STC Modification Panel Minutes: 26 May 2021

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Date:	26/05/2021	Location:	Microsoft Teams
Start:	10:00am	End:	11:00am

Participants

Attendee	Initials	Company
Paul Mullen	PM	Chair, Code Administrator, National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)
Rashpal Gata-Aura	RGA	Technical Secretary, Code Administrator, National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)
Ian Ascroft	IA	Code Administrator, National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO) (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 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)
Milorad Dobrijevic	MD	Scottish Power Transmission plc. (SPT)
Mike Lee	ML	Offshore Transmission Owner (OFTO)
David Lyon	DL	Offshore Transmission Owner (OFTO)
Joel Matthews	JM	Offshore Transmission Owner (OFTO)
Jonathan Coe	JC	Ofgem

Apologies	Initials	Company
Trish McAuley	TM	Independent CUSC Panel Chair (Observer)
Jennifer Groome	JG	Chair, Code Administrator, National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)

1. Introductions and Apologies for Absence

5356. Apologies were received from Trisha McAuley Independent CUSC Panel Chair (Observer), and Jennifer Groome STC Panel Chair, Code Administrator, National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO).

2. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

5357. The Panel approved the minutes from the meeting held on 28 April 2021 subject to minor amendments. The Panel Secretary will arrange publication of the minutes. **ACTION**

5358. The Panel agreed with the proposal to add them to the circulation list for TCRG so they can receive the minutes from TCRG. **ACTION**

3. Review of Actions

5359. The Panel reviewed the open actions from the meeting held on 28 April 2021 which can be found on the Actions Log.

4. Authority Decisions

5360. The Chair advised the Panel there are no Modifications awaiting an Authority decision.

5. STC/STCP Modification Proposals for Panel Decision

***CM077* – "Re-alignment of STC and STCP provisions for Construction Offer Timescales"**

5361. The Chair informed the Panel that one new formal modification proposal had been submitted, the Critical Friend checks had been completed and the final proposal form had been shared with the Panel papers.

5362. The Chair invited the Proposer to present this modification to the Panel.

5363. The Proposer presented the CM077 modification to the Panel, stating that this modification was seeking to set explicit timelines in STC for the Onshore TOs to submit final Construction Offers to NGESO. This proposed amendment would remove the existing ambiguity created by these same provisions being worded differently in the STC compared to STCP 18-1 and it is the STCP18-1 wording that should be used. Full details of the modification can be found via the following link.

5364. The Chair directed the Panel to the Governance Rules and the Modification Route following the presentation. The slides were included with the Panel papers.

5365. The Panel unanimously approved that CM077 would follow the Self- Governance route and go straight to Code Administrator Consultation.

5366. **ACTION**: Panel Secretary to send the Self-Governance Statement to Ofgem and issue the CM077 Code Administrator Consultation to industry on 27 May 2021. *(Post Panel note: Self-Governance Statement sent to Ofgem on 27 May 2021 and Code Administrator Consultation issued to industry 27 May 2021 and will close 5pm on 18 June 2021)*

6. Draft STC/STCP Modifications

5367. None.

7. Code Administrator Update

5368. The Chair advised the Panel that the Annual Report had been published providing detailed insights into the Code Administrator activities

5369. The Chair informed the Panel that, alongside this Annual Report, a forward-looking document had also been published, which summarised the deliverables for the coming year. This was based on the feedback received in the Code Administrator survey, Markets week webinars, and the continuous feedback sought at forums, Workgroups, Panels and CACoP.

8. Potential Future Modifications

Modification Tracker and Horizon Scan

5370. The Panel reviewed the STC Modification Tracker. The amendments to this tracker can be found via the following link.

5371. The Chair also shared a rolling 12-month cross code (STC, CUSC and Grid Code) view of all the Workgroups currently planned in and when Workgroup Reports and Draft Final Modification Reports are planned to be presented to Panels + a view of modifications that are likely to be raised in the same period. This view also shows which CUSC and Grid Code Modifications have STC impacts.

Authority Update

5372. JC advised the Panel there was no further update.

European Network Code impacts

5373. RWI advised the Panel that there were no further updates.

9. Reports from Sub- Committees

Joint Planning Committee – JPC

5374. The JPC meeting will be held on 20 July 2021.

Network Access Policy Workgroup – NAP

5375. Next meeting will be held on 16 July 2021.

5376. Panel noted that RWO has contacted David Willmott and updates will only be provided by exception when NAP deal with issues which directly impact on STC. Panel agreed to remove this as standing item.

Transmission Charging Review Group - TCRG

5377. RWO advised the Panel that the next meeting was due on 7 July 2021.

10. Any other Business

5378. RWO sought the views of the Panel members regarding in Code Administrator Consultation timelines for Self-Governance modification timelines and whether there was value considering shortening these from the current 15 working days.

5379. The Chair advised that the 15 working days was a CACOP agreed metric and is to ensure parties have sufficient time to consider and respond to the Code Administrator Consultation. Panel agreed that that no change was required.

5380. JC advised the Panel that the Cross-Code survey would be undertaken this year and that encouragement from all for the industry to take part would be welcomed.

5381. JC also noted that the new version of the Ofgem external website was due to be launched in June 2021. A publishing moratorium would be put in place whilst Ofgem transition to this new website and the dates for this publishing moratorium will be published shortly.

5382. The Chair advised the Panel that, following the "The Road to Net Zero: Electricity Markets" in March 2021, the ESO are holding a one-day follow-up event on the 22 June 2021 (Markets Forum) and encouraged attendance for this event.

Date of next meeting

5383. The next STC Panel meeting will be held on **Wednesday 30 June 2021**

5384. New Modification Proposal date **Tuesday 15 June 2021**

5385. Panel papers day **Tuesday 22 June 2021**