

Summary of Meeting

Meeting Name GB SQSS Review Group

Meeting No. 8

Date of Meeting 23rd October 2007

Venue Scottish Hydro Electricity Transmission Offices, Perth

This note outlines the key action points from the most recent meeting of the GB SQSS Review Group.

1.	Apologies for Absence
1.	Apologies for absence were received from Edgar Goddard – EG, Andrew Wainwright – AW and Lilian MacLeod – LM (NGET) and Brian Punton – BP (SHETL). AH explained that he had changed roles within National Grid and was therefore stepping down as the chairman of the review group. EG was going to take over from him until the expiry of NGET's chair in January 2008.
2.	GSR001 - Intermittent Onshore Generation
2.	It was reported that there were no industry workshops planned by the Onshore Intermittent Generation working group at this stage. Since work was still in progress on the investigation of candidate methodologies, it was agreed that once there was sufficient material to consult on, the consultation document (which is currently being prepared) would be published. This was expected by end of November. The Review Group were advised that the amendment report, pursuant to the consultation, should address the key questions raised from within and outside the working group. Therefore by the time of submitting the amendment report to the Authority, all major works should have been completed.
3.	GSR002 – Housekeeping
3.	It was reported that the Housekeeping consultation had closed. Five responses were received and replied to, to which there were two further responses. The main concerns raised were (i) the wording of the copyright notice and (ii) the inclusiveness of the GB SQSS governance arrangements. The respondents felt that the copyright notice was too restrictive. The copyright notice was subsequently revised to clarify that copies could be made for legitimate GB companies in the electricity industry for GB work.
4.	It was agreed that the GB SQSS governance arrangements would be up for review after at least 12 months in operation. It was also recalled that the purpose of the 'light weight' review on Housekeeping was to test the governance arrangements and the related processes work within industry and Ofgem. This would then provide a guide to reviewing the governance arrangements.
4.	GSR003 – Design of Generation Connections
5.	A review request was received from SHETL requesting that the generation connection criteria be reviewed for 132kV radial systems. It was noted that the deterministic criteria set out in section 2 of the GB SQSS did not promote economic and efficient development of the transmission system. The Review Group was informed that investment to a higher security standard could be justified based on economics but the same could not be done for a lower security level.
6.	It was agreed to set up a small working group, with at least one representative from each transmission licensee and one representative from Ofgem. SPT would lead the working group.

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5.	GSR004 – Bus Coupler Faults
7.	This review request was submitted by SPTL as a draft. The Review Group were informed of an inconsistency in the standard where a bus coupler fault is listed under secured events in Section 2 of the GB SQSS but not in Section 4. The Review Group were informed of cases where a bus coupler fault could result in loss of power infeed in excess of the infrequent infeed loss risk (currently set at 1320MW).
8.	The review request was accepted by the Review Group subject to submission of the final copy of the request. Resource allocation would be considered at the next meeting.
6.	Short Term Access Governance (STAG)
9.	A number of initiatives are being looked at to review current access arrangements with the view to finding ways to release transmission capacity and connect more renewables. The initiatives relevant to the GB SQSS are (i) revising the planning voltage standard, (ii) relaxing the stability criteria and (iii) greater use of intertrips in generation connection design and their use in the design of the main interconnected transmission system. The review group discussed these and agreed that the first two were worth considering further.
7.	Governance
10.	The appropriateness of the GB SQSS governance arrangements was discussed in view of the role played by the GB SQSS with regards to recent press concerns and debates on wind, nuclear, etc. It was noted that there were concerns that there was a general feeling that there was no panel where people can go to and debate issues dealt with by the GB SQSS.
11.	It was agreed that the governance arrangements would be reviewed after 12 months to address issues of inclusiveness and any other issues that could have arisen in the interim. It was also agreed that the profile of the governance could be improved by circulating the review register with the agendas for (i) the Grid Code, (ii) STC and (iii) the CUSC for information. It was also noted that the governance had a provision for invitation of a few observers. More work needed to be done on this aspect when the review is carried out as well as providing further clarity on the definition of the term 'interested parties'.
8.	Next Meeting
12.	The next meeting of the GB Review Group will be held on Tuesday, 24th January 2008 at SHETL's Offices in Warwick.

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Appendix 1 – GB SQSS Review Group Attendance

Members Present:

Andrew Hiorns	AH	Review Group Chairman
Mike Lee	ML	National Grid Representative
Bless Kuri	BK	National Grid Representative
John Zammit-Haber	JZH	National Grid Representative
		Scottish Hydro-Electric Transmission Limited (SHETL) Representative
Colin Bayfield	CB	SP Transmission Limited (SPT) Representative
David Carson	DC	SP Transmission Limited (SPT) Representative
Colin Brozio	CBr	SP Transmission Limited (SPT) Representative
Chandra Trikha	CT	Scottish Hydro-Electric Transmission Limited (SHETL) Representative
Jim Molley	JM	Scottish Hydro-Electric Transmission Limited (SHETL) Representative
Bridget Morgan	BM	Authority Representative

Apologies:

Lilian Macleod	LM	Review Group Secretary
Brian Punton	BP	Scottish Hydro-Electric Transmission Limited (SHETL) Representative
Andy Wainwright	AW	National Grid Representative