

## STC Committee Meeting

### Minutes and Actions Arising from Meeting No. 39 Held on 16 October 2007 Various via Teleconference

#### Present:

David McMenemy	Committee Chairman
Bali Virk	Committee Secretary
Bec Thornton	National Grid Electricity Transmission Limited (NGET) Representative
David Osborne	Scottish Hydro-Electric Transmission Limited (SHETL) Representative
Kenny Stott	Scottish Hydro-Electric Transmission Limited (SHETL) Representative
Diyar Kadar	SP Transmission Limited (SPT) Representative

#### In Attendance:

David Edward	Authority Representative
Brian Taylor	National Grid Electricity Transmission Limited (NGET)
John Zammit-Haber	National Grid Electricity Transmission Limited (NGET)

#### Apologies:

Dipen Ghadia	Authority Representative
Joe Dunn	SP Transmission Limited (SPT) Representative
Layton Jones	National Grid Electricity Transmission Limited (NGET) Representative

#### 1. Introductions/Apologies for Absence

- 1009 Apologies of absence were received from Joe Dunn, Dipen Ghadia and Layton Jones.

#### 2. Minutes of Last Meeting

- 1010 The draft minutes from the STC Committee Meeting held on 18 September 2007 were approved and will be available from the STC website.

**Action: Committee Secretary**

#### 3. Review of Actions

- 1011 All the outstanding actions from the previous meetings have been completed or were the subject of agenda items, except for:

- Minute 915 (CAP146 – Responsibilities and liabilities associated with Third Party Works and Modifications made by Modification Affected Users)  
The Committee NOTED that the proposed teleconference meeting to discuss the current process Third Party Works arrangement and the implication of CAP146 on the STC would be postponed.

The teleconference would be rescheduled at such time that a decision had been made on the original CAP146 amendment proposal and the alternative amendments by the Authority. – Remove as an outstanding agenda item.

**Action: Committee Secretary**

- Minute 922 (STC Review)  
The Committee NOTED that SPT internal review of the STC was currently ongoing. The findings of which would be presented to the STC Committee in due course.
- Minute 955 (Week 28 Data)  
BT agreed to liaise with Andy Wainright in order to progress the issue with outage

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planning data alignment. To be taken off the Agenda.

**Action: NGET**

Minute 971 (Grid Code Amendment B/07)

- 1012 BT to arrange a meeting and will be in contact with representatives from the relevant parties.

**Action: NGET**

### 4. New Amendment Proposals

1013. There were no new Amendment Proposals.

### 5. Working Group Reports

- 1014 There were no Working Group Reports.

### 6. Proposed Amendment Reports

- 1015 The Committee noted that impact assessments and feedback comments for CA027 (Miscellaneous Amendments as a Consequential affect of CA025) and CA028 (Amendment to the Governance Framework Timescales) were outstanding from SHETL. SPT have provided comments on CA027, and have no comments on CA028. SPT to produce assessments to National Grid for inclusion in the reports.

**Action: SPT/SHETL**

### 7. Amendment Reports

- 1016 There were no Amendment Reports.

### 8. Pending Authority Decisions

1017. The Authority informed the STC Committee that an Authority decision will be released for consultation CA024 (Clarification of Construction Planning Assumptions Data Requirements) and CA026 (Exchange of Data Amongst Relevant Parties in Schedules 5,6,7,11 and 13) by the end of w/c 15 October 2007.

**Action: Authority**

In the event of CA026 being rejected by the Authority, the STC Committee asked if the Authority could consider how the TO's would continue in the interim.

**Action: Authority**

### 9. Authority Decisions

1018. The Committee noted that an Authority decision was received on 4 October 2007 to reject CA023 Exchange of Best View Investment Planning Data Outside the Boundary of Influence. The STC Committee asked the Authority for further justification for their decision against each of the individual STC objectives.

1019. The Chairman raised a point with regards to the provision of 'guidance' from the Authority representative at the STC committee meetings. It was felt that guidance on this matter during the different stages may have prevents such a rejection. It was recognised the sensitivity of any guidance offered being considered against the role of the Authority in the final decision making process

1020. The Authority to feed back internally to the Policy department with the concerns raised with regards to the Authority decision that CA023 will not better facilitate the achievement of the Applicable Objectives.

**Action: Authority**

1021. The STC Committee raised the issue regarding the references in the CA023 rejection

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letter from the Authority, regarding the sensitivity of the data to be exchanged. It was identified that all data utilised in this proposal is already available through other arrangements under the STC requirements.

1022. The STC Committee believes that, given the strict confidentiality provisions contained within the Transmission Licences, this data is not considered sensitive between the STC parties. DE to consider this point and feedback to the STC Committee.

**Action: Authority**

1023. CA023 proposal to be redeveloped for future submission detailing more evidence against each of the STC Applicable Objectives.

**Action: NGET**

1024. The STC Committee notes that the JPC may commence work to develop Schedule 3 of the STC

**Action: NGET**

### 10. STC Procedures

- 1025 SHETL and SPT are to feed back comments to Lilian Macleod and John Zammit-Haber in relation to PA048 – Alignment of STC and STCP16-1 (Obligations regarding obligations in respect of Connection Site Specifications) after the next JPC meeting scheduled 24 October 2007.

**Action: SHETL/SPT**

- 1026 The National Grid JPC rep to inform the JPC of the STC Committee decision to delay the implementation of PA049 until CA027 has been determined as a consequence of the cross referencing of STC definition changes within CA027.

John Zammit-Haber envisaged that there were no problems with this decision.

**Action NGET**

### 11. Black Start Review

- 1027 The STC Committee noted that a meeting had taken place on the on Monday 24 September 2007. Recommendations are going to the November Grid Code Review Panel, it is envisaged that there are no associated STC changes identified. Report to be drafted by email. DO to give an update at the November STC meeting.

### 12. Offshore Transmission

- 1028 The Chairman of the STC Committee that the Offshore STC Working Group met on Monday 15 October 2007.

The following STC Committee representatives are member on the Offshore STC Working Group:

- Kenny Stott
- Joe Dunn (David McMenemy attended the meeting on 15 October in Joe Dunn's absence)
- Bec Thornton – STC Technical Secretary

The next Offshore STC Working Group meeting is due to take place on Monday 22 October 2007, with a view to delivering the output from the working group to the Authority by the end of the month.

### 13. Future STC Committee Meeting Dates for 2008

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- 1029 The STC Committee agreed the proposed meeting dates for 2008. Meeting dates to placed on the STC website.

**Action: Committee Secretary**

- 1030 The STC Committee requested that future JPC meetings to be arranged two weeks s prior to STC meetings. JZH to arrange JPC meeting for 2008.

**Action: NGET**

### 14. Reports from Sub-Committees

#### Charging User Group

- 1031 The Committee noted that the minutes of the ChUG meeting that had taken place on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2007 had been circulated.

#### JPC

- 1032 The Committee noted that the next meeting of the JPC was scheduled to take place on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2007.

#### Safety Standing Group

- 1033 Safety Standing Group met on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2007. No feedback was available for this meeting.

### 15. Impact of Other Code Modifications

- 1034 The Committee noted the update on the latest developments/topics of discussion from the other codes.

### 16. Publications

- 1035 There has been no new data, identified by any of the STC Parties, which should be categorised as confidential.

### 17. Any Other Business

- 1036 The STC Committee noted that an email was sent to STC Committee members on the 8 October detailing NGET concerns of Connection Site Specifications. The email contained a table summarising each proposal, affected STC Section, affected STCP and the timescales.

- 1037 JPC still awaiting detailed comments from SPT, comments received from SHETL and believes that this will be further discussed at the next JPC and the Bilaterals scheduled for mid November.

**Action: SPT**

- 1038 BT informed the STC Committee that National Grid was preparing a draft amendment proposal dealing with backing off some Grid Code obligations to provide information to Users on to the TOs namely in regard to Grid Code PC A.8. this will be discussed at the next JPC meeting.

**Action: NGET**

- 1039 BT informed the STC Committee that National Grid will be proposing a Housekeeping amendment to tidy up missing references as a consequence of CA025. STC Committee members to forward any other Housekeeping changes to the Committee Secretary.

**Action: ALL**

- 1040 KS raised an issue with regards to a Party referring a dispute to the Authority for a TOCA, where there is no ability, under existing STC governance, to do so . KS to update the STC Committee with further information on this issue.

**Action: SHETL**

### 18. Date of Next Meeting

1041 The next meeting of the STC Committee will be held on Tuesday, 20 November 2007 at 10am.

**Action: Committee Secretary**