

STC Committee Meeting

Minutes and Actions Arising from Meeting No. 29 Held on 19th December 2006 via Teleconference

Present:

Alec Morrison	Committee Chairman
Lilian Macleod	Committee Secretary
Bec Thornton	National Grid Representative
Layton Jones	National Grid Representative
David Osborne	Scottish Hydro-Electric Transmission Limited (SHETL) Representative
Joe Dunn	SP Transmission Limited (SPT) Representative
Dipen Gadhia	Authority Representative

1. Introductions/Apologies for Absence

583. Apologies for absence were received from David McMenemy (SPT Representative)

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

584. The draft minutes from the STC Committee Meeting held on 21st November 2006 were APPROVED and will be accessible from the STC website.

3. Review of Actions

585. All the outstanding actions from the previous meetings have been completed or were the subject of agenda items, expect from:

- Minute 567 (PLD and TOGA Interface)
The Committee AGREED that it may be beneficial to have a tri-party discussion regarding the possible data insertions to the PLDs, which will provide additional clarity at the PLDs and TOGA interface by stating where the most relevant outage data can be located within operational timescales.

The Panel NOTED that the TOGA and the PLD process would not run in parallel with each other.

A previously communicated e-mail outlining the potential issues will be circulated to the STC Committee.

Action: SPT

4. New Amendment Proposals

586. There were no new Amendment Proposals.

5. Working Group Reports

587. There were no Working Group Reports.

6. Proposed Amendment Reports

588. There were no Proposed Amendment Reports.

7. Amendment Reports

589. There were no Amendment Reports.

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8. Pending Authority Decisions

590. There were no pending Authority Decisions.

9. Authority Decisions

591. There was no recent Authority Decisions.

10. STC Procedures

592. The Committee AGREED to the proposed changes to STCP14-1, as identified by PA047.

593. The amended STCPs will be distributed to STC Parties for approval. The signing of the STCPs, by STC Parties, will be facilitated by fax on Wednesday 20th December 2006.

Action: National Grid, SPTL & SHETL

594. The Committee AGREED to review the proposed STCP18-4 (Request for a Statement of Works) prior to its formal incorporation into the STC. The Committee will receive an update at January's STC Committee meeting.

Action: National Grid, SHETL and SPT

595. The Committee AGREED that when all STC Parties are satisfied with the proposed STCP, it will be formally signed off and officially incorporated into Schedule 2 of the STC. The signing of the STCP, by STC Parties, will be facilitated by fax.

11. Operational Metering

596. The Committee NOTED that a mismatch between forecasted and actual generation had been identified by National Grid. National Grid informed the Committee that this variance in the Operational Metering provided was prevalent in Embedded Generation, particularly windfarms.

597. National Grid informed the Committee that they were managing this mismatch as economically as possible but highlighted that the situation would be aggravated as and when additional windfarms connected to the GB Transmission System.

598. National Grid informed the Committee that they were developing a new software application tool which would provide more accurate forecasting projections.

599. National Grid noted that given this mismatch in the Operational Metering for Embedded Generation, it may be prudent to review the current obligations with a view of providing addition clarity to the provisions, if appropriate.

600. National Grid will produce a briefing note summarising what National Grid perceive to be the current issues with the Operational Metering provisions. Update to be provided to January's STC Committee meeting.

Action: National Grid

601. The Committee NOTED that there were other sub-groups reviewing the existing Operation Metering provisions. The Committee will receive confirmation regarding the alternative groups and their scope of work at January's STC Committee.

Action: National Grid

602. The Committee AGREED that 'Operational Metering' will remain an agenda item for future meetings to ensure that the Committee receive regular updates.

Action: Committee Secretary

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12. Phoenix Report

603. The Committee were INFORMED that although the review of the Black Start exercise highlighted possible improvements to the existing STC/STCP provisions, no recommendations were made in the formal report to the Energy Emergencies Executive. The Energy Emergencies Executive report by Chris Mortley on the Black Start Review will be circulated to STC Committee.

Action: Committee Secretary

604. The Committee NOTED that an external working group would be established to progress the relevant Grid Code changes. The Committee would be kept informed of the progress of the Grid Code Working Group.

605. The Committee AGREED to review the STC Black Start provisions during 2007, pending the outcome of Grid Code Black Start review.

606. The Committee AGREED that 'Black Start Review' will remain an agenda item for future meetings to ensure that the Committee receive regular updates.

Action: Committee Secretary

13. Fuel Security Code

607. The Committee NOTED that the proposed modification of the Fuel Security Code would not have any implications for the STC.

608. The Committee NOTED that any necessary compensation resulting from actions undertaken by the Scottish TOs would be dealt with through the existing STCP11-3 (Outage Change Costing) process. National Grid would be compensated via special licencing conditions.

14. Control Telephony Electrical Standard

609. The Committee discussed the query from the Grid Code Review Panel (GCRP) regarding the establishment of a Control Telephony Standard, applicable in Scotland.

610. The Committee NOTED that if a Control Telephony Standard for Scotland was establish, the GCRP had indicated that may be beneficial for the document to be included in a User facing document e.g. Grid Code.

611. The Committee NOTED that the differences in the Control Telephony System across the GB Transmission System was acknowledged and accepted at BETTA implementation and therefore the establishment of an associated standard was not necessary.

612. The Committee AGREED to submit a formal reply to February's GCRP outlining why the establishment of Scottish Control Telephony Electrical Standard was not required.

613. SHETL will circulate a draft version of the response to SP and National Grid for comment.

Action: National Grid, SHETL and SPT

614. The proposed version of the Control Telephony Electrical Standard applicable in England and Wales will be circulated to the STC Committee.

Action: Committee Secretary

15. Grid Code P2/5 Proposals

615. The Committee received an overview of the proposed Grid Code P2/5 changes. The Committee AGREED that the changes would not have any consequential impact on the STC and STCPs as the proposals dealt with the interface between National Grid (in their role of GBSO) and the DNOs.

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16. Reports from Sub-Committees

Charging User Group

616. The Committee NOTED that the next scheduled meeting of ChUG is 9th January 2007.

JPC

617. The Committee NOTED that the next scheduled meeting of JPC is 24th January 2007.

Safety Standing Group

618. The Committee NOTED that the Safety Standing Group met on 18th December 2006 to finalise and agree the proposed changes for the Grid Code Consultation Document on the 'Management of No System Connection'.
619. The Committee NOTED that the finalised Grid Code proposal will be circulated to the STC Committee.

Action: Committee Secretary

17. Impact of Other Code Modifications

620. The Committee NOTED the update on the latest developments/topics of discussion from the other codes.
621. The Committee NOTED the formal request from the CUSC Panel for nominations for the CAP141 (Request for Statement of Works) Working Group. The formal request is to be submitted to the STC Chairperson.

Action: Committee Secretary

18. Publications

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

19. Any Other Business

623. There were no other items identified for discussion by the Committee.

20. Date of Next Meeting

624. The next meeting of the STC Committee will be held on Tuesday, 16th January 2007 at 10am. The location will be determined closer to the actual meeting date.