An Executive Summary of this report giving further details can be found by following this link [summary document](#).

## 7. Potential Future Modifications

### Modification Tracker and Horizon Scan

5256. JG stated that whilst there were no formal new modifications presented, there was a draft modification ‘TNUoS Revenue Timing Transfer’ STCP change to be discussed.
5257. MB delivered the presentation on the draft modification advising the Panel that Ofgem had made a decision on 9 July 2020 that the TNUoS collection cashflow timing risk should be reallocated from NGENSO to the onshore TOs. The key change being that NGENSO will pay onshore TOs only when monthly TNUoS invoices have been issued.
5258. MB presented further background details regarding what’s changing, provision of new quarterly information and the timeline.
5259. Further details on this modification can be found in the slide pack [here](#), with the reference materials regarding the Ofgem Consultation [here](#) and Ofgem Decision [here](#).
5260. MB stated that this modification will be formally presented at the next Panel.
5261. 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-11>
5262. RWO updated the Panel regarding the minor changes to STCP 19-6 "Application Fee Refresh Template" which have been agreed with all 3 onshore TOs. Changes identified in STCP24-1 “Revenue Forecast Information Provision” are being reviewed in a separate modification.
5263. MB updated the Panel of what impact the consequential CUSC changes will mean for the STC. On [CMP328](#) “Connections Triggering Distribution Impact Assessment” no commitment can be made to STC until after the outcome of the workgroup consultation which was issued on 19 February 2021. The Final Modification Report is planned to be sent to Ofgem in July 2021.
5264. On [CMP330](#) “Allowing new Transmission Connected parties to build Connection Assets greater than 2km in length”, both STC and STCP changes are envisaged – STCP charging statement that will allow more than 2 kilometers lengths of cables and STC to create a standard template adoption agreement and looking to creating technical specifications to support the adoption agreement. This could result in more than one modification once the CUSC options are clearer.
5265. RWO expressed that CMP330 raises concerns for the TO’s, stating that the STC/STCP changes should be considered alongside the CUSC modification and not as a consequential change. DM and NB supported RWO’s view and echoed that there are wider consequences as a result of this proposal which haven’t yet been identified by the Workgroup and Ofgem need to be fully informed on the impacts this could have on the TO’s when making their decision.
5266. JG thanked the TO’s for highlighting this concern and will feed this back to the Code Admin team so this can be addressed accordingly.

### European Network Code impacts

5267. RWI advised the Panel that there were no further updates.

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

5268. JC advised the Panel there was no further update on SCR.

### **Targeted Charging Review (TCR)**

5269. JC stated that there was no further update on TCR.

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

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

5270. The next JPC meeting is being held March 2021.

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

5271. The next NAP meeting is 17 March 2021.

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

5272. The next TCRG meeting is 24 March 2021.

## **9. Forward Plan Update**

5273. No update.

## **10. Any other Business**

5274. DL advised the Panel that as he has now completed his term as the STC OFTO representative, he will join the March Panel meeting for one last time to formally handover to his successor.

5275. The Chair updated the Panel that ML will continue his role for the next 2 years.

5276. MD informed the Panel that there will be a draft modification proposal put forward for STCP11-4 “Enhanced Service Provision” at the next Panel meeting. This modification will only require minor amendments.

### **Date of next meeting**

5277. The next STC Panel meeting will be held on **Wednesday 31 March 2021**.

5278. Modification date **Tuesday 16 March 2021**.

5279. Panel papers day **Tuesday 23 March 2021**