

STC Committee Meeting

Minutes and Actions Arising from Meeting No. 28 Held on 21st November 2006 via Teleconference

Present:

Alec Morrison	Committee Chairman
Lilian Macleod	Committee Secretary
Bec Thornton	National Grid Representative
David Osborne	Scottish Hydro-Electric Transmission Limited (SHETL) Representative
David McMenemy	SP Transmission Limited (SPT) Representative
Joe Dunn	SP Transmission Limited (SPT) Representative
Dipen Gadhia	Authority Representative (latter part of meeting only)

Attendees:

Brian Taylor	National Grid (latter part of meeting only)
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1. Introductions/Apologies for Absence

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

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

549. The draft minutes from the STC Committee Meeting held on 11th October 2006 were APPROVED and will be accessible from the STC website.

3. Review of Actions

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

4. New Amendment Proposals

551. There were no new Amendment Proposals.

5. Working Group Reports

552. There were no Working Group Reports.

6. Proposed Amendment Reports

553. There were no Proposed Amendment Reports.

7. Amendment Reports

554. There were no Amendment Reports.

8. Pending Authority Decisions

555. There were no pending Authority Decisions.

9. Authority Decisions

556. The Committee NOTED that the Authority had approved the Proposed Amendment for CA022 (Amendments to Section H Resulting from CA013) on Monday, 13th November 2006. Ofgem approved CA022 with the changes taking effect on Monday, 20th November 2006.

10. STC Procedures

557. The Committee NOTED that amendments to and the establishment of new STC Procedures do not require Authority approval unless the amendment or creation of a new STCP places obligations on the STC Parties which are not subsidiary to an existing STC provision.

558. The Committee NOTED and AGREED to STCP Proposed Amendment PA047 (STCP14-1: Data Exchange for Annual Charge Setting) subject to approval from SHETL and SPT. SHETL and SPT Party representatives will provide any comments on the proposed changes to National Grid by 27th November 2006.

Action: SHETL and SPT

559. Subject to approval from all STC Parties, the amended STCP will be distributed to STC Parties for approval. The signing of the STCP, by STC Parties, will be facilitated by fax.

Action: National Grid, SPTL & SHETL

560. The Committee NOTED the revised version of STCP18-4 (Request for a Statement of Works) which incorporated comments received to date and the inclusion of the relevant flowcharts.

561. The Committee AGREED to evaluate STCP18-4 (Request for a Statement of Works) against new project proposals, to ensure that the procedure is 'fit for purpose'. The Committee will receive an update at December's STC Committee meeting.

Action: National Grid, SHETL and SPT

562. 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. Reports from Sub-Committees

Charging User Group

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

JPC

564. The Committee NOTED that the minutes from September's JPC meeting had been received.

565. Favourable feedback had been received from the JPC Chairperson regarding the official STC Committee response to item 5 and 7 of the JPC Report.

566. The Committee NOTED that the JPC will to continue to review the 7 year planning window provisions with the proviso of proposing formal amendments to the STC/STCPs regarding this issue in due course.

567. The Committee AGREED to discuss with their relevant operational representatives the proposed data insertions to the PLDs, which will provide additional clarity at the PLDs and TOGA interface by stated where the most relevant outage data can be located within operational timescales i.e. TOGA. STC Parties' representatives to report their findings back, including whether the proposed changes will require a formal change to the PLD, to December's STC Committee meeting.

Action: National Grid, SHETL and SPT

Safety Standing Group

568. The Committee NOTED that no future meetings of the Safety Standing Group are planned.

569. The Committee NOTED that the Grid Code Consultation Document for 'Management

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of No System Connection' is still being finalised for industry consultation.

570. The Committee NOTED that a revised consultation document, incorporating comments received to date, would be circulated to the Safety Standing Group members for review, prior to any Grid Code industry consultation.

12. Impact of Other Code Modifications

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

13. Publications

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

14. Any Other Business

Phoenix Report

573. The Committee AGREED to review the recommendations of the Phoenix Report and the possible impact on the STC and relevant STCPs. The Committee will receive an update at December's STC Committee meeting.

Action: National Grid, SHETL and SPT

574. The Committee NOTED that the report's recommendation would require changes to the Grid Code and STC and AGREED that it would be beneficial to have a joint STC and Grid Code external working group to ensure cross code collaboration on a issue that would have implication for the entire GB Transmission System

575. National Grid to report back to December's STC Committee meeting regarding National Grid internal programme of progressing the report's recommendations.

Action: National Grid

576. The Committee NOTED that the findings of the Phoenix Report had not been made public but it had been agreed that the Committee could receive advantaged warning of the proposed recommendations given the impacting on the STC and relevant STCPs.

Fuel Security Code

577. The Committee NOTED that the DTI had posted a notice of the proposed modification of the Fuel Security Code which may have implications for the STC. The Committee NOTED that the DTI were not carrying out a full consultation process but were inviting interested parties to make any comments to the proposal by 13th December 2006. The Fuel Security Code impact on the STC will be discussed at December's STC Committee meeting

578. Relevant links to the documentation will be circulated to the STC Committee.

Action: Committee Secretary

Control Telephony Electrical Standard

579. The Committee NOTED the query from a Grid Code Review Panel (GCRP) Member regarding the establishment of a Control Telephony Standard, applicable in Scotland. SHETL and SPT Party representatives will discuss the matter with their relevant GCRP representatives. The Committee will receive an update at December's STC Committee meeting.

Action: SHETL and SPT

580. The Committee NOTED that the differences in the Control Telephony System across the GB Transmission System was acknowledged and accepted at BETTA implementation.

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Operational Metering

581. The Committee AGREED to review the existing provisions for Operational Metering with the proviso of proposing formal amendments to the STC/STCPs, if applicable. The Committee will receive an update at December's STC Committee meeting.

Action: National Grid, SHETL and SPT

15. Date of Next Meeting

582. The next meeting of the STC Committee will be held on Tuesday, 19th December 2006 at 10am. The location will be determined closer to the actual meeting date.