

STC Committee Meeting

Minutes and Actions Arising from Meeting No. 40 Held on 20 November 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
Dipen Ghadia	Authority Representative
Layton Jones	National Grid Electricity Transmission Limited (NGET) Representative

In Attendance:

Alan Michie	SP Transmission Limited (SPT) Representative
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Apologies:

Joe Dunn	SP Transmission Limited (SPT) Representative
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1. Introductions/Apologies for Absence

1041 Apologies of absence were received from Joe Dunn.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

1042 The draft minutes from the STC Committee Meeting held on 18 September 2007 were approved subject to a minor amendment and will be made available from the STC website.

Action: Committee Secretary

3. Review of Actions

1043 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 the teleconference meeting has not been rescheduled and that we are still awaiting a CUSC decision.

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 971 (Grid Code Amendment B/07)

1044 BT to arrange a meeting and will be in contact with representatives from the relevant parties – Remove as an outstanding action, and bring back as an agenda item when relevant in 2008.

Action: NGET

1045 Minute 1019 (Authority Decisions)

CA023 – Feed back from Authority decision letter highlights reasons for and against the Applicable Objectives for their decision.

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- 1046 DG informed the STC Committee that the Amendment Report did not provide enough evidence and that more detail was required. DG also suggested Working Groups are set up with Authority involvement.
- 1047 BT informed the STC Committee that the JPC are currently putting together evidence to submit a revised amendment proposal in January 2008 .
- 1048 AM stated in the past the industry has provided too much evidence in the codes process. AM to provide evidence of this.

Action: SPT

4. New Amendment Proposals

- 1049 There were no new Amendment Proposals.

5. Working Group Reports

- 1050 There were no Working Group Reports.

6. Proposed Amendment Reports

- 1051 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) had been received.
- 1052 The Committee agreed CA027 and CA028 to be prepared and to be sent out to consultation on 21 November 2007 for a period of 10 days.

Action: NGET

7. Amendment Reports

- 1053 There were no Amendment Reports.

8. Pending Authority Decisions

- 1054 There were no pending Authority decisions.

9. Authority Decisions

- 1055 The STC Committee noted that the Authority had approved CA024 - Clarification of Construction Planning Assumption Data Requirements on 22 October 2007 with an implementation date of 29 October 2007.
- 1056 The STC Committee noted that the Authority rejected CA026 – Exchange of Data Amongst Relevant Parties in Schedules 5,6,7,11 and 13 on 22 October 2007. DG informed the STC Committee that the Authority rejected CA026 for similar reasons as CA023.
- 1057 BT informed DG that the STC committee will submit a revised amendment proposal in place of CA026 as a future proposal.

Action: NGET

10. STC Procedures

- 1058 PA048 – Alignment of STC and STCP16-1 (Obligations regarding obligations in respect of Connection Site Specifications) SHETL have fed back comments, NGET awaiting SPT's rewording.

Action: SPT/NGET

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- 1059 PA049 – Amendment to STCP19-3 regarding obligations in respect of Connection Site Specifications, the STC Committee agreed to leave the approval and implementation of this until January 2008, until the approval of CA027.

Action NGET

11. Black Start Review

- 1060 DO informed the STC Committee a paper was presented at the Grid Code Panel meeting on the 15 November 2007. Lillian MacLeod is currently finalising legal text for onward consultation.

12. Offshore Transmission

- 1061 BT Informed the STC committee that two STC Offshore Working Group meetings had taken place and that the Working Group has no further work to do.

- 1062 DG thanked the STC Committee members on behalf of Bridget Morgan for providing their support through the process. DG reported that following the working group report completion, Ofgem has requested that NGET undertake some further work. A question was raised as to why NGET has been asked to carry out further work with no input from other TOs or potential TOs. DG to report back to next STC Committee meeting.

Action: Authority

- 1063 STC Committee members asked when the general status report for all the offshore groups will be circulated from the Authority. STC Committee asked DG to confirm at the STC December meeting, the current status of the report.

Action: Authority

13. Impact of other Code Modifications

- 1064 The Committee noted the update on the latest developments/topics of discussion from the other codes.

- 1065 BT informed the STC Committee that Ofgem have written a pre-consultation letter on the payment mechanism for CAP148, and to be aware that any changes that are implemented in the CUSC will have an impact on the STC. It was also suggested there might be License changes required to reflect this work.

14. Requirement for Headline Reports

- 1066 The Committee Secretary and the STC Committee discussed the continuing value of the creating and issuing the STC Headline Report. It was agreed for a two month trial a headline report will not be produced, and it would be discussed as an agenda item at the January 2008 STC meeting to assess the impact and any feedback obtained for this change.

Action: Committee Secretary

15. Potential Changes to the STC

- 1067 BT agreed with the STC Committee to remove the complete STC document from the website and to retain the individual sections on the website. This also been actioned for the CUSC document.

Action: Committee Secretary

16. Publications

- 1068 There has been no new data, identified by any of the STC Parties, which should be categorised as confidential.

17. Any Other Business

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1069 DO informed the STC Committee that Safety Standing Group met in September and are trying to remove differences OC8A and OC8B. DO to report back with outcome of the meeting.

Action: SHETL

1070 BT reminded the STC Committee if they have any housekeeping changes to the STC to provide them to the Committee Secretary by 21 December 2007 for incorporation into a possible STC Amendment Proposal.

Action: All

1071 BT reported that in the JPC forum, CSS discussions had taken place and BT believes all parties are content with the principles. STC amendments to be raised as appropriate.

1072 BT requested that any comments on the draft amendment proposals for Grid Code P.C.A.8 are directed to her.

Action: All

1073 A question was raised as to whether the data required under this draft amendment was already available to NGET. BT to check.

Action: NGET

1074 The Committee Secretary gave an update on the following sub group meetings:

Charging User Group – due to meet in January 2008

JPC – due to meet on 23 January 2008

Safety Standing Group – no meeting date set at present

18. Date of Next Meeting

1075 The next meeting of the STC Committee will be held on Tuesday, 18 December 2007 at 10am.

Action: Committee Secretary