

STC Modification Panel Minutes: 31 March 2021

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Date: 31/03/2021	Location: Microsoft Teams
Start: 10:00am	End: 11:15am

Participants

Attendee	Initials	Company
Jennifer Groome	JG	Chair, Code Administrator, National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)
Rashpal Gata-Aura	RGA	Technical Secretary, Code Administrator, National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)
Ian Bottomer	IB	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
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 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
Neil Sandison	NS	Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc (SHET)
Apologies	Initials	Company
Milorad Dobrijevic	MD	Scottish Power Transmission plc. (SPT)
Rob Wilson	RWI	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)

1. Introductions and Apologies for Absence

5280. Apologies were received from Milorad Dobrijevic and Robert Wilson.

2. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

5281. The Panel approved the minutes from the meeting held on 24 February 2021 subject to minor amendments. The Panel Secretary will update the minutes and arrange publication of the minutes. **ACTION**

3. Review of Actions

5282. The Panel reviewed the open actions from the meeting held on 24 February 2021 which can be found on the [Actions Log](#).

4. Authority Decisions

5283. JG advised the Panel there had been no Authority decisions on STC modifications.

5. STC/STCP Modification Proposals for Panel Decision

PM0118 – ‘Inclusion of NGET as an applicable TO entity with STCP11-4

5284. The Chair advised the Panel that one new formal modification proposal had been submitted which was shared with the Panel papers.

5285. The Proposer updated the Panel that this was a housekeeping change and the timing of it was to reflect the new price control period due to start 1 April 2021. STCP11-4 was not originally drafted to include NGET as a legally separate Onshore Transmission on (TO) to provide Enhanced Services to NGESO as the other Onshore TOs do. There were no changes regarding the procedure, only to incorporating NGET into scope as previously NGET was legally combined with NGESO.

5286. The Chair advised the Panel that the Critical Friend checks had been performed on PM0118 and the proposed amendments highlighted were all incorporated into the legal text.

5287. The STC Modification Panel unanimously approved and voted that PM0118 be implemented on 1 April 2021. *(Post meeting note: PM0118 was implemented on 1 April 2021).*

6. Draft STC/STCP Modifications

TNUoS Revenue Timing Transfer

5288. The Chair advised the Panel that the TNUoS Revenue Risk Transfer (STCP change) modification was originally planned to be voted on at the March Panel. As the timeline had now changed, the Chair invited the Proposer to provide an update on this modification.

5289. The Proposer (MB) updated the Panel stating the draft proposal would be issued for the April Panel. The Proposer presented the timeline for this modification as below.

DATE	MILESTONE	Notes	Working Days Gap
5-Mar	Formal feedback received by TOs on draft to date	TO Action	-
11-Mar	Interim feedback discussion	Meeting	4
26-Mar	Updated proposal/legal text issued	NGESO Action	11
16-Apr	Formal feedback received by TOs on draft to date	TO Action	15
23-Apr	Discussion placeholder	Meeting	5
29-Apr	Updated proposal/legal text issued	NGESO Action	4
13-May	Formal feedback received by TOs on draft to date	TO Action	10
20-May	Discussion placeholder	Meeting	5
28-May	Final legal text circulated	NGESO Action	6
15-Jun	Final mod submitted to Panel for review	NGESO Action	12
30-Jun	STC Panel Final Vote	Panel	11
1-Jul	Change Implemented		

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5291. MB updated the Panel that this modification was looking to move the cashflow delay in paying out the TOs and collecting the monies back from suppliers and generators. As the delay period continues to be a risk on the ESO, this modification is looking to move the risk to the TOs. In the interim period, until subject to approval and implementation, the present process would continue.

Brexit Deal modification

5292. MB provided an update on the Brexit draft modification which will be brought to the April Panel, advising that there were no material changes.

5293. RWO queried that as there were some questions around NGESO's enduring relationship with ENTSO-E why it was felt appropriate to continue with the Brexit modification rather than waiting for the outcome of that before continuing.

5294. MB responded that as there was uncertainty on when this situation would be clearer and as the changes are merely housekeeping, it was felt appropriate that these simple STCP changes could be made now.

7. Potential Future Modifications

Modification Tracker and Horizon Scan

5295. MB advised the Panel that a minor template change is currently being drafted for the Appendix B "revenue forecast template" within STCP24-1. This changes the "Maximum Allowable Revenue" calculation due to RIIO-2 licence changes. This change will be incorporated into TNUoS risk transfer draft modification.

5296. MB presented an update on CMP328 "Connections Triggering Distribution Impact Assessment" with a view to bringing the STC draft proposal to April/May Panel. More details can be viewed within the slide pack included in the Panel papers at the following [link](#).

5297. RWO requested that an invitation to the next CMP328 workgroup be extended to Deborah MacPherson and Neil Bennett as observers.

5298. MB took **ACTION** to arrange an invitation with the Chair of CMP328 for DM and NB to attend as observers.

- 5299. MB advised the Panel of the potential changes to STCP18-1 “Connection and Modification Application” following on from CMP330 “Allowing new transmission Connected parties to build Connection Assets greater than 2km in length”.
- 5300. MB continued that whatever the outcome of CMP330 workgroup discussions, STCP18-1 will be required to be implemented by 1 September 2021.
- 5301. MB communicated to the Panel that he was looking to have the draft proposal available by April/May to allow due consideration for implementation in September 2021.
- 5302. RWO requested clarity on the need for the implementation by 1 September 2021 for the STC whilst the CUSC change applicable, if approved was 1 April 2022.
- 5303. MB responded that the timing was the time required for the charge setting process to have the data in time for October/November. MB also advised the Panel that notwithstanding the CMP330 workgroup discussions, the STCP18-1 will be required to be implemented by 1 September 2021.
- 5304. MB took an **ACTION** to raise this point at the next CMP330 workgroup and provide an update at the April STC Panel.
- 5305. MB updated the Panel on CMP298 “Updating the Statement of Works process to facilitate aggregated assessment of relevant and collectively relevant embedded generation”.
- 5306. MB stated that CMP298 was scheduled to go out to Workgroup Consultation with a Workgroup Report due in June to the CUSC Panel.
- 5307. MB summarised that the reason for bringing these three CUSC modifications to the STC Panel was to keep them on the horizon and enable development of the STC modifications.
- 5308. RWO thanked MB for bringing these modifications to the Panel stating that these updates were of much of interest. Continuation of these updates at future meetings would be very welcome.
- 5309. The Chair added that the present modification tracker is being revised to make it more useful in extracting the relevant information to drive the appropriate conversations.

Authority Update

- 5310. JC updated the Panel briefly on the Access SCR, mentioning that Ofgem were working towards the minded-to consultation on two aspects of the Access SCR;
 - a) distribution connection charging and b) transmission charging for small distributed generation - with publication planned for late spring.

European Network Code impacts

- 5311. MB advised the Panel that there were no further updates.

8. Reports from Sub- Committees

Joint Planning Committee – JPC

- 5312. The next JPC meeting is being held on 27 April 2021.

Network Access Policy Workgroup – NAP

5313. NB advised the Panel that the NAP meeting was held on 17 March 2021. As the Chair of NAP was now NGET a request had been made to provide meeting minutes/summary moving forward. More details will be provided at the April Panel meeting.

Transmission Charging Review Group - TCRG

5314. RWO told the Panel that the TCRG meeting was held on 24 March 2021 with discussions around a modification on Application Fee Refunds.

9. Code Administrator Update

5315. No update.

10. Any other Business

5316. The Chair advised the Panel that there had been a recent meeting with the Code Administrators, the Transmissions Owners and the Chair of the CUSC Panel about better communication around modifications with cross-code impact on both the CUSC and STC. One of the actions taken from this meeting was for the Chair of the CUSC Panel Trisha McAuley to attend one of the STC Panel meetings to gain a deeper understanding of the discussions taking place.

5317. The Chair has invited Trisha McAuley to the STC Panel in April 2021, and confirmation of attendance has been received.

Date of next meeting

5318. The next STC Panel meeting will be held on **Wednesday 28 April 2021**

5319. New Modification Proposal date **Tuesday 13 April 2021**

5320. Panel papers day **Tuesday 20 April 2021**