

## STC Committee Meeting

### Minutes and Actions Arising from Meeting No. 36 Held on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2007 Various via Teleconference

#### Present:

David McMenemy	Committee Chairman
Lilian Macleod	Committee Secretary
Bec Thornton	National Grid Electricity Transmission Limited (NGET) Representative
Layton Jones	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
Joe Dunn	SP Transmission Limited (SPT) Representative
Diyar Kadar	SP Transmission Limited (SPT) Representative
Dipen Ghadia	Authority Representative

#### Apologies:

Bali Virk	National Grid Electricity Transmission Limited (NGET)
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#### 1. Introductions/Apologies for Absence

878. Apologies of absence were received from Bali Virk (NGET).

#### 2. Minutes of Last Meeting

879. The draft minutes from the STC Committee Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2007 were APPROVED and will be available from the STC website.

**Action: Committee Secretary**

#### 3. Review of Actions

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

- Minute 567 (PLD and TOGA Interface)  
Following the circulation of SPT's paper regarding the outage planning process, National Grid have requested that the relevant STC parties meet to discuss the matter further to propose an appropriate way forward.

The STC Parties AGREED to contact their outages planning representative regarding the scheduling of proposed tri-party meeting to discuss changes to STCP11-1 (Outage Planning). An update from the discussions will be tabled at August's STC Committee, subject to the tri-party meeting taking place prior to the next Committee meeting.

**Action: National Grid, SPT and SHETL**

#### 4. New Amendment Proposals

881. There were no new Amendment Proposals.

#### 5. Working Group Reports

882. There were no Working Group Reports.

#### 6. Proposed Amendment Reports

883. The Committee NOTED that an extraordinary meeting of the Grid Code Review Panel

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(GCRP) has been arranged for Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> July 2007. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the interaction between the Grid Code provisions and Schedule 3 of the STC as highlighted by CA023 (Exchange of Best View Investment Planning Data outside the Boundary of Influence).

884. The Committee NOTED that to mitigate Users concerns regarding the exchange of User Data, it will be proposed at the extraordinary GCRP that going forward National Grid will notify, via e-mail, the GCRP and Users of any proposed amendments to STC which would affect the exchange of User Data. This notification will act as a reminder to Users to review the STC Amendment Proposal and to formally respond to the associated consultation document (if appropriate) specifying any queries/concerns which they may have, in accordance with the STC governance arrangements.

885. The Committee AGREED to establish a discussion forum which will review the STC governance arrangements with particular reference to the allowable period for industry consultation. This STC Committee review will be reflected in the associated Extraordinary GCRP paper.

**Action: National Grid**

886. The STC Committee Chairperson will formally request a summary of the Extraordinary GCRP meeting discussion/decisions from the GCRP Chairperson.

**Action: STC Committee Chairperson and Committee Secretary**

887. The Committee NOTED that any changes to the consultation period will have an impact on the overall timeline required to process an Amendment Proposal, which may necessitate formal changes to Section B (Governance) of the STC.

888. The Committee NOTED that there is no corresponding 'standing group' provisions in the STC which align to the associated CUSC Standing Group arrangements.

889. STC Parties and Ofgem will provide nominees for the discussion forum; the first meeting of such will take place via teleconference (date and time to be arranged).

**Action: All and Committee Secretary**

890. National Grid will circulate information prior to the discussion forum regarding the governance timelines for the STC (and other industry codes) and 'strawman' options which will act as a discussion aid.

**Action: National Grid**

891. The STC Committee Chairperson requested a further extension for CA023, CA024 (Clarification of Construction Planning Assumption Data Requirements) and CA026 (Exchange of Data Amongst Relevant Parties in schedules 5, 6, 7, 11 and 13) such that STC Amendments are deferred until such time that the proposed changes to Grid Code have been progressed.

892. Ofgem agreed to a one month extension which will be reviewed at August's STC Committee. Any further extension will be reflective of discussion/decisions made at July's Extraordinary GCRP meeting.

**Action: Ofgem**

893. The Committee AGREED that it was important that the JPC identified the issues/risks associated with not having access to/not being able to transfer the data as outlined by CA023 for the purposes for this year's investment planning process and to provide additional justification/rational regarding the transfer of additional data as identified by CA023, CA024 and CA026.

894. The Committee AGREED that a summary of the JPC discussions should be made available to August's STC Committee.

**Action: JPC Chairperson, STC Committee Chairperson and Committee Secretary**

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### 7. Amendment Reports

895. There were no Amendment Reports.

### 8. Pending Authority Decisions

896. The Committee NOTED that CA025 (Amendment to STC regarding obligations in Connection Site Specification Submissions) had been submission to the Authority for determination on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2007; decision is currently pending.

### 9. Authority Decisions

897. There were no recent Authority Decisions.

### 10. STC Procedures

898. The Committee NOTED that comments had been received from SPT regarding PA048 (Alignment of STC and STCP16-1 Obligations regarding User Works); National Grid was in the process of replying back to SPT's comments.

**Action: National Grid**

899. The Committee NOTED that PA048 was still to be formally discussed at the JPC, as previously agreed the STC Committee would await feedback from the JPC regarding the proposed changes prior to the formal sign off of the proposals by the STC Committee.

900. The Committee AGREED to the proposed changes as outlined by PA049 (Amendment to STCP19-3 regarding obligations in respect of Connection Site Specifications), subject to the incorporation of minor comments received from SPT. National Grid will circulate a revised final version of STCP19-3 to the Committee.

**Action: National Grid**

901. The Committee NOTED that the incorporation of PA049 is dependant on the approval and subsequent implementation of CA025, as such the formal sign-off (if appropriate) of the proposed changes will occur after the Authority's determination of CA025.

### 11. Black Start

902. The Committee NOTED that the next Grid Black Start Working Group was due to take place on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2007. It was reported that there are no implications for the STC as yet. The Committee will continue to receive any updates at future STC Committee meetings. The three main areas that are being progressed are the commercially facing impact of Black Start on Generators, establishment of Zonal Restoration plans and exercising of Local Joint Restoration Plans (LJRPs) for all affected parties.

903. The Committee NOTED that the Longshadow Exercise (follow up to Operation Phoenix) took place on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> July 2007. The Committee NOTED that from a National Grid perspective there was no obvious code issues which would require addressing.

### 12. Offshore Transmission

904. Ofgem informed the Committee that there was a delay in the publication of the second consultation document regarding Offshore Transmission; consequently the associated external briefing session has been rearranged to 10<sup>th</sup> August 2007 at DBERR's (Department for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform) offices at Victoria Place, London.

905. The Committee NOTED that attendance was by invitation only and limited to one person per stakeholder.

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906. The Committee NOTED that Ofgem's Offshore Transmission team would be contacting each Transmission Owner in order to obtain a confidential clause for the purposes of offshore transmission.

### 13. Reports from Sub-Committees

#### Charging User Group

907. The Committee NOTED that the next meeting of the ChUG was scheduled to take place on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2007.

#### JPC

908. The Committee NOTED that the next meeting of the JPC was scheduled to take place on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2007.

#### Safety Standing Group

909. Safety Standing Group is due to meet 17<sup>th</sup> September 2007 to discuss the specifics of the feasibility of merging OC8A and OC8B.
910. The Committee NOTED that Grid Code proposed changes outlined by consultation document A/07 (Management of No System Connection) were implemented on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2007.

### 14. Impact of Other Code Modifications

911. The Committee discussed the benefit of having a monthly codes summary document and whether the information should be presented in a difference format.
912. The Committee AGREED that the Code Summary document provided useful information pertaining to the status and progression of other industry modifications and that the format was appropriate for the information communicated.
913. The Committee NOTED that it would be useful for the codes summary to 'flag up' which other industry codes may require consequential modifications for the STC.
914. The Committee NOTED that Consultation Alternative Amendments had been proposed for CAP146 (Responsibilities and liabilities associated with Third Party Works and Modifications made by Modification Affected Users). This necessitated an additional stage of industry consultation on the new proposals which was due to finish on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2007. The Committee NOTED that CAP146 Consultation Alternative Document was available on National Grid's Industry Information (CUSC) website.
915. National Grid will arrange teleconference with representatives from SHETL and SPT regarding CAP146. The aim of the meeting will be to discuss current process Third Party Works arrangements and the implications of CAP146 should it be approved and subsequently implemented into the CUSC.

**Action: National Grid**

916. The Committee NOTED that a meeting had been arranged on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2007 between National Grid, SPT and SHETL, to discuss the proposed Grid Code changes as outlined by B/07(Improved Planning Code Data Exchange for Compliance Assessments Connection). An update will be provided to August's STC Committee meeting.

**Action: National Grid, SHETL and SPT**

917. The Committee NOTED that the first Grid Code Rated MW Working Group took place on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2007. The Committee NOTED that the issue and any enduring solution identified may have implications on each Transmission Owner's investment plans and associated Price Control allowance.
918. SHETL and SPT AGREED to review the possible implication of Generating Units exceeding their Rated MW; National Grid will circulate the minutes from the first

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meeting for reference purposes.

**Action: National Grid, SHETL and SPT**

### 15. Publications

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

### 16. Any Other Business

#### AOB01

920. The Committee were INFORMED of an inconsistency between the Grid Code (OC2.4.1.3.3.(b)) and STCP11-1 (Paragraph 3.2.2.2) provisions regarding the timing of week 28 outage notification for non-embedded customers.

921. National Grid will circulate a summary of the proposed changes prior to August's STC Committee, prior to the submission of amendment proposals which will be discussed by Committee Members (if applicable).

**Action: National Grid**

#### AOB02

922. The Committee NOTED that SHETL and SPT had conducted or were in the process of conducting an internal STC review. The Committee AGREED to discuss the findings of SHETL and SPT internal STC review at August's STC Committee meeting; the item will be placed on next month's agenda.

**Action: Committee Secretary**

923. The Committee NOTED that the introduction of the Offshore Transmission regime would have significant implication for the STC which may interact with any formal review of the STC in its current format. National Grid indicated that it was important that the STC was 'fit for purpose' prior to the implementation of the Offshore Transmission regime and any issues currently identified by the STC Parties should be discussed/resolved now as they may not be captured by the Offshore Transmission changes.

924. The Committee NOTED the good tri-party relationships between the STC Parties were viewed as a benefit in ensuring that the STC provisions and obligations were undertaken and completed by all STC Parties in an economical and efficient manner.

### 17. Date of Next Meeting

925. The next meeting of the STC Committee will be held on Tuesday, 21 August 2007 at 10am, via teleconference.