STC Panel

Wednesday 15 December 2021

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Introductions & Apologies for absence

- **Apologies**
  - None
- **Alternates**
  - Terry Baldwin
- **Presenters**
  - Rob Wilson
- **Observers**
  - None

Approval of Panel Minutes

Approval of Panel Minutes from the Meeting held 24 November 2021

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Actions Log

Review of the actions log

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Authority Decisions

Decisions Received since last Panel meeting

None

Decisions Pending

None

New modification submitted

- ***PM0121 -STCP16-1 Bay Reservation Amendment***

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Rob Wilson
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STCP modification

PM0121

STCP16-1 – Bay Reservation Amendment

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Stability Pathfinders

- The Stability Pathfinder found difficulties in allocating substation connections
- Competitive tendering process and some competition for capacity, particularly substation bays
- Tenderers often did not have connection agreements
- Success in tendering might not be followed by an achievable connection offer
- A more efficient process was sought

Pathfinder round 3 – a more efficient process

- Proposed that an alternative process should be followed in which connection agreements for Pathfinders could be issued on successful conclusion of a Pathfinder tender
- Section D of the STC would still be followed, but a more efficient solution would be achieved by allowing the allocation of a substation bay and capacity in advance of a connection offer being made as part of a successful tender
- Ofgem issued a direction to the ESO and TOs to allow a derogation from the normal STC section D connection process and specifically to allow this reservation of substation capacity
- Ofgem were clear in their direction that an enduring solution was expected to be brought forwards

STCP16-1 Proposed Amendment

- STCP16-1 ‘Investment Planning’ section 4.3 allows any party to submit to another a request to consider network changes to improve working methods or reduce costs to the industry
- Minor changes to this proposed to clarify and make more specific that allocation of substation capacity can be included where this aids a more efficient overall solution
- Feedback sought at Oct and Nov STC meetings; particular question asked of is this enough? Are changes to STC section D required as well?
- Panel decision sought on way to proceed with proposed amendment

Draft modifications to be discussed

- *None*

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Potential Future Modifications and impacts of other modifications

Modifications Tracker – Ian Ascroft

European Network Code Impacts – Rob Wilson

Authority Update (SCRs/Energy Code Review) – Jonathan Coe

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Reports from Sub-Committees

Joint Planning Committee (JPC) – Nicola Bruce

- **Next meeting: TBC**

Network Access Policy Workgroup (NAP) – TBC

- **Next meeting: TBC**

Transmission Charging Review Group (TCRG) – Richard Woodward

Code Administrator Update

No Update

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- None

Date of next meeting

Wednesday 26 January 2022

Panel Papers Day – 18 January 2022

Modification Submission date – 11 January 2022

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