Meeting Name STC Committee

Meeting No. 31

Date of Meeting 20th February 2007

Time 10:00

Venue Various via Teleconference

This note sets out the headlines and key decisions of the STC Committee on the 20th February 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) Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the STC Committee meeting held on 16th January 2007 were approved.

2) New Amendment Proposal

CA023 (Exchange of Best View Investment Planning Data Outside the Boundary of Influence) was proposed by National Grid. The Committee AGREED that CA023 should proceed directly to the Assessment & Report Phase. STC Parties are to provide their impact assessment on the proposals.

Action: National Grid, SHETL and SPT

A draft version of the Proposed Amendment Report will be circulated to STC Parties for comment before March 2007 STC Committee Meeting.

Action: National Grid

CA024 (Clarification of Construction Planning Assumption Data Requirements) was proposed by National Grid. The Committee AGREED that CA024 should proceed directly to the Assessment & Report Phase. STC Parties are to provide their impact assessment on the proposals subject to the submission of the associated legal text.

Action: National Grid, SHETL and SPT

It was anticipated that a draft version of the Proposed Amendment Report would be circulated to STC Parties for comment before March 2007 STC Committee Meeting.

Action: National Grid

CA025 (Amendment to STC regarding obligations in Connection Site Specification Submissions) was proposed by National Grid. The Committee AGREED that CA025 should proceed directly to the Assessment & Report Phase. STC Parties are to provide their impact assessment on the proposals subject to the submission of the associated legal text.

Action: National Grid, SHETL and SPT

It was anticipated that a draft version of the Proposed Amendment Report would be circulated to STC Parties for comment before March 2007 STC Committee Meeting.

Action: National Grid

CA026 (Exchange of Data Amongst Relevant Parties in Schedules 5, 6, 7, 11 and 13) was proposed by National Grid. The Committee AGREED that CA026 should proceed directly to the Assessment & Report Phase. STC Parties are to provide their impact assessment on the proposals subject to the submission of the associated legal text.

Action: National Grid, SHETL and SPT

It was anticipated that a draft version of the Proposed Amendment Report would be circulated to STC Parties for comment before March 2007 STC Committee Meeting.

Action: National Grid

The Committee NOTED that all the Amendment Proposals had been discussed and agreed by the JPC.

The Committee NOTED that none of the Amendment Proposals were interdependent and the outcomes of the proposals would not infringe on each other.

3) STC Procedures

The Committee NOTED that a teleconference had taken place between the STC Parties to finalise the format and content of STCP18-4. Comments were received from STC Parties, which will be circulated to Committee members for reference.

Action: Committee Secretary

National Grid will amend STCP18-4 to reflect comments received from STC Parties and agreement will be reached on outstanding matters of clarity. National Grid will circulate the revised version of STCP18-4 to the STC Committee by Friday, 2nd March 2007. Subject to any further comments, the STC Committee will formally approve STCP18-4 by e-mail.

Action: National Grid

PA048 (Alignment of STC and STCP16-1 Obligations regarding User Works) was proposed by National Grid. The Committee NOTED that the proposed changes had not been formally discussed at the JPC. The Committee AGREED to review to the proposed changes subject to the submission of the associated legal text. The Committee AGREED that the proposed changes would have to be formally discussed/agreed at the JPC prior to the formal sign off of the proposals by the STC Committee.

Action: National Grid, SHETL and SPT

PA049 (Amendment to STCP19-3 regarding obligations in respect of Connection Site Specifications) was proposed by National Grid. 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 NOTED the proposed amendments to STCP19-3, which would be formally reviewed after the Authority's decision on CA025.

4) Operational Metering

The Committee NOTED that comments had been received from STC Parties regarding the content of National Grid paper on the issues affecting the metering of Embedded Generation.

The Committee requested that any comments submitted on the paper be circulated to Committee members for reference purposes.

Action: All

The Committee NOTED that National Grid would amend the original paper, incorporating comments received. The revised version of the paper would be circulated to the STC Committee for reference.

Action: National Grid

5) Control Telephony Electrical Standard

The Committee NOTED that a draft version of the formal response to GCRP regarding the establishment of Scottish Control Telephony Electrical Standard had been circulated to STC Parties for comment.

The Committee NOTED that subject to a few minor amendments the response would be circulated to the GCRP Membership by the STC Chairman.

Action: STC Chairman/Committee Secretary

6) Black Start

The Committee NOTED that at February 2007 GCRP meeting, the Panel agreed to the establishment of a working Group to discuss and review the issues raised by the E3C Black Start Review. The Committee were informed that the GCRP had requested that a Scottish

Transmission Owner attend the Working Group meeting. SHETL and SPT will discuss the appropriate level of representation to be provided at the Grid Code Black Start Working Group.

Action: SHETL and SPT

7) 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 March 2007 STC Committee meeting.

Action: SPT

8) Reports from Sub-Committees

ChUG

STC Parties are to contact their ChUG representatives to discuss the format of future updates from the sub-group.

Action: All

JPC

The Committee NOTED that the JPC were currently reviewing the Project Listing Document (PLD), which may interact with the changes currently being looked at by the STC Committee. SPT is currently investigating any interactions between the potential changes and will provide an update to March STC Committee meeting.

Action: SPT

Safety Standing Group

The Committee NOTED that at February 2007 GCRP meeting, the Panel had agreed to the Grid Code proposals for the Management of No System Connection to precede to industry consultation subject to the clarification of a number of minor issues.

The finalised Grid Code Consultation Document will be circulated to the STC Committee for reference.

Action: Committee Secretary

9) Impact of Other Codes Modification

AM will provide a formal updated on the progress of CAP143 (Interim TEC) Working Group at March STC Committee Meeting. The Committee NOTED that various alternatives were in the progress of being discussed by the CUSC Working Group.

Action: AN

The Committee NOTED it was not possible for a STC Representative to attend the CAP146 (Responsibilities and liabilities associated with Third Party Works and Modifications made by Modification Affected Users) Working Group meetings. A formal request will be made to the CAP146 Working Group Chairman that the STC Committee receives regularly updates of the Working Group discussions. The Committee NOTED that information on the Working Group will be available on the CUSC website.

Action: Committee Secretary

The Committee NOTED that information on CAP141 (Request for Statement of Works) was available on the CUSC website.

10) AOB

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 become a regular item on forthcoming STC meeting agendas.

Action: Committee Secretary

The Committee NOTED the establishment of the Offshore Grid Code sub-group and that National Grid will keep the STC Committee aware of future progress.

The Committee NOTED that the Offshore Transmission Expert Group (OTEG) had been disbanded and that Ofgem and the DTI were currently discussing the most appropriate way of taking forward the changes required to introduce Offshore Transmission arrangements. Ofgem will provide an update on the successor to OTEG at March STC Committee meeting.

Action: Ofgem

The Panel NOTED that Bali Virk will be taking over as STC Committee Secretary effective from March STC Committee Meeting.

11) Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 20th March 2007 at 10am. The location will be determined closer to the actual meeting date.