

STC Modification Panel Minutes: 23 February 2022

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Date: 23 February 2022 **Location:** Microsoft Teams

Start: 10:00am **End:** 11:00am

Participants

Attendee	Initials	Company
Sally Musaka	SM	Chair, Code Administrator, National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)
Rashpal Gata-Aura	RGA	Tech Sec, Code Administrator, National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)
Jennifer Groome	JG	Code Administrator, National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO) Observer
David Halford	DH	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO) Presenter
Terry Baldwin	TB	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO) Alternate
Keith Jones	KJ	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)
Katherina Meehan	KM	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)
Angela Quinn	AQ	UK Legal
Richard Woodward	RWO	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Milorad Dobrijevic	MD	Scottish Power Transmission plc. (SPT)
Neil Bennett	NBE	Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc. (SHET)
Michelle MacDonald	MMacD	Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc. (SHET)
Ian Bottomer	IB	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)

Joel Matthews	JM	Offshore Transmission Owner (OFTO)
Mike Lee	ML	Offshore Transmission Owner (OFTO)
Jonathan Coe	JC	Ofgem
Paul Smillie	PS	Scottish Power Transmission plc. (SPT) Observer
Ian Grave	IG	PeakGen/MRPL Observer
Apologies	Initials	Company
Nicola Bruce	NBR	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)
Robert Wilson	RWI	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)
Nick Sillito	NS	PeakGen/MRPL

1. Introductions and Apologies for Absence

5720. Apologies were received from Nicola Bruce, Robert Wilson and Nick Sillito.

2. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

5721. The Panel approved the minutes from the meeting held on 26 January 2022. (**Post Panel note:** The minutes are now available on the National Grid ESO website)

3. Review of Actions

5722. The Panel reviewed the open actions from the meeting held on 26 January 2022 and the Panel members agreed to leave **Action 5679** open that further discussions are still required.

5723. **ACTION** ESO (TB) to have further discussions with TOs to way forward and also provide a timeline.

4. Authority Decisions

5724. The Chair informed the Panel there had been no Authority decisions on STC modifications.

5. STC/STCP Modification Proposals for Panel Decision

5725. The Chair advised the Panel that no new modifications had been submitted for the February Panel.

6. Draft STC/STCP Modifications

5726. The Chair informed the Panel that two draft modification proposals had been submitted for the February Panel and invited DH to present them.

1) CM078 -STC change for CUSC Modification 'CMP328 - Connection Triggering Distribution Impact Assessment'

2) PM0120 - Connection Triggering Distribution Impact Assessment

5727. DH updated the Panel on the status of the two draft modifications which followed on the back of the CUSC modification CMP328. The draft proposals have been circulated and for more detailed information please see the [Panel pack](#).
5728. DH advised the Panel that the draft legal text for these modifications had been shared with NGET, SHET, and SP who have been working together with ESO to outline the potential impacts that will need to be looked at in the STC and STCP.
5729. DH stated that to-date feedback had only been received from NGET and therefore ESO would welcome feedback from other TOs also, so that any concerns can be addressed.
5730. DH advised that Ofgem preference would be to see the STC and the CUSC changes as a package to enable them to make an informed decision.
5731. RWO expressed his concerns that as this draft proposal will be presented formally at the March Panel, that due consideration should be given to the timeline with contingencies built in.
5732. JG commented on the governance around the STC and STCP changes and highlighted that whilst the STC and STPC will be sent to Ofgem, the STCP will be approved by Panel.
5733. JG stated that from Code Administrator prospective what is being asked is whether STCP changes can be approved in advance whatever solution is selected for CMP328 and CM078 and then put through whichever is the co-ordinating STCP solution.
5734. JG advised that this process could be achieved through circulation rather than going through Panel. Should the present timeline for CM078 and PM0120 need to be changed based on feedback received from RWO, then that too can be reviewed.
5735. JC confirmed that Ofgem would not be dissuaded by the decision taken by the Panel and that the STCP changes would be factored into the decision taken by Ofgem. The decision would be taken on the main body changes on CUSC and STC changes.

7. Specific Items/Decision

Party Entry Process Timetable for MRPL

5736. The Chair recapped that at present there was no Party Entry Process for TOs and that there is only governance process for OFTOs and invited AQ to take this forward.
5737. AQ summarised the background on the process and the next steps. Following a pre-meeting with Panel members the draft Party Entry Process was shared with MRPL for comments. No comments had been received from MRPL and IG was invited to cite any comments/concerns MRPL may have.
5738. IG stated there were no comments from MRPL.
5739. AG confirmed that the document had been circulated to Panel members and whilst there is no governance around TOs, it was recognised that the governance was not fit for ONTOs. Given the proposal, MRPL will not appoint a party representative and will not be involved in the voting as MRPL will not fall in the party categories. MRPL will be involved in the process as the process does not excluded parties from being involved only just in voting.

5740. AG confirmed that with CATO coming, it would be better to address this more deeply as and when it is known what is likely to be needed for a bigger category.
5741. AG advised that discussions had taken place and it was accepted that as written in party category, MRPL was not recognised as another type of TO, but this is only relevant in the context of voting on the code modifications.
5742. AG reiterated that provided MRPL was of accepting what it means not to be in that group but would be included in any discussions, it was hoped other parties too would recognise that it is a function of the present position and that more is needed going forward.
5743. AG commented that it would be futile to try to address this situation given that MRPL have agreed not to appoint party representatives and get involved in the express voting.
5744. IG advised the Panel that they endorsed all that was said by AG and recognised the industry was going through many changes now and in the future and wanted to keep things simple in the short term.
5745. The Chair advised the Panel that all the related documents had been circulated with the Panel papers and a decision was sought. Clarity was provided to the Panel members regarding approval of the MRPL to accede to the STC.
5746. The Panel unanimously verbally approved the Party Entry Process timetable for MRPL.
5747. **ACTION** AQ to provide a clean copy, without any comments, to Panel secretary for circulation.
5748. **ACTION** Panel secretary to circulate to Panel members the clean copy of the document as soon as received. (**Post Panel note:** Clean version of the copy provided by AQ and circulated to Panel members on 25 February 2022).
5749. The Chair informed the Panel that the accession process had been started, to enable MRPL to accede to the STC on 1 April 2022. (**Post Panel note:** all documents have now been signed, completed and are held for MRPL to accede to STC n 1April 2022).

8. Potential Future Modifications

Modification Tracker and Horizon Scan

5750. The Chair invited comments on the updated STC Modification Tracker and the 12 Cross Code Modification tracker which were both shared with the Panel papers and can be found via the following [link](#).

Authority Update

5751. JC advised the Panel that the consultation on the “Minded to Positions” had closed on 21 February 2022. Ofgem were currently reviewing the responses received and the aim was to issue a decision around April 2022.

9. Reports from Sub- Committees

Joint Planning Committee – JPC

5752. The next JPC meeting is scheduled for 25 April 2022.

Network Access Policy Workgroup – NAP

5753. MD advised the Panel that the next NAP meeting is scheduled for mid-March 2022.

Transmission Charging Review Group - TCRG

5754. RWO advised the Panel that no date had yet been set for the meeting and discussions continue regarding the future of TCRG.

10. Code Administrator Update

5755. The Chair updated the Panel on the new improved Code Administrator modification tracker that has been co-created with industry building on feedback received to develop it so that it was fit for purpose.

5756. ESO website analytics showed that there was only 10% usage of the current modification tracker by industry and ESO wanted to increase engagement with this important document.

5757. The Chair advised that the new modification tracker was easier to follow, with unnecessary columns removed and it streamlined the key milestones on the timetable.

5758. The Chair highlighted that the key improvements were the look and feel which was better, the columns have been streamlined, cross code impacts have been added, hyperlinks to the mod pages and code documents have been added as well as a link to the Ofgem decision timetable.

5759. The Chair advised the Panel that the new mod tracker had been published and could be viewed on ESO website through the usual link. Comments were invited from Panel on the new modification tracker.

11. Any other Business

5760. The Chair updated the Panel on CM080 which was shared with Panel in January and nomination process opened. ESO had not received sufficient nominations for CM080 to create a workgroup. Governance rules require 3 persons to form a workgroup (1 ESO representative, 1 TO representative and 1 OFTO representative). CM080 only had 1 ESO and 1 TO, and no OFTO representative as they would not be impacted.

5761. JG highlighted that the timeline presented previously would be looked to follow, however the issue here was that the STC says that any workgroup must have 1 ESO representative, 1 TO representative and 1 OFTO representative as a minimum. The proposer has had discussions with OFTOs and it would seem there is no impact on OFTOs and it would not seem appropriate to force the OFTOs to join the workgroup.

5762. It was proposed by the Code Administrator that the Panel reconsiders their decision for CM080 to proceed to a Workgroup and instead for this to be taken offline and the

updated Proposal to be represented- seeking a straight to Code Administrator Consultation governance route

- 5763. The Panel unanimously agreed for CM080 modification to be worked offline and that it could go straight to Code Administrator Consultation after presentation to Panel.
- 5764. The Chair brought the meeting to a close as no further business/comments were received from the Panel.

Date of next meeting

- 5765. The next STC Panel meeting will be held on **Wednesday 30 March 2022**
- 5766. New Modification Proposal date **Tuesday 15 March 2022**
- 5767. Panel papers day **Tuesday 22 March 2022**