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Meeting Name	STC Committee
Meeting No.	33
Date of Meeting	17 th April 2007
Time	10:00
Venue	Various via Teleconference

This note sets out the headlines and key decisions of the STC Committee on the 17th April 2007. Full minutes of the meeting will be produced and subsequently approved at the next Committee meeting and will then be published on the website.

1) Introductions

The Committee NOTED that the chairmanship of STC Committee had formally changed on the 1st April 2007 to SPT with David McMenemy taking on the role of Chairman.

The Committee NOTED and welcomed Diyar Kadar, who will be representing SPT at future STC Committee meetings.

2) Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the STC Committee meeting held on 20th March 2007 were approved.

3) Proposed Amendment Report

The Committee AGREED that a teleconference would be arranged to finalise the content and legal text of CA023 (Exchange of Best View Investment Planning Data Outside the Boundary of Influence) Proposed Amendment Report prior to Industry Consultation. The teleconference will be scheduled prior to May 2007 STC Committee Meeting.

Action: Committee Secretary

The Committee ACKNOWLEDGED that it was preferable that all STC Parties had reviewed and agreed with the proposed CA023 legal text, prior to proceeding with industry consultation. The Committee NOTED that National Grid and SHETL had reviewed and agreed with the proposed legal text. SPT is currently reviewing the proposed CA023 legal text and will provide any appropriate comments by 27th April 2007.

Action: SPT

STC Parties are to provide their impact assessment on CA024 (Clarification of Construction Planning Assumption Data Requirements), CA025 (Amendment to STC regarding obligations in Connection Site Specification Submissions) and CA026 (Exchange of Data Amongst Relevant Parties in Schedules 5, 6, 7, 11 and 13) by 27th April 2007.

Action: SHETL and SPT

The Committee ACKNOWLEDGED that it was preferable that all STC Parties had to review and agree with the proposed legal text for CA024, CA025 and CA026, prior to proceeding with industry consultation. The Committee NOTED that National Grid and SHETL had reviewed and agreed with the proposed legal text. SPT is currently reviewing the proposed legal text for CA024, CA025 and CA026 and will provide indicative comments by 27th April 2007.

Action: SPT

The Committee AGREED that a teleconference would be arranged to finalise the content and associated legal text of CA024, CA025 and CA026. The teleconference will be scheduled prior to May 2007 STC Committee Meeting.

Action: Committee Secretary

4) STC Procedures

The Committee NOTED that PA048 (Alignment of STC and STCP16-1 Obligations regarding User Works) would be discussed at April's JPC meeting. STC Party representatives will

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obtain feedback from their JPC representatives regarding STCP16-1, prior to May 2007 STC Committee.

Action: National Grid, SHETL and SPT

The Committee NOTED that additional changes may be proposed to PA048 such that Appendix B refers to the format used currently by the STC Parties.

Subject to approval from the JPC, the Committee will formally review the proposed changes to STCP16-1 at May 2007 STC Committee Meeting.

The Committee NOTED that should the CA025 be approved by the Authority, it would necessitate consequential changes to STCP19-3 as outlined by PA049. The Committee AGREED that the proposed amendments to STCP19-3, which would be formally reviewed after STC Parties, have finalised and agreed to the content and legal text of CA025.

5) Operational Metering

The latest revised version of the Operational Metering paper would be circulated to the Committee for reference purposes.

Action: National Grid

6) Interface between PLDs and TOGA

The Committee NOTED that SPT had circulated a paper outlining the potential issues with the current arrangements governing the PLDs and TOGA interface to their planning counterparts in National Grid and SHETL. SPT were currently awaiting comments on the paper which would be discussed at May 2007 STC Committee Meeting.

National Grid and SHETL Committee representatives will contact their relevant planning colleagues, regarding providing comments on the paper.

Action: National Grid and SHETL

SPT to confirm the contact name(s) of the National Grid's and SHETL's planning representatives to which the paper was circulated to.

Action: SPT

7) Management of System Access in Scotland

National Grid presented a revised paper on the Management of System Access in Scotland to the STC Committee. The Committee NOTED and discussed SHETL's response to the paper. SPT will provide comments on the paper to National Grid by 20th April 2007.

Action: SPT

The Committee NOTED the importance and potential implications of the issue and agreed that further discussions, debate would be required between the STC Parties prior to any formal STC proposal(s) being submitted.

The Committee AGREED to SHETL's suggestion of establishing a 'discussion group' to discuss further the issues raised and posed by National Grid original paper.

Nominations for the discussion group are to be submitted to National Grid (Malcolm.Arthur@uk.ngrid.com). The meetings will be aligned to existing planned diary events involving STC Parties e.g. Grid Code Black Start Working Group, monthly System Access meetings, National Grid to schedule accordingly.

Action: National Grid, SHETL and SPT

8) Offshore Transmission

The Committee NOTED that Ofgem's Scoping Document (Offshore Electricity Transmission - second scoping document) had been published on 30th March 2007. Responses to the document are to be submitted by 30th April 2007 and each STC Party had to response separately. The Committee noted that the scoping document was available on Ofgem's website; the relevant link will be circulated to the Committee.

Action: Ofgem

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The Committee NOTED that any STC changes to reflect the Offshore Transmission regime would not be progressed via the usual STC governance arrangements as outlined in Section B of the STC. The change process would be akin to the provisions utilised under BETTA, with the Secretary of State providing determination on the proposals.

The Committee AGREED that given the possible implications of Offshore Transmission on the STC, it was important that the Committee received regularly updates on future development. The issue will remain a regular item on forthcoming STC meeting agendas.

9) Impact of Other Codes Modification

The Committee were INFORMED that CAP143 (Interim TEC) and CAP146 (Responsibilities and liabilities associated with Third Party Works and Modifications made by Modification Affected Users) would necessitate consequential changes to the STC and various STCPs.

The Committee AGREED that the CAP143 and CAP146 Working Group findings and recommendation would be presented to April's CUSC Amendment Panel, with the view of proceeding to industry consultation thereafter.

The Committee NOTED that the necessary STC and STCP changes to 'back off' CAP143 and CAP146 would potentially be submitted to May 2007 STC Committee Meeting.

Action: National Grid

10) AOB

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National Grid presented a paper on the associated risks on the GB Transmission System of Geomagnetically Induced Currents (GIC). The Committee NOTED that the next peak was due in 2011 and would require discussions, data exchange between the STC Parties.

The Committee NOTED that National Grid were in the process of updating their relevant procedures which would be amended to reflect the entire GB Transmission System and had contacted representatives from SHETL and SPT to discuss the matter.

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The Committee NOTED that Ofgem's website had been updated. The Committee were INFORMED that users had to re-subscribe to the new website such that they continued to receive notification updates.

11) Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 22nd May 2007 at 10am. The location will be determined closer to the actual meeting date.