

Summary of Meeting

Meeting Name NETS SQSS Review Group

Meeting Number 35

Date of Meeting Tuesday 24th March, 2012

Venue Warwick D3.1 incl Teleconference

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

Attendees:

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| David Wright | DW | NGET | (Chairman) |
| Mark Perry | MP | NGET | (NGET Member) |
| Paul Plumptre | PP | NGET | (NGET Alternate Member) |
| Xiaoyao Zhou | XZ | NGET | (NGET Operations Member) |
| David Carson | DC | Scottish Power | (SPT Member) |
| Brian Punton | BP | SHETL | (SHETL Member) |
| Mike Lee | ML | Transmission Capital | (OFTO Alternate Representative) |
| Thomas Derry | TD | NGET | (NGET Commercial - Invitee) |
| James Cooper | JC | NGET | (Technical Secretary) |

Apologies:

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| Andy Hiorns | AH | NGET | (NGET Member) |
| Cornel Brozio | CB | Scottish Power | (SPT Member) |
| Bless Kuri | BK | SHETL | (SHETL Member) |
| Sean Kelly | SK | Transmission Capital | (OFTO Representative) |
| Geoff Singleton | GS | Blue Transmission | (OFTO Representative) |
| Sheona Mackenzie | SM | OFGEM | (Authority Member) |

1. Minutes of last meeting

These were accepted without amendment.

2. Actions from last meeting

Completed or elapsed

| Action | Description | Action Owner |
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| 33.3 | Potential impacts of ENTSOe forthcoming Connections Code to be discussed with H.Urdal. Action closed as it is agreed that the ENTSOe RfG Code ('Requirements for Generators') impacts on the GB Grid Code, not the SQSS. As other ENTSOe work will affect the SQSS, this will be monitored via an ongoing agenda item. | DC/PP |
| 33.5 | SQSS Minutes to be placed on SQSS web-site. | JC |
| 34.1 | DW (JC) should formally write to AEP and ENA, to request a nomination for membership of the SQSS Review Group. This has been taken forward by TD, and nominations now received. | TD |

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| 34.3 | XZ to form a Review Group to investigate what design standard, if any, should cover the possibility of maximum loss of infeed arising from near-simultaneous failures of separate offshore cables. Completed | XZ |
| 34.4 | All Review Group members were requested to comment on DC's report. Completed | All |
| 34.5 | Offshore Working Group to progress drafting of a full report. It was agreed working group actions would be closed and tracked via the relevant agenda item. | MP |
| 34.6 | PP to reconvene Interconnector Working Group. It was agreed working group actions would be closed and tracked via the relevant agenda item. | PP |

Carried over

| Action | Description | Action Owner | Due date |
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| 32.8 | Action title amended to "Are we collectively modelling embedded generation in accordance with the SQSS (post GSR009)?" It was discussed that DNOs usually net embedded generation off demand at a low load factor in their Week 24 submissions. For economy GSR009 criteria, this should be modelled at higher transmission factors. Members need to ensure however we are not double counting this by both adding it as generation and netting off demand. MP to lead discussions. | MP | Next meeting |
| 33.6/7 | Report on upcoming liaisons with Alan Creighton and Mike Kay, wrt interaction of SQSS and P2/6. DW reported Mike Kay was supportive of a one-off collaboration meeting to discuss interaction/potential conflicts without commitment to change either SQSS or P 2/6 – MP to arrange. | MP | Next meeting |
| 34.2 | Competition in transmission: MP to progress under the new 'non-material change' route, changes to definition of Onshore Licensee within SQSS. | MP | Dec 2012 |
| 34.7 | JC to arrange Industry workshop for late June, and two or three further ahead. | JC | Apr 2012 |
| 34.8 | JC to schedule May face-to-face meeting. | JC | Apr 2012 |

New actions arising

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| 35.1 | DW (JC) to write to Simon Lord and Alan Creighton to welcome them as future members of the SQSS Review | JC | March 2012 |

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| 35.2 | DW, DC, BP, ML to elect to the secretary the members who will attend the next meeting on behalf of NGET, SPT, SHETL and the OFTOs respectively. | DW, DC, BP, ML | April 2012 |
| 35.3 | JC to facilitate election of OFTO representatives and of chair. | JC | May 10 th 2012 |
| 35.4 | An up to date review register to be produced containing old and current modifications and circulated around the attendees. | JC | Next meeting |
| 35.5 | TD to propose pro-forma for a new Modification Proposal Form. | TD | Next meeting |
| 35.6 | DW to consider annual updates to regulators on behalf of the panel following the successful update meeting with Ofgem. | DW | April 2012 |
| 35.7 | NG Legal team to check consultation and SQSS text before this is issued. DC to pass this to JC to coordinate. | DC/JC | Next meeting |
| 35.8 | JC to coordinate with Pat Hynes/Ian Pashley and provide text from a CUSC perspective for DC to include in consultation document. | JC | Next meeting |
| 35.9 | MP to propose an agenda for Industry workshop. | MP | Next meeting |
| 35.10 | JC to arrange Panel meetings for the next year. | JC | Next meeting |

3. Governance

The final conclusions paper was published on March 5th. NGET's legal team were currently reviewing and commenting ahead of the framework being published.

Discussion led to the following conclusions:

- As discussed previously the new chair will be nominated from Panel members to provide experience / continuity.
- Each onshore TO shall be limited to two representatives. A paragraph will be added that if the number of members needs to change for efficient operation of the Panel, this can be done as long as the whole Panel agree.
- The OFTO voting process will be amended so that if all OFTOs agree a solution, and confirm this in writing to the secretary, then a vote is not necessary, otherwise voting will take place. This process is to be an annex in the Governance Framework.
- The deadline for completion of the work done by a Workgroup will be set appropriately to the terms of reference for each Workgroup.
- The section regarding intellectual property rights was to be removed unless NGET's legal team had a strong contrary view.

It was noted that the arrangements for the nomination of Distribution and Generation representatives have been made more flexible; AEP and ENA have been asked to nominate members in the same way the TOs are, and it would be left to them how they appoint and reappoint these members. They have appointed Simon Lord and Alan Creighton.

DW (JC) to write to Simon Lord and Alan Creighton to welcome them as members of the SQSS Review Panel.

Action 35.1 – DW (JC)

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The Governance Framework will be published by 31 March.

It was agreed that the process for publishing meeting minutes would be:

- The secretary to send out draft minutes to the Panel within two weeks of the meeting, and put them on the website;
- A further two week period to be allowed for comments/amendments;
- The minutes to be ratified at the next meeting and changed to final on the website.

A number of implementation actions are required ahead of the next meeting:

DW, DC, BP, to elect the members who will attend the next Panel meeting on behalf of NGET, SPT, SHETL and the OFTOs respectively.

Action 35.2 – DW, DC, BP

JC to facilitate OFTO election process to determine OFTO representatives.

Once the membership of the next meeting is confirmed, JC to write to the members asking them to nominate themselves or other Panel members (with their consent) to be chair. JC to facilitate election process.

Action 35.3 – JC

An up to date review register to be produced containing old and current modifications and circulated around the attendees.

Action 35.4 – JC

TD to make pro-forma for a new Modification Proposal Form.

Action 35.5 – TD

4. SQSS Annual update to Ofgem - 22 Feb 2012 Debrief

DW presented an update to members of Ofgem's offshore, onshore, RIIO and European teams. Highlights of the meeting were:

- There was interest in the interface between P2/6 and SQSS, and the use of 'Smart' and targeted N-1 actions, and what demand behaviour changes mean for both;
- It was verbally discussed that GSR008 will possibly not require an impact assessment. Instead an open letter to the industry may be more appropriate;
- Ofgem expressed an interest in joining some of the SQSS Working Groups; accordingly David Gray is to join the Offshore Working Group and Charlotte Ramsey the Interconnectors working group.

DW intends to consider whether annual SQSS update meetings would be beneficial to regulators.

Action 35.6 – DW

5. Updates

- Regional Variations and Wider Issues (GSR008)

SM had raised further queries on 9th March, which MP had replied to. MP to send this to BP. The next step is an open letter to be issued by Ofgem.

- Competition in transmission – code changes

This is to be tracked via Action 34.2

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6. Working Groups Progress

- The Generation Connection working group:

DC and BP have received comments, BP to feed his to DC. A final report will be produced by DC soon, ahead of the next meeting. The next step is to send a consultation document to industry. After discussion of various ways of asking questions, it was agreed to put back this decision to the next meeting. It was agreed it would be preferable to issue revised SQSS text at the same time, to avoid a separate consultation.

NG Legal team to check consultation and SQSS text before this is issued. DC to pass this to JC to coordinate

Action 35.7 – DC, JC

JC to coordinate with Pat Hynes/Ian Pashley and provide text from a CUSC perspective for DC to include in consultation document

Action 35.8 – JC

- The Offshore working group:

The action remained on the Offshore Group to progress drafting of a full report. It was noted that new formal timelines for completion of the work of the group were needed and would be logged on the revised review register (See Action 35.4)

- The Interconnector working group

Some preliminary work is now being undertaken. The first meeting will be at the start of May. The timeline for this group was to be revised to 6 months starting from March, so a report should be available by the September meeting.

- Maximum Infeed Loss (Monitoring Group)

Terms of reference have been drafted and will be finalised at the first meeting on 19th March. Some external consultancy was deemed likely to be necessary. Previously for wind consultancy work costs had been split equally between NGET, SPT and SHETL. XZ will make a proposal for engaging consultants and a decision made on cost splitting once this is done. XZ also to determine appropriate timelines for completion of the work.

7. Customer Engagement

- Next Industry Workshop

MP to propose an agenda, which will be discussed at the next meeting

Action 35.9 – MP

- SQSS / P2/6 Working Group

This will be tracked via action 33.6/7

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8. Any other business

DW noted this was the last meeting of the SQSS Review Group before it becomes the SQSS Review Panel, and expressed thanks to all members for their endeavours and contributions to its success.

JC to arrange Panel meetings for the next year.

Action 35.10 – JC

9. Next meeting

The next meeting will be the first meeting of the SQSS Review Panel and is a 3 hour face-to-face meeting in Warwick.

17th May 1000-1300hrs