

STC Committee Meeting

Minutes and Actions Arising from Meeting No.17 Held on 21st February 2006 via Teleconference

Present:

Richard Court	Committee Chairman
Shafiq Ullah	Committee Secretary
Ben Graff	National Grid Representative
Layton Jones	National Grid Representative
Alec Morrison	Scottish Hydro-Electric Transmission Limited (SHETL) Representative
Iain Anderson	Scottish Hydro-Electric Transmission Limited (SHETL) Representative
David Nicol	SP Transmission Limited (SPTL) Representative
Dipen Ghadia	Authority Representative

Attendees:

Andrew Truswell	National Grid
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1. Introductions/Apologies for Absence

372. Apologies were received from David McMenemy (SPTL) and Chandra Trikha (SHETL).

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

373. The draft minutes of the 16th STC Committee meeting held on 17th January 2005 were APPROVED subject to minor amendments relating to Minute 366, and will be published on the STC Website.

3. Review of Actions

374. All the outstanding actions from the previous meetings have been completed or were the subject of agenda items, except for:

- Minute 313 (Reports from JPC)
The Committee NOTED that JPC have organised a meeting to discuss the Schedule 3 Sunset Clause on 27th February 2006.
- Minute 339 (STC/CUSC Joint Working Procedures)
The Committee AGREED that National Grid would offer to organise a brief conference call prior to future CUSC Panels to discuss any relevant new CUSC Amendment Proposals.

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- Minute 356 Data Catalogue and the Services Capability Specification (SCS)
The Committee NOTED that bi-lateral meetings between National Grid and SHETL (21st February 2006) and National Grid and SPTL (22nd February 2006) have been organised, and that it is intended to discuss the data catalogue in these meetings. A further tri-party meeting will be organised as necessary.
- Minute 366 BSC Panel invite to Scottish TOs
SPTL did not support the use of the word "formally" in the 17th January 2006 minutes in relation to the invitation from the BSC Panel for the Scottish TOs to attend the P198 evaluation group. SHETL & SPTL did not believe that this was reflective of the nature of the invitation, and the Committee AGREED to remove the word "formally" from the minutes. BG noted that in this instance, the area of work being discussed under the BSC (Transmission Losses) did not have a direct impact on the STC. Rather the Scottish Transmission Owners had been invited because of their expertise

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as Scottish Transmission Owners. In this sense the issue was somewhat different from an instance where a specific impact on the STC had been identified.

However, BG highlighted that the route used was the formal mechanism under the BSC for Elexon to discharge their obligations in relation to inviting the Scottish TOs to BSC Working Groups. BG advised the Scottish Transmission Owners to write in to the STC Committee with their concerns, and also for the Scottish Transmission Owners to have discussions directly with Elexon to agree the appropriate invitation route for invites for the Scottish Transmission Owners to relevant BSC evaluation groups. BG noted that, in the absence of any further arrangements being agreed by the STC Committee and Elexon, this route for inviting the Scottish TOs would continue to be used going forwards.

DN noted that, in his view, any invitation from the BSC Panel should come in writing, with an explanation of what they were looking for, and that nothing in the relevant BSC clause says that the invitation would be verbal. He highlighted that change co-ordination with other Panels is a STC Committee responsibility, and that the Committee, not just the Scottish Transmission Licensees, should be responding to Elexon along these lines.

4. New Amendment Proposals

375. CA018 Removal of the Restriction on Proposing Alternative Amendments
AT briefly presented the new Amendment Proposal CA018, which seeks to remove the restriction on parties only proposing one Alternative Amendment, consistent with earlier discussions between the parties. DG noted that the removal of the restriction could lead to large numbers of alternatives, similar to situations recently encountered in the CUSC. BG highlighted that the CUSC Panel is keen to minimise the number of Alternative Amendment proposals being raised, irrespective of the formal CUSC Amendment rules. However, BG also noted that, by its very nature, the STC was often a reactive Code and, in order to ensure that the Electricity Framework was properly backed off, it was essential that it was possible to fully back off potentially multiple CUSC Amendment Alternatives within the STC. DN agreed that, where possible, the Committee could still look to minimise the number of Alternative Amendments, highlighting the work of AT in reducing the number of STC Amendments developed in order to back off CAP097.

376. The Committee AGREED that CA018 could now proceed to the Assessment & Report Phase.

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5. Working Group Reports

377. The CA016/CA017 working group met in Bellshill on 1st February 2006 and again by teleconference on 15th February 2006. The Committee NOTED that 6 sets of legal text have been developed for CA016, CA017 and CA019 and their respective alternatives. CA019 and Alternative have been proposed by SPTL as alternatives to CA017 and Alternative.

378. The Committee AGREED to review the legal text and revise as appropriate by 28th February 2006. This will be signed-off by email or teleconference as appropriate, and CA016/CA017/CA019 will then go forward to the Assessment and Report Phase. National Grid will draft the Proposed Amendment Report and circulate to TOs for comment and for their Impact Assessments as soon after the 28th as possible.

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6. Proposed Amendment Reports

379. There were no Proposed Amendment Reports.

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7. Amendment Reports

380. There were no Amendment Reports.

8. Authority Decisions

381. There were no Authority Decisions to report.

9. STC Procedures

382. PA046 – Amendment of STCP19-3

A further draft version of STCP19-3 has been circulated for comment, and a potential meeting to discuss embedded issues has been proposed. The Committee AGREED that all parties will make strong efforts to respond on this with the aim of concluding discussions by the next committee meeting.

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10. Reports from Sub-Committees

Charging User Group

383. No ChUG updates.

JPC Committee updates

384. The Committee received an update from BG regarding reports from JPC; all members were comfortable with the progress being made.

Safety Standing Group

385. The Committee NOTED that a safety meeting to discuss draft Grid Code Consultation Papers relating to safety was held on 24th January 2006. DN commented that the paper regarding “No System Connections” was broadly satisfactory to all parties, but expressed concerns with the second paper on “System Connections”. It was agreed that this would be discussed further at the next meeting.

11. Impact of Other Code Modifications

386. The Committee received an update on the latest developments/topics of discussion from the other Codes.

387. The Committee received a verbal update on the Transmission Price Control Review, and briefly discussed the Ofgem seminar on access arrangements held on 16th February 2006. National Grid will include similar information in the Codes Summary in future months.

Action: Committee Secretary

12. Publications

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

13. Any Other Business

389. DN raised concerns regarding draft Committee minutes being sent to Elexon prior to approval. The Committee AGREED that these minutes will not be circulated in future until they have been approved by the Committee.

Action: Committee Secretary

14. Date of Next Meeting

390. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 21st March 2006 at SHETL offices in Perth

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(or by Conference Call, depending on the amount of relevant business). Time to be confirmed.