

# STC Modification Panel Minutes: 31 March 2021

## STC Modification Panel Minutes: Meeting Number 188

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

### 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
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. The voting on this modification - PM0118 “Inclusion of NGET as an applicable TO entity with STCO11-4” would take place at the Panel meeting.

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 01 April 2021. STCP11-4 was not drafted to include a legally separate NGET Onshore Transmission on (TO) to provide Enhanced Services to NGESO as 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, with a slight change to the modification title and other minor legal text amendments. The proposed amendments highlighted were all incorporated into the legal text.

5287. The Chair directed the Panel to the Governance Rules and the Modification Route as outlined in the slides incorporated within the Panel papers.

5288. 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**

5289. The Chair advised the Panel that the TNUoS Revenue Risk Transfer (STCP change) modification was due 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.

5290. The Proposer (MB) updated the Panel stating the draft would be issued for the April Panel. The Proposer presented the timeline for this modification and said that it was envisaged for the vote to take place in the June Panel with implementation in July.

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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5292. MB advised the Panel that the legal text due on 26 March had not been issued yet as the legal team were still reviewing the changes. It was envisaged that the draft be issued by close of business 31 March, with the next meeting booked for 23 April 2021.

5293. MB gave the Panel a brief outline of the purpose of this modification which was looking to move the cashflow delay in paying out the TOs and collecting the monies back from suppliers and generators. The delay period continues to be a risk on the ESO, and 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.

5294. MB continued to provide an update on the Brexit draft modification which will be brought to the April Panel, advising that there were no material changes. MB explained to the Panel that the uncertainty around TCA (Trade and Cooperation Agreement) indicated that changes could be made now unless/until required otherwise.

5295. RWO stated that there were some questions around NGESO’s enduring relationship with ENTSO-E and questioned why it was felt appropriate to continue with the Brexit modification rather than waiting for the outcome of that before continuing.

5296. MB responded that as there was uncertainty on when this situation would be clearer and as the changes are merely housekeeping changes to clarify some of the terminologies, it was felt appropriate that these are simple STCP changes and could be made now.

## 7. Potential Future Modifications

### Modification Tracker and Horizon Scan

5297. MB advised the Panel that the Minor Template Change - STCP24-1 was being made to Appendix B “revenue forecast template”. The changes “Maximum Allowable Revenue” calculation due to RIIO-2 licence changes, will be incorporated into TNUoS risk transfer draft modification to be presented at the June Panel.

5298. 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 update details can be viewed within the slide pack included in the Panel papers by following this [link](#).
5299. RWO questioned the timings of the STC draft proposal being available for April/May Panel. A request was made that an invitation to the next CMP328 workgroup be extended to Deborah MacPherson and Neil Bennett as observers. Depending on the information gleaned and the outcome of the workgroup discussions, the STC proposal can then be drafted.
5300. MB took away this **ACTION** to arrange an invitation with the Chair of CMP328 for DM and NB to attend as observers. (*Post meeting note: invitation for DM and NB to attend as observers at next CMP328 workgroup sent*).
5301. 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”.
5302. MB told the Panel that a draft proposal was being prepared to be presented shortly, noting that the Proposer of CMP330 has produced an alternative also.
5303. MB continued that whatever the outcome of CMP330 workgroup discussions, the STCP18-1 will be required to be implemented by 1 September 2021. The STC changes were about the principles and the core changes required to the STCP18-1 does put pressure on the timeline.
5304. 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.
5305. 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.
5306. MB responded that the timing was the time required for the charge setting process to have the data in time for October/November, based on if the original was to proceed. MB advised the Panel that notwithstanding the CMP330 workgroup discussions, the STCP18-1 will be required to be implemented by 1 September 2021.
5307. MB took an **ACTION** to raise this point at the next CMP330 workgroup and provide an update at the April STC Panel.
5308. MB updated the Panel on CMP298 “Updating the Statement of Works process to facilitate aggregated assessment of relevant and collectively relevant embedded generation”.
5309. MB advised the Panel that CMP298 was scheduled to go out to Workgroup Consultation shortly with a Workgroup Report due in June to the CUSC Panel. The implementation date not yet defined.
5310. MB said that there would likely be amendments to the STC Section D, a new Schedule and a new STCP. A working group had been set up involving the ESO and TOs to discuss this further.
5311. MB summarised the reason for bringing these three CUCS modifications to the STC Panel was to keep them on the horizon and enable development of the STC modifications as soon as is viable.
5312. RWO thanked MB for bringing these substantive modification updates to the attention of the Panel at early stages.

5313. RWO reiterated that these updates were of much of interest, allowing action to be taken outside the Panel and continuation of these updates at future meetings would be very welcome and useful.

5314. 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.

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

5315. JC advised the Panel there was no further update on SCR.

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

5316. JC stated that there was no further update on TCR.

#### **Energy Codes Review (ECR)**

5317. JC stated that there was no further update on ECR.

5318. JC updated the Panel briefly on the Access proposals, 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**

5319. MB advised the Panel that there were no further updates.

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

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

5320. The next JPC meeting is being held on 27 April 2021.

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

5321. NB advised the Panel that the NAP meeting was held on 17 March 2021. The Chair of NAP was now NGET and a request had been made to provide meeting minutes/summary moving forward. At the previous NAP meeting the STCP11-4 was discussed and general outage planning. More details would be provided at the April Panel meeting.

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

5322. RWO advised that the TCRG meeting was held on 24 March 2021 with talks around a modification on Application Fee Refunds which will be a joint CUSC and STC modification.

## 9. Any other Business

5323. The Chair advised the Panel that following a recent meeting with the Code Administrators, the Transmissions Owners and the Chair of the CUSC Panel, it transpired that there were a number of modifications recently, from the CUSC as having an impact on the STC. An action was taken for Trisha McAuley to attend one of the STC Panel meetings to gain a deeper understanding of the discussions taking place.
5324. The Chair has invited Trisha McAuley to the STC Panel in April 2021, and confirmation of attendance has been received.

### Date of next meeting

5325. The next STC Panel meeting will be held on **Wednesday 28 April 2021**.
5326. New Modification Proposal date **Tuesday 13 April 2021**.
5327. Panel papers day **Tuesday 20 April 2021**