

STC Modification Panel Minutes: 27 October 2021

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Date: 27/10/2021	Location: Microsoft Teams
Start: 10:00am	End: 11:45

Participants

Attendee	Initials	Company
Ian Ascroft	IA	Chair, Code Administrator, National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)
Rashpal Gata-Aura	RGA	Technical Secretary, Code Administrator, National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)
Ruth Roberts	RR	Code Administrator, National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO) Observer
Terry Baldwin	TB	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)
David Halford	DH	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)
Stephen Baker	SB	Technical Industry Code Manager, National Grid Electricity System Operator
Frank Kasibante	FK	Technical Industry Code Manager, National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO) (Observer)
Nitin Prajapati	NP	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)
Richard Woodward	RWO	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Milorad Dobrijevic	MD	Scottish Power Transmission plc. (SPT)
Michelle MacDonald	MMac	Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc. (SHET) (Alternate)
Neil Sandison	NS	Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc. (SHET)
Mike Lee	ML	Offshore Transmission Owner (OFTO)

Joel Matthews	JM	Offshore Transmission Owner (OFTO)
Jonathan Coe	JC	Ofgem
Apologies	Initials	Company
Rob Wilson	RWI	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)
David Lyon	DL	Offshore Transmission Owner (OFTO)

1. Introductions and Apologies for Absence

5482. Apologies were received from Rob Wilson and David Lyon.

2. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

5483. The Panel approved the minutes from the meeting held on 29 September 2021 which are now published [here](#).

3. Review of Actions

5484. The Panel reviewed the open actions from the meeting held on 29 September 2021 which can be found on the [Actions Log](#).

4. Authority Decisions

5485. The Chair informed the Panel there had been no Authority decisions on STC modifications.

5. STC/STCP Modification Proposals for Panel Decision

5486. The Chair told the Panel there had been no new modification proposals submitted.

6. Draft STC/STCP Modifications

5487. The Chair advised the Panel that three draft modifications had been submitted for the Panel to consider and for more information these can be found with the [Panel pack](#).

5488. The Chair invited Richard Woodward to present the draft **CM079 – “Consideration of STC/STCP changes in relation to CMP330/374”**. Full details of this draft proposal are available with the [Panel pack](#).

5489. RWO advised the Panel that this modification required a workgroup to be set up as soon as possible as time was of the essence here due to the consequential impact of the CUSC proposals CMP330 and CMP374.

5490. The Panel discussed CM079 modification proposal and noted that CM079 would need to be progressed swiftly to align with CMP330/374 which is already at consultation stage.

5491. **ACTION** JC to speak to the CUSC modifications decision making team at Ofgem.

5492. JC indicated that it would be beneficial to have the original modification and any consequential modifications from other codes to be presented as a package. This would also require the associated legal text to be worked out in advance which Ofgem would be comfortable with.

5493. RWO advised the Panel that moving forward there will likely be more of similar changes where CUSC modifications impact STC as a consequence and stressed that a plan needs to be put in place regarding timings etc.
5494. The Chair stressed to the Panel that anything coming through the Panel must have the full legal text prepared.
5495. **ACTION** Panel Secretary to start the nomination process for the workgroup to be formed for CM079.
5496. The Chair directed the Panel to ***“STC changes as a result of CUSC modification CMP328”*** and asked DH if there were any specifics required from the Panel as there was still a lot of mapping required in the background.
5497. DH explained that his team were finalising the process mapping that have been put in place and were now highlighting some of the key challenges and questions. Very shortly after that, there would be an official workgroup formed with the TOs only. Some conversations have already taken place and details are required to be refined. Initial indications were that there could potentially be considerable change in the STC and it is felt that the sooner this process is started the better, bearing in mind the journey of the CUSC modification.
5498. The Chair stated that discussions had taken place in the background to decide what stage this modification should come back to at the November Panel. Should the modification be in draft form then an update to the Panel would be good.
5499. The Chair told the Panel that RWI had circulated an email to all the panels (Grid Code CUSC and STC) seeking engagement from industry in a number of working groups that are being set up to enable development of the obligations under Electricity System Restoration Standard (ESRS). Of particular interest to the code panels is assumed to be the Regulatory Frameworks workstream. Presentation slide for this can be found [here](#).

7. Potential Future Modifications

Modification Tracker and Horizon Scan

5500. The Panel reviewed the STC Modification Tracker which can be found via the following [link](#).

Authority Update

5501. JC advised the Panel there was no further update.

European Network Code impacts

5502. No further update.

8. Reports from Sub- Committees

Joint Planning Committee – JPC

5503. No further update.

Network Access Policy Workgroup – NAP

5504. The next NAP meeting is to be held in December.

Transmission Charging Review Group - TCRG

5505. RWO advised the Panel that there had been no formal meeting or one planned for in the near future. Future of the TCRG meetings to be discussed in “Any Other Business” today.

9. Code Administrator Team

5506. The Chair updated the Panel with the movements within the Code Administrator Team and introduced Ruth Roberts, one team member joined and subsequently left very shortly after that, and that Kavita Patel had now moved onto another team.

10. Technical Industry Code

Whole System Grid code Digitalisation Update

5507. The Chair invited Frank Kasibante from Technical Industry Codes to present the Whole System Grid Code Digitalisation Update to the Panel and updated slides with detailed information can be found with the [Panel papers](#).

5508. FK advised the Panel that input/views are sought on the [Consultation](#) which will run until 12 November 2021 and a proforma to provide formal responses can be found [here](#).

5509. Further information on the project and the webinars can be found [here](#). The webinars are scheduled for the 2 November, 5 November and 10 November. FK emphasised to the Panel the importance of responses from the industry.

11. Any other Business

5510. The Chair continued to advise the Panel of the agenda item “Future of TCRG”.

5511. RWO was invited by the Chair to address the Panel regarding the “Future of TCRG”. RWO advised the Panel that there had been no formal meeting and neither was there one planned due to lack of agenda items.

5512. RWO requested feedback from the Panel, stating that the meeting had been rolled forward and re-arranged on three occasions in the last few months with the last meeting being cancelled.

5513. RWO advised the Panel that issues discussed in the past have been very transactional in respect of issues at hand rather than a decision making group as was envisaged when the TCRG was initially formed.

5514. The Chair confirmed that there was nothing in the STC Governance rules that TCRG has to exist. The terms of reference can be reviewed and changes made should this be the way forward and invited comments from the Panel.
5515. **ACTION** MMac advised the Panel that NB was on annual leave, she may be supportive of TCRG remaining and will provide an update at the next Panel.
5516. **ACTION** Panel members to provide some comments to the way forward regarding the (1) frequency of the meetings, (2) the scope of meeting, (3) the representation, and (4) the overall scope of TCRG for items people would like to discuss then move forward to make some changes to see the benefits. Further comments from people who attend TCRG in what they were looking to achieve from this meeting would also be welcomed.
5517. The Chair invited NP to take forward a brief presentation on Offshore Transmission Network Review (OTNR) which was for information only.
5518. NP presented the slides which can be found [here](#) for more detailed information and further information will be circulated shortly.
5519. TB presented the slides on behalf of RWI on ESRS which can be found [here](#) for further information.
5520. ML questioned whether this was the new name for “Black Start” and it was confirmed as being the new name.

Date of next meeting

5521. The next STC Panel meeting will be held on **Wednesday 24 November 2021**
5522. New Modification Proposal date **Tuesday 09 November 2021**
5523. Panel papers day **Tuesday 16 November 2021**