

Summary of Meeting

Meeting Name NETS SQSS Review Group
Meeting Number 33
Date of Meeting Tuesday 22nd November, 2011
Venue Warwick D3.3 incl Teleconference

This note provides a summary of the main actions arising and agreements reached at the above meeting.

Attendees:

David Wright	DW	NGET	(Chairman)
Mark Perry	MP	NGET	(NGET Planning Member 2)
Paul Plumptre	PP	NGET	(NGET Planning Member 3)
Xiaoyao Zhou	XZ	NGET	(NGET Operations Member)
David Carson	DC	Scottish Power	(SPT Member 1)
Cornel Brozio	CB	Scottish Power	(SPT Member 2)
Bless Kuri	BK	SHETL	(SHETL Member 1)
Brian Punton	BP	SHETL	(SHETL Member 2)
Sheona Mackenzie	SM	OFGEM	(Authority Member)
Mike Lee	ML	Transmission Capital	(OFTO Representative 2)
Thomas Derry	TD	NGET	(NGET Commercial - Invitee)
James Cooper	JC	NGET	(Technical Secretary)

Apologies:

Andy Hiorns	AH	NGET	(NGET Planning Member 1)
Sean Kelly	SK	Transmission Capital	(OFTO Representative 1)

2. Governance

TD has drafted a final conclusions paper and circulated amongst the SQSS Review Group for comment. Responses from Ofgem were received 21/11/11. BP confirmed SHETL legal team will submit comments by 25/11/11.

Action 33.1 - BP

TD aims to publish a final conclusions paper, including a revised governance framework within the next three weeks. Target date for implementation remains 31 March 2012

3. Right to Appeal

As part of the new governance arrangements, it had been proposed to remove the explicit reference to SQSS version number in each Transmission Licence – this would make enactment of SQSS updates easier. The ‘Right to Appeal’ issue is that this would remove the TOs current ability to appeal an SQSS change approved by Ofgem, as TOs have the right to appeal any licence change. Ofgem legal team has been looking into this issue. It was agreed that the governance change should not involve any change to rights currently in place and as such the explicit reference to SQSS in licences should remain. It was noted that this may need to be discussed again due to the implementation of the European Third Package.

Thomas Derry left the meeting.

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4. Minutes of last meeting

These were accepted without amendment.

5. Actions from last meeting

Completed or elapsed

Action	Description
32.1	MO to organise a teleconference between Legal and OFGEM to resolve the outstanding copyright issue
32.2	GSR008 draft report will be completed by 17/9/11 and will be circulated by the next week.
32.3	TD will reply to the industry letters and will redraft the new governance document and circulate within the review group members by 14 th October
32.4	MO to circulate a response based on Legal's comments on the 'right to appeal' issue to the Review Group members
32.5	PP and MP will update Offshore and Interconnector working groups' progress by email to the Review Group members by end of September
32.6	DW to circulate an open letter to the industry to provide an update on the progress of SQSS Review Group.
32.9	MR to create a contact list of the SQSS Review Group members
30.2	MR to arrange Industry Workshop after the next review group meeting in 22 nd November.

Carried over

Action	Description
32.7	SQSS/ P2/6 Working Group: AH/JC will check the wordings on the SQSS and P2/6 document regarding robustness of the demand criterion and will get back to the SQSS review group members.
32.8	NGET (MP) to check the consistency between TOs on the modelling of embedded wind generation

6. Updates on current proposals

- Housekeeping (GSR002) and Wind Integration (GSR009)

These have been approved by Ofgem subject to the licence modification process. SQSS draft text including both sets of proposals has been submitted by MP to Ofgem. As licence changes now fall under the remit of the European Third Package the process to be followed is that a 28 day consultation period on the licence change will be undertaken within the next few weeks, and there will then be a window of appeal to the Competition Commission.

It was agreed that GSR009 presents no significant implementation issues for TOs.

- Regional Variations and Wider Issues (GSR008)

MP submitted this to Ofgem for consideration on October 19th. Some assessment questions have been received from Ofgem (SM). MP has circulated these for comment, so far receiving a reply from BK (SHETL). SPT undertook to reply by week ending 25/11/11

Action 33.2 – DC & CB

7. New Working Groups Progress

- The Generation Connection working group:

Good progress has been made, and there is a final group meeting scheduled in December, after which report drafting will be entered into. It is aimed to complete the report by the end of December, but recognised that it may run into January.

Potential effects of the ENTSOe recently released Draft Network Code and forthcoming Connections Code were discussed. PP/DC will discuss with Helge Urdal, who sits on the Connections Code Group.

Action 33.3 – DC & PP

There are a number of commercial issues to be addressed, and it was agreed a draft report will be submitted to the review group who will make a decision on how best to move forward.

- The Interconnector working group

Progress has been limited due to priorities for Cost Benefit Analysis allocated to the other two working groups first. It needs to be determined whether interconnectors are to be considered as a cost-benefit or security of supply issue, i.e. whether the system must be planned for both full import and export conditions. It was noted that GSR009 treats interconnectors at float for demand security calculations. In the Economy criterion, interconnectors “regarded as importing into GB at time of Peak demand” are scaled at 100%. PP expects to report by autumn 2012. This timetable was supported by the meeting and will be discussed with stakeholders next week.

In the meantime BP seeks clarity on how to treat a Norwegian interconnector into North East Scotland for planning purposes. NGET (John Zammit-Haber) to provide advice on this.

Action: 33.4 – DW

- The Offshore working group:

Several meetings have been held with another on December 12. Consideration is being given to allowing offshore intertrips that would be disallowed onshore. It is noted that due to the offshore design, there may be the risk/opportunity of exceeding the 1800MW infeed risk for very short durations (less than 1s) until the network is reconfigured. The group is on target to report by end of December and no major SQSS changes are expected to be proposed.

8. Customer Engagement

- Open Letter sent 24th October 2011

No feedback has been received on this

- RIIO stakeholder engagement meetings

NGET undertook meetings in London and Scotland where use of ‘Smart’ and targeted N – 1 was discussed. No formal feedback has been received yet but stakeholders were verbally supportive of the approach proposed.

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SHETL and SPT confirmed they had undertaken no further RIIO Stakeholder Engagement sessions.

- Industry Workshop – 28th November

The proposed agenda was discussed and agreed without amendment. It was agreed that the 'next steps' section would focus on the new governance arrangements.

- Publishing of SQSS Review Group minutes

DW proposed that SQSS Review Group meeting minutes be published on the SQSS website, once all parties have agreed with the contents. This proposal was accepted by all.

Action 33.5 - JC

9. Cross Industry Collaborations

- ENTSOe

No specific issues were identified, other than as regards the Generator Connections Working Group (see above).

- SQSS / P2/6 Working Group:

It was agreed by all that there needs to be some rationalisation of the SQSS and P2/6, but noted that ENA have stated they have no resource to progress. MP will talk to Alan Creighton after the SQSS workshop on 28th November about the possibility of a joint meeting to identify areas of difference and ways forward to address them.

Action 33.6 - MP

DW suggested trying to discuss single issues, such as the embedded generation anomalies, if a joint working group was not possible. DW agreed to raise the issue again with the DCRP chair Mike Kay.

Action 33.7 - DW

10. Any other business

None

11. Next meeting

JC to schedule the next few meetings

Action 33.8 – JC (completed – see below)

Post meeting update: the next three meetings have been scheduled for the following:

13 th January	1130-1330hrs
15 th March	0900-1100hrs
17 th May	0900-1100hrs