

Summary of Meeting

Meeting Name NETS SQSS Review Group
Meeting Number 34
Date of Meeting Tuesday 24th January, 2012
Venue Warwick D3.4 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)
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)
Sean Kelly	SK	Transmission Capital	(OFTO Representative 1)
Thomas Derry	TD	NGET	(NGET Commercial - Invitee)

Apologies:

Andy Hiorns	AH	NGET	(NGET Planning Member 1)
Mike Lee	ML	Transmission Capital	(OFTO Representative 2)
Xiaoyao Zhou	XZ	NGET	(NGET Operations Member)
James Cooper	JC	NGET	(Technical Secretary)

1. Minutes of last meeting

These were accepted without amendment.

2. Actions from last meeting

Completed or elapsed

Action	Description	Action Owner
32.7	SQSS/ P2/6 Working Group: 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. – this action lapses.	AH/JC
33.1	BP to forward SHETL legal comments on SQSS Governance – Tom Derry has taken these on board.	BP
33.4	NGET to clarify treatment of Norwegian Interconnector into North-East Scotland for planning purposes - John Zammit-Haber has confirmed that local connections should be planned for 100% import and export cases.	NGET

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32.8	NGET to check the consistency between TOs on the modelling of embedded wind generation	MP
33.3	Potential impacts of ENTSOe forthcoming Connections Code to be discussed with H.Urdal. (It is agreed that the ENTSOe RfG Code ('Requirements for Generators') impacts on the GB Grid Code, not the SQSS.)	DC/PP
33.5	SQSS Minutes to be placed on SQSS web-site.	JC
33.6/7	Report on upcoming liaisons with Alan Creighton and Mike Kay, wrt interaction of SQSS and P2/6.	MP/DW

3. Right to Appeal

It was agreed that there was nothing left to discuss under this issue.

4. Governance

TD aims to publish a final conclusions paper, including a revised governance framework within the next few weeks. Target date for implementation remains 31 March 2012. DW suggested that implementation by 31/March might be ambitious, but in recognition that the first scheduled meeting under new governance is 17/May, no formal decision to change was agreed.

On implementation, DW (JC) should formally write to AEP and ENA, to request a nomination for membership of the SQSS Review Group.

Action 34.1 – DW (JC)

5. Competition Issues in Transmission

Ofgem had issued a consultation on this in December 2011. It was agreed that there were no highly material matters arising for the SQSS.

It was agreed, that SQSS needed to change the definition of an Onshore Licensee within the SQSS; and also to revert to the geographical definitions of England&Wales; South Scotland and North Scotland. These drafting changes should be pushed through by the SQSS Review Group under the new 'non-material change' route by end 2012.

Action 34.2 – NGET

There is an issue, whether any new onshore TOs would have one seat each on the SQSS Review Group; or whether they would share representation with OFTOs. No decision was reached on this.

6. ForeWind issue of maximum offshore loss

ForeWind have raised the question of what design standard, if any, should cover the possibility of maximum loss of infeed arising from near-simultaneous failures of separate offshore cables. The SQSS Review Group agreed that there was a valid issue here, and that the solution probably involved a process to monitor the count of >1320MW losses and risks involved.

Mark Perry had drafted terms of reference of a Review Group, and these were agreed sufficient. Xiaoyao Zhou would lead a Review Group, and the challenging timescales of a report by end May were thought to be near feasible.

7. Updates on current proposals

- Regional Variations and Wider Issues (GSR008)

MDP expected to complete a reply-note to Ofgem by end January. SM reported that she was expecting that Ofgem would issue an 'Open Letter' on GSR008, with a 4-6 week consultation period.

8. Working Groups Progress

- The Generation Connection working group:

The Working Group have agreed a full Report, and David Carson had circulated this report recently to SQSS Review Group. David Wright made three initial comments for the tenor of the overall consultation:

- Do you agree that the Recommendations align with SQSS Principles?
- We note that the Recommendation is non-retrospective – is this discriminatory?
- We note no impact on overall system security.

Paul Plumtre raised the likely magnitude of consequent CUSC changes, but it was agreed that this would be addressed by posing questions of the tenor: 'do you believe large CUSC changes are required?' and 'is there appetite to work up the consequent CUSC changes'.

All Review Group members were requested to comment on D.Carson's report.

Action 34.4 – All

- The Offshore working group:

Mark Perry reported on draft Conclusions, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. There was no immediate dissent on these, and the action remained on the Offshore group to progress drafting of a full report.

Action 34.5 – MP

- The Interconnector working group

Paul Plumtre reported no progress, and this had been communicated to stakeholders at the Industry workshop. Paul Plumtre was asked to re-convene the Working Group, to meet the stated timescale of a report by autumn 2012.

Action: 34.6 – PP

9. Customer Engagement

- RIIO stakeholder engagement meetings

NGET had undertaken meetings in London and Scotland in October, 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. There is no further update.

- Industry Workshop – 28th November

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This workshop had been successfully held, with some ten industry attendees. It was noted that Industry feedback had been low, but there was no easy solution to this. The next Industry workshop should be targeted for May or June.

Action 34.7 - JC

10. Cross Industry Collaborations

- ENTSOe

No specific issues were identified.

- SQSS / P2/6 Working Group:

Attempts to engage with P2/6 members continue – see ongoing actions above.

11. Any other business

None

12. Next meeting

The next two meetings have been scheduled for the following:

15 th March	0900-1100hrs
17 th May	0900-1100hrs

It was suggested that the May meeting be set-up face-to-face.

Action 34.8 – JC