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Meeting Name	STC Committee
Meeting No.	37
Date of Meeting	21 <sup>st</sup> August 2007
Time	10:00
Venue	Various via Teleconference

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This note sets out the headlines and key decisions of the STC Committee on the 21<sup>st</sup> August 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 17<sup>th</sup> July 2007 were approved, subject to minor amendments and will be made available from the National Grid's Industry Information (STC) website.

**2) Proposed Amendment Reports**

The Committee NOTED that an extraordinary meeting of the Grid Code Review Panel (GCRP) took place on Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> July 2007. At the meeting it was agreed that as an interim solution, National Grid would progress an amendment to the Grid Code such that it refers to the most relevant version of the STC.

The Committee NOTED that the anticipated timeline for the submission of the associated Report to the Authority, outlining the proposed Grid Code amendment, to the Authority for determination is the end of October 2007.

The Committee DISCUSSED the proposed Amendment Report for CA023 (Exchange of Best View Investment Planning Data outside the Boundary of Influence). The discussion focused on the most appropriate implementation date for the proposal.

The Committee AGREED that given the interaction between CA023 and the associated Grid Code amendment, it would be necessary to have two implementation dates. In the event of the Authority approving the Grid Code Amendment and CA023 Amendment Proposal, it would be recommended that the STC be modified coincidentally with the Grid Code after the latter of the Authority's decisions. In the event of the Grid Code Amendment not be approved and the Authority approve only the CA023 Amendment Proposal, it would be recommended that the STC be modified 5 Business Days after the Authority's decision.

The Committee AGREED that the Amendment Report would be revised to reflect the Committee decisions regarding the implementation date. The revised Amendment Report would be submitted to the Authority by 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2007.

**Action: National Grid, SPT and SHETL/Committee Secretary**

The Committee NOTED that an enduring solution to the interaction between the STC and Grid Code would be necessary. The Committee NOTED that the GCRP had requested that a joint STC/Grid Code Working Group would be established to discuss, propose and agree an enduring solution. The Committee were INFORMED that any associated code changes would be progressed through the applicable code governance arrangements. The Committee NOTED that draft terms of reference for the group were not yet available and that National Grid was awaiting confirmation regarding the Working Group nominees.

Committee Members raised concerns regarding the remit of the joint Working Group although it was noted that it was important for the STC Committee to feed into the Working Group discussions.

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A teleconference would be agreed between National Grid and SPT to discuss the remit of the Working Group and address any concerns.

**Action: National Grid and SPT**

The Committee NOTED that the Proposed Amendment Reports for CA024 (Clarification of Construction Planning Assumption Data Requirements) and CA026 (Exchange of Data Amongst Relevant Parties in schedules 5, 6, 7, 11 and 13) would require revising such that the interaction between the Grid Code and STC was highlighted and the proposed implementation date reflected the agreed position for CA023. The Committee AGREED that the revised Proposed Amendment Reports would be circulated to Committee Members for comments/approval prior to the circulation of the proposals to the industry for comment.

**Action: National Grid, SPT and SHETL/Committee Secretary**

The Committee AGREED that the consultation period for CA024 and CA026 would be 10 business days, in accordance with Section B, Paragraph 7.2.5.9. of the STC

The STC Committee Chairperson requested a further one month extension for 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 there was sufficient time for the completion of the consultation process and to produce and approve the Amendment Reports which would be submitted to the Authority for approval.

Ofgem AGREED to a further one month extension for CA024 and CA026, the progression of which has been delayed to enable the development of the proposed Grid Code change.

### 3) STC Procedures

The Committee NOTED that National Grid had replied to SPT comments regarding PA048 (Alignment of STC and STCP16-1 Obligations regarding User Works). A teleconference would be agreed between National Grid and SPT to discuss the proposals and address any concerns.

**Action: National Grid and SPT**

The Committee NOTED that feedback was still outstanding from the JPC regarding the proposed changes to STCP16-1. As previously agreed the STC Committee was awaiting the JPC feedback prior to the formal signing off of the proposed by the STC Committee. STC Parties agreed to contact their JPC representative in order to progress the JPC response.

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

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 for review/approval. Subject to any further comments, the STC Committee will formally approve the changes to STCP19-3 by e-mail.

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

### 4) Date of Submission to National Grid of TO's Outage Proposals for the following Financial Year

The Committee discussed the interaction 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.

The Committee were INFORMED that Section C, Part 2 (Outage Planning), paragraph 3.7 is currently worded to oblige each Transmission Owner to submit outage plans to NGET for the following Financial Year by the end of Week 28 at the latest. STCP11-1 (Outage Planning) also reflects this. OC2.4.1.3 of the Grid Code obliges NGET to provide each Network Operator and each Non-Embedded Customer in writing with details of proposed outages in Year 1 ahead by the end of week 28, which may, in NGET's reasonable judgement, affect the performance of its User System or the Non-Embedded Customer Apparatus of the Grid Supply Point.

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The Committee discussed the feasibility of bringing forward the date by which the Transmission Owners are obliged to submit their outage plans to National Grid e.g. Week 24. National Grid indicated their preference incorporating an earlier date into the STC such that it allows sufficient time for National Grid to complete the relevant studies and produce the outage plans for the relevant non embedded customer and network operator. SPT and SHETL expressed concerns with the codification of an earlier date due to the associated consequential implications on their business activities. A teleconference will be arranged between the STC Parties to discuss the issue,

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

### 5) New Definitions for the Compliance Process

The Committee NOTED associated consequential changes to STC which are required due to the recent implementation of CA025 (Amendment to STC Regarding Obligations in Connection Site Specification). The Committee NOTED that new definitions would be required to be incorporated within Section of J of the STC to reflect the terminology utilised in CA025. Furthermore Section G would be required to be amended such that the applicable provision refers to the correct Section D, Part Two paragraph.

SPT and SHETL are to review the proposals; comments are to be provided to National Grid by 24<sup>th</sup> August 2007.

**Action: SPT and SHETL**

The formal Amendment Proposal will be submitted to September's STC Committee meeting for discussion/review.

**Action: National Grid**

### 6) Amendment to Consultation Period

STC Committee acknowledged that in some instances the maximum allowable consultation period for STC Amendments, may not provide sufficient time for non STC parties to assess the implications of the proposal and respond formally to the consultation.

The Committee NOTED the draft proposal which would extend the allowable consultation period for STC Amendment proposals and the associated changes to the overall timescale provisions for processing an STC Amendment through the Assessment and Report Phase of the STC governance arrangements.

SPT and SHETL are to review the proposals; comments are to be provided to National Grid by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2007.

**Action: SPT and SHETL**

The formal Amendment Proposal will be submitted to September's STC Committee meeting for discussion/review.

**Action: National Grid**

### 7) Offshore Transmission

Ofgem INFORMED the Committee that the second consultation document regarding Offshore Transmission was published on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2007. The Committee NOTED that respondents have until 5<sup>th</sup> September 2007 to respond to the consultation. The Committee NOTED that each STC Party would be responding individually to the consultation document.

Ofgem informed the Committee that Ofgem would be issuing an invitation for the establishment of a STC Working Group which would be tasked with reviewing how the Code would be impacted by the introduction of the Offshore Transmission regime. Ofgem would circulate the Terms of Reference for the Working Group when they were available.

**Action: Ofgem and Committee Secretary**

The Committee NOTED that a meeting had been arranged, between the STC Parties, to discuss the issues regarding Offshore Transmission on the STC.

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**8) Consequential STC Implication of Grid Code Consultation B/07**

The Committee were INFORMED that the proposals as outlined by Grid Code Consultation B/07 may require consequential changes to the STC and STCPs. The Committee NOTED that it would be beneficial to develop a STCP which would describe the process for ensuring that the relevant data is available for assessing the compliance of Transmission Interface Circuits against the GB SQSS.

The Committee AGREED to the establishment of a sub-group which would be tasked with the development of the relevant STCP. All STC Parties are to provide confirmation of their sub-group nominees.

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

**9) AOB**

The Committee were INFORMED of proposal being taken forward by National Grid regarding the Connection Site Specification proforma. SPT raised concerns regarding the proposals given the possible associated implication on their associated business activities. SPT will circulate their concerns/issues regarding the proposals.

**Action: SPT**

National Grid will confirm the nature and reason behind the proposals.

**Action: National Grid**

**10) Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> September 2007 at 10am.