# Minutes and Actions Arising from Meeting No. 38 Held on 18 September 2007 Various via Teleconference

Present:

David McMenemy Committee Chairman
Bali Virk 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

# 1. Introductions/Apologies for Absence

980 No apologies of absence were received.

# 2. Minutes of Last Meeting

The draft minutes from the STC Committee Meeting held on 21 August 2007 were approved and will be available from the STC website.

**Action: Committee Secretary** 

## 3. Review of Actions

- 982 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.

#### 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 liase with Andy Wainright in order to progress the issue with outage planning data alignment.

Action: NGET

# Minute 971 (Grid Code Amendment B/07)

National Grid to report back on who would be arranging the sub-group meetings.

**Action: NGET** 

# 4. New Amendment Proposals

983. The Committee AGREED that CA027 (Miscellaneous Amendments as a Consequential affect of CA025) and CA028 (Amendment to the Governance Framework Timescales) do not need to go through an Evaluation phase and as such the Committee AGREED that CA027 and CA028 should proceed directly to the Assessment and Report phase with a view of sending out for consultation for 10 Business Days for each Amendment Proposal. SHETL and SPT will therefore need to provide their companies' assessments to National Grid for inclusion in the reports.

Action: NGET/SHETL/SPT

National Grid to draft the Proposed Amendment Report and circulate the Amendment Reports before the next meeting for comments and each party's assessment.

Action: All

984. The Chairman AGREED to communicate the above information regarding CA028 to the GCRP Chairman.

**Action: Chairman** 

# 5. Working Group Reports

985 There were no Working Group Reports.

# 6. Proposed Amendment Reports

986 There were no Amendment Reports.

## 7. Amendment Reports

987 The Committee NOTED that no responses were received 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).

The STC Committee AGREED for CA024 and CA026 Amendment Reports to be submitted to the Authority for determination at the earliest opportunity subject to minor typographical changes.

**Action: Committee Secretary** 

# 8. Pending Authority Decisions

988. CA023 (Exchange of Best View Investment Planning Data Outside the Boundary of Influence) Amendment Report was submitted to the Authority on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2007. Further to an enquiry from Ofgem on the content of the original submission amendments were made and re-sent to the Authority on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2007.

## 9. Authority Decisions

989. There were no authority decisions.

# 10. STC Procedures

990. PA048 (Alignment of STC and STCP16-1 Obligations regarding User Works). The Committee were informed that JD will produce wording for Lilian Macleod and John Zammit-Haber. SPT/SHETL to clarify their positions and feed back any further comments.

**Action: SPT and SHETL** 

991. The Committee NOTED the proposed changes as outlined by PA049 (Amendment to

STCP19-3 regarding obligations in respect of Connection Site Specifications), subject to the incorporation of comments received from SPT. National Grid will circulate a revised version of STCP19-3 to the Committee for review.

**Action: NGET, SPTL & SHETL** 

- 992. The Committee DEBATED whether to wait for an Authority decision for CA027 (Miscellaneous Amendments as a Consequential affect of CA025) and the changes reflected within the STC. DG was concerned whether the STC Committee would be happy if the STC was inconsistent with the STCP's.
- 993. The STC Committee Chairperson requested that the implementation of PA049 is delayed until CA027 is concluded.
- 994. BT to speak with John Zammit–Haber to discuss the implications of this approach and report back to the STC Committee at the October meeting.

**Action: NGET** 

#### 11. Black Start Review

995. The STC Committee NOTED that a meeting was scheduled to take place on Monday 24 September 2007. DO to give an update at the October STC meeting.

**Action: SHETL** 

#### 12. Offshore Transmission

- 996. The STC Committee NOTED that the Terms of Reference for the Offshore STC Working Group were circulated to the STC Committee.
- 997. BT informed the STC Committee members that NGET have been invited to chair the group. Further nominations for representatives to sit on the working group can be forwarded to Bridget Morgan by 27 September 2007. DG to confirm the nominations to the STC Committee.

Action: Ofgem

- 998. BT informed the STC Committee that she is to be nominated by NGET to act as Technical Secretary but this is yet to be confirmed.
- 999. Offshore STC meeting dates are as follows:
  - 9<sup>th</sup> October 2007 Meeting to be held in Warwick
  - 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2007 Meeting to be held in Northampton

The report from the Working Group is to be delivered to the Authority by the end of October 2007.

Post meeting note: Meeting of the 9<sup>th</sup> October has been provisionally moved to the 15 October 2007.

## 13. Reports from Sub-Committees

## Charging User Group

1000. The Committee noted that a meeting of the ChUG had taken place on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2007. Minutes were not available and will be circulated once available.

# <u>JPC</u>

1001. 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

1002. Safety Standing Group meet on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2007 to discuss the specifics of the feasibility of merging OC8A and OC8B. Minutes were not available and will be circulated once available.

# 14. Impact of Other Code Modifications

1003. The Committee NOTED the update on the latest developments/topics of discussion from the other codes.

#### 15. Publications

1004. There has been no new data, identified by any of the STC Parties, which should be categorised as confidential.

# 16. Any Other Business

- 1005. The STC Committee REQUESTED clarification on the proposal being taken forward by National Grid regarding the Connection Site Specification proforma. J. Molly from SHETL participated in this item.
- 1006. JD informed the STC Committee that bilateral meetings had taken place regarding Connection Site Specifications. The STC Committee REQUESTED clarification on the background of this proposal. BT to speak to John Zammit-Haber to investigate the current status of the CSS issue.

**Action: NGET** 

1007. BT to confirm who the Chairperson of the JPC is following the departure of Andy Hiorns.

Action: NGET

1008. STC Chairperson to formally ask JPC Chairperson to place this as an agenda item at the JPC meeting, with a view to receiving an update for the November STC Committee Meeting.

**Action: Chairperson** 

## 17. Date of Next Meeting

1009. The next meeting of the STC Committee will be held on Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> October 2007 at 10am. The STC Committee discussed the possibility of holding a face to face meeting as STC Committee members will be attending the STC Offshore Transmission meeting at Warwick. The location of the meeting will be confirmed closer to the actual meeting date.

**Action: Committee Secretary**