

STC Committee Meeting

Minutes and Actions Arising from Meeting No.10 Held on 24th August 2005 In National Grid Office's, 31 Homer Road, Solihull

Present:

Richard Court	Committee Chairman
Lilian Macleod	Committee Secretary
Ben Graff	National Grid Representative
Layton Jones	National Grid Representative
Chandra Trikha	Scottish Hydro-Electric Transmission Limited (SHETL) Representative
David McMenemy	SP Transmission Limited (SPTL) Representative
David Nicol	SP Transmission Limited (SPTL) Representative
Steve MacKay	Authority Representative

Attendees:

Andrew Truswell	National Grid
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1. Introductions/Apologies for Absence

197. Apologies for absence were received from Iain Anderson (SHETL Representative), Alec Morrison (SHETL Representative) and Rachel Morfill (National Grid Representative).

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

198. The draft minutes of the 9th STC Committee meeting held on 19th July 2005 were APPROVED and will be accessible from STC Website.

3. Review of Actions

199. All the outstanding actions from the previous meetings have been completed or were the subject of agenda items, except from:
- Minute 182 (STCP12-1 – Data Catalogue)
Committee to be informed as to why Logica has not completed the outstanding work and what work will have to be carried out to complete the data catalogue.
Action: National Grid
 - Minute 189
Ofgem have confirmed that they hope to publish their consultation paper on distributed generation in the last month of this year or early 2006. This information was provided via a post meeting note.

4. New Amendment Proposals

200. National Grid presented CA015 (Altering the notification period for STC Committee Meetings) to the Committee. This proposal proposed that notice of the STC Committee Meeting and all paperwork (including the agenda) pertaining to the meeting be supplied to Committee Members at a common time. In line with other Industry Codes e.g. CUSC and BSC, it is proposed that this be set as five business days prior to the date of the Committee Meeting.
201. The Committee discussed the merits of CA015 and AGREED that there was adequate provision and flexibility within the existing STC clauses i.e. Section B Paragraph, 6.3.5-7 to allow STC Parties to propose agenda items (and submit relevant supporting paperwork) prior to the Committee Meeting date.

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202. The Committee AGREED that it would be a recognised working practice that a draft agenda would be circulated to the relevant parties 10 business days prior to the Committee Meeting date. The final agenda and subsequent supporting paperwork would be distributed 5 business days before the actual Committee Meeting date. However, substantive items not on the agenda at the 10 day stage, could be tabled at the 5 day stage.
203. The Committee AGREED that if any Party wished to propose additional item(s) to the agenda, after the 5 day deadline, the item(s) could only be added if the other STC Parties gave their consent, in accordance with Section B, Paragraph 6.3.7 of the STC.
204. National Grid gave notice to the Committee Secretary of their intent to WITHDRAW CA015 in accordance with Section B 7.2.2.6 of the STC. The Committee Secretary NOTED National Grid's decision regarding CA015.

5. Working Group Reports

205. There were no Working Group Reports.

6. Proposed Amendment Reports

206. There were no Proposed Amendment Reports.

7. Amendment Reports

207. The Committee NOTED the nil response from the industry following the consultation of CA014 (Change of Company Name for National Grid Company plc (NGC) and consequential Amendments to the STC).
208. The Committee AGREED the content of the Amendment Report for CA014 and that the report would be submitted to the Authority for determination in accordance with Section B, Paragraph 7.2.5.11 of the STC.
- Action: Committee Secretary**
209. Subsequent amendments to the STCPs, to reflect NGC new licensed name, will be proposed to the Committee once the Authority decision regarding CA014 has been received. National Grid agreed to provide further thoughts on the approach to be adopted at the next Committee Meeting.

Action: National Grid

8. Authority Reports

210. There were no recent Authority decisions to discuss.

9. CA013 – TEC Exchange Rate Request

211. SHETL's impact and assessment report for CA013 (TEC Exchange Rate Request Process) to be submitted by 2nd September 2005.
- Action: SHETL**
212. Upon receipt of all impact and assessment reports from the STC Parties, a draft version of the Proposed Amendment Report will be circulated to Committee Members for comments before preceding to industry consultation.

10. STC Procedures

213. Review of STCP11-3 is on going; a meeting to discuss the procedure took place on 23rd August 2005. There were three main areas of debate:

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- Delays to outages in the control phase - because changes to outages under 11-3 have to be requested by National Grid, if there was a delay which the TO believed they should be compensated for, they would have to log it with National Grid in order for it be retrospectively requested .
 - Consequential losses – National Grid could not agree to be liable for any consequential losses incurred as a result of moving an outage but agreed to explore other mechanisms for allowing TOs to signal that there was a significant risk of consequential losses from moving a particular outage.
 - Admin costs for rejected changes - It was agreed that cost estimates supplied by TOs would in future contain two elements: the cost of moving the outage, and the admin cost of providing the estimate. National Grid would pay the second element regardless of whether or not the change was accepted. However, TOs may wait and group a number of payments for rejected outage changes onto one invoice.
214. It was agreed that the relevant discussion would continue at a working level between the STC Parties and that the Committee would be briefed on this issue at the September's Committee Meeting.
215. Draft version of STCP to be circulated to STC Party representatives for review/comment. Once agreed has been reached by STC Parties, the amended version of STCP11-3 will be presented to the STC Committee for review/approval in accordance with Section B 7.3
- Action: SHETL/National Grid**
216. The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), is due to expire on 30th September, work continues on the development and agreement of STCP22-1 by the STC Parties.
217. The Committee NOTED that all STC Parties aspire for the formal incorporation of STCP22-1 into Schedule 2 of the STC before the expiry date. National Grid to discuss STCP22-1 progress with relevant internal people to gain assurance that this deadline remains achievable.
- Action: National Grid**
218. The Committee were INFORMED that all STCPs covering the linkage between outage and investment planning were to be reviewed by STC Parties. Committee to be advised on progress made at the October's Committee Meeting.
- Action: SPTL**
219. A review of STCP19-3 is currently being conducted by STC Parties. The main focus of the review is the Compliance Monitoring Statement which forms part of Appendix C. National Grid has been using a slightly different version of this Appendix. The Committee was informed that National Grid are working to resolve these issues and that an update on progress to date will be made at the September's Committee Meeting.
- Action: National Grid & SPTL**
220. The Committee AGREED to the proposed changes to the STCP definitions as identified by the STC Parties, subject to minor amendments:
- STCP4-4 - Event. Grid Code definition to be used.
 - STCPs 8 series - Operational Event. Grid Code definition to be used.
 - STCP9-2 – Event & Safety Rules. Both terms to be highlighted in Key Definitions section of the STCP.

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- STCP16-1 – Replacement Notice. Term defined within Section 2.17 of the CUSC, definition within STCP to refer to relevant CUSC section. Term to be highlighted in Key Definitions section of the STCP.
 - STCP18-1 – Project Listing. Usage of terms to be double checked to ensure that correct terminology is utilised within the STCP i.e. Project Listings or Project Listing Document.
 - STCP18-1 – Modern Equivalent Asset Valuation. Term to be highlighted in key Definitions section of the STCP. The term is described in Paragraph 2.4 of the Statement of Connection Charging Methodology.
 - STCP18-1 – Schedule of GB Location Codes. STCP18-1 to refer to STC22-1, where the term will be defined.
 - STCP18-1 – Boundary of Influence. Term defined in Schedule 3, definition within STCP to refer to relevant STC Schedule.
 - STCP19-4 – Operational Effect. Usage of term to be reviewed to ensure that correct definition has been allocated.
221. Changed marked versions of the proposed STCP changes are to be submitted by STC Parties which will be reviewed/approved at September's STC Committee Meeting. The Committee AGREED that all proposed changes to the STCPs definitions would be encompassed by a single STCP Amendment Proposal.
Action: National Grid, SHETL and SPTL
222. The Committee confirmed to the Authority Representative that none of the proposed changes to the STCP definitions would impact the STC.
223. The usage of 'Code Effective Date' in defining STC terms is to be reviewed. The Committee AGREED there was a lack of transparency regarding what version of the code the definition would be referring to.
Action: National Grid
- 11. Schedule 3**
224. At the September meeting of the JPC, group members are to discuss Schedule 3 and the related sunset clause. An update, including a timeline of actions, is to be provided at October's STC Committee Meeting. JPC to provide regular updates to the STC Committee.
Action: JPC Chairperson
- 12. Safety Standing Group**
225. The Committee AGREED on the Terms of Reference for the Safety Standing Group. The draft document is to be amended to reflect Committee's comments.
226. The Committee AGREED that National Grid would chair the standing group initially and that the role of Chairmanship would change in line with the STC Committee i.e. 1st April 2006.
227. The revised Terms of Reference is to be circulated to STC Parties, and unless otherwise stated by a STC Party, these will become the official terms of reference for the standing group.
Action: National Grid, SPTL & SHETL
- 13. Impact of Other Codes**
228. The Committee received an updated on the latest developments/topics of discussion from the other codes:

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- BSC – P191 (Revised definition of BM Unit to include Power Park Module). The Committee were INFORMED that the same defect could exist in the STC and that the usage of term should be reviewed.

Action: National Grid

- Charging Methodology – Two CHUG meetings have been scheduled for the remainder of this year i.e. 30th September 2005 and a winter date to be confirmed. Committee to receive regular updates of meeting discussions.

14. Publications

229. There has been no new data, identified by any of the STC Parties, which should be categorised as confidential.

15. Any Other Business

230. SPTL and SHETL to discuss which Party will have the STC Committee Chairmanship in April 2006. Committee to be informed of decision.

Action: SPTL & SHETL

16. Date of Next Meeting

231. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 20th September in SHETL's Offices – Perth, time to be confirmed.