

STC Committee Meeting

Minutes and Actions Arising from Meeting No.25 Held on 21st August 2006 via Teleconference

Present:

Alec Morrison	Committee Chairman
Lilian Macleod	Committee Secretary
Ben Graff	National Grid Representative
Andrew Truswell	National Grid Representative
David Osborne	Scottish Hydro-Electric Transmission Limited (SHETL) Representative
David McMenemy	SP Transmission Limited (SPTL) Representative
Joseph Dunn	SP Transmission Limited (SPTL) Representative
Dipen Gadhia	Authority Representative

1. Introductions/Apologies for Absence

471. Apologies for absence were received from Layton Jones (National Grid).

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

472. The draft minutes from the previous STC Committee Meetings:

Meeting Number 23 – 20th June 2006

Meeting Number 24 – 13th July 2006 (Specially Convened Committee Meeting)

were APPROVED and will be accessible from the STC website.

3. Review of Actions

473. All the outstanding actions from the previous meetings have been completed or were the subject of agenda items.

4. New Amendment Proposals

474. AT presented CA022 (Amendments to Section H resulting from CA013) to the Committee.

475. The Amendment Proposal proposes to add two additional sub-paragraphs to Section H (Dispute Resolution) of the STC that were inadvertently omitted during the development of CA013 (TEC Exchange Rate Request Process).

476. CA013 added a new Part Three of Section D to the STC, including two paragraphs, 1.4 and 2.7 which described matters that would be potentially disputable in accordance with paragraph 4.1 of Section H. Section H is structured so that all such disputable matters are listed in paragraphs 4.3 and 4.4. The new paragraphs introduced by CA013 should have therefore been listed in paragraph 4.4 of Section H but this change was inadvertently omitted.

477. CA022 proposes to correct this by adding two additional sub-paragraphs, 4.4.14 and 4.4.15, to Section H, which will refer to paragraphs 1.4 and 2.7 of Section D, Part Three, respectively. It will also make it clear that disputes in reference to TEC Exchange fall under the provisions of paragraph 4.4 and not 4.3.

478. The Committee AGREED that CA022 should proceed directly to the Assessment and Report Phase.

479. National Grid will draft the Proposed Amendment Report in time for September's STC

STC Committee Meeting

Committee meeting which will include STC Parties' assessments of the proposal.

480. SHETL and SPT are to forward their companies' assessments to National Grid within the relevant timescales.

Action: All

5. Working Group Reports

481. There were no Working Group Reports to discuss.

6. Proposed Amendment Reports

482. There were no Proposed Amendment Reports.

7. Amendment Reports

483. There were no Amendment Reports.

8. Pending Authority Decisions

484. There were no pending Authority Decisions.

9. Authority Decisions

485. The Committee NOTED the two decisions from the Authority since the last STC Committee Meeting:

486. CA020
The decision/direction letter from Ofgem relating to CA020 (GB Transmission System Performance Reporting) was received on Monday, 24th July 2006. Ofgem approved CA020 with the changes taking effect on Monday, 31st July 2006.

487. CA021
The decision/direction letter from Ofgem relating to CA021 (Exchange of Certain Investment Planning Data) was received on Tuesday, 8th August 2006. Ofgem approved CA021 with the changes taking effect on Tuesday, 15th August 2006.

10. STC Procedures

488. The Committee NOTED that the implementation of CA016 placed new obligations in the STC which describe the process for assessing a Request for a Statement of Works.
489. The Committee AGREED to the creation of a new STC Procedure, STCP18-4 (Request for a Statement of Works) which would reflect the new STC process.
490. The Committee NOTED the previously circulated flow chart which provides an initial view as the process to be covered by STCP18-4. SHETL and SPT are to provide comments to National Grid by 31st August 2006, thereafter National Grid will produce a first draft of STCP18-4 for review.

Action: All

11. Reports from Sub-Committees

Charging User Group

491. The Committee NOTED that the minutes from July's ChUG meeting have yet to be made available to members. SHETL will pursue the outstanding minutes of the ChUG meeting. The Committee NOTED that the next scheduled meeting of ChUG is 11th September 2006.

Action: SHETL

JPC

492. Following the report from the JPC to the June meeting of the STC Committee, the Committee discussed the issue of storage and management of long term outage data. The Committee concluded that with the recent introduction of TOGA it was too early to review the storage of outage data, but highlighted that there may be an issue with the initial submission of data and knowing when such data should initially be entered into TOGA.
493. The Committee also discussed the exchange of planning data beyond the seven year planning window. The Committee AGREED that Schedule 3 of the STC, through a combination of references to current year plus six and to the Seven Year Statement, does restrict the exchange of such data to seven years.
494. The Committee considered the process requirements for any data beyond the seven year window. The Committee noted that any such data submitted may contain a high degree of uncertainty which may reduce the value of any assumptions based on it.
495. The Committee AGREED that STC Parties will provide comments on JPC Report items 5 (Long Term Outage Planning information) and 7 (Seven Year Planning timescales) to the Committee Secretary by 31st August 2006.
496. Comments and concerns will form the basis of the formal STC Committee response to the JPC which will be sent by the STC Chairperson on behalf of the Committee.

Action: All, Chairperson and Committee Secretary

Safety Standing Group

497. The Committee NOTED that the Safety Standing Group had made progress on the two outstanding Grid Code Safety papers. The Committee Secretary will obtain an update in time for the next STC Committee meeting.

Action: Committee Secretary

12. Impact of Other Code Modifications

498. The Committee NOTED the update on the latest developments/topics of discussion from the other codes.

13. Publications

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

14. Any Other Business

AOB1

500. DM informed the Committee that there may be possible changes required to the statement that sets out the criteria for the GB Transmission System Performance Report.
501. The Committee NOTED that the STC now requires National Grid to discuss any changes to this statement with the Transmission Owners.
502. Committee members were unclear as to the correct governance procedure, but agreed that such process would not constitute business of the STC Committee.

AOB2

503. DG enquired whether STC Parties had received an invitation to the forthcoming Industry Codes Compliance Review (ICCR) seminar scheduled for Wednesday, 23rd August 2006. All parties acknowledged that they had received an invitation to attend the seminar.

15. Date of Next Meeting

504. The next meeting of the STC Committee will be held on Friday, 22nd September 2006 at 10am. The location will be determined closer to the actual meeting date.