

STC Committee Meeting

Minutes and Actions Arising from Meeting No. 34 Held on 22 May 2007

Held at National Grid Control Centre Wokingham & via Teleconference

Present:

David McMenemy	Committee Chairman
Bali Virk	Committee Secretary
Bec Thornton	National Grid Electricity Transmission Limited Representative
Layton Jones	National Grid Electricity Transmission Limited Representative
David Osborne	Scottish Hydro-Electric Transmission Limited (SHETL) Representative
Alec Morrison	Scottish Hydro-Electric Transmission Limited (SHETL) Representative (via teleconference)
Joe Dunn	SP Transmission Limited (SPT) Representative
Diyar Kadar	SP Transmission Limited (SPT) Representative
Steve Mackay	Authority Representative

In Attendance:

Lilian Macleod	National Grid Electricity Transmission Limited (via t/conf)
John Zammit-Haber	National Grid Electricity Transmission Limited (via t/conf)

1. Introductions/Apologies for Absence

803. Apologies of absence were received from Kenny Stott (SHETL).

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

804. The draft minutes from the STC Committee Meeting held on 17th April 2007 were APPROVED, subject to minor amendments and are accessible from the STC website.

3. Review of Actions

805. 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, NGET have requested that the relevant STC parties meet to discuss the matter further to propose an appropriate way forward. NGET's contacts are Richard Lamb at Richard.lamb@uk.ngrid.com and Andy Wainright at andy.wainright@uk.ngrid.com.

Post Meeting Note

There are no comments to circulate to the STC Committee as Bec Thornton had initially suggested.

Action: All

4. New Amendment Proposals

806. There were no new Amendment Proposals.

5. Working Group Reports

807. There were no Working Group Reports.

6. Proposed Amendment Reports

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808. The Committee NOTED that the consultation for CA023 (Exchange of Best View Investment Planning Data Outside the Boundary of Influence) closed on the 17 May 2007. One response was received from E.on who highlighted a concern about a corresponding Grid Code clause regarding the exchange of user data by NGET to the relevant Transmission Licensees.
809. AM suggested the Committee should formally acknowledge E.on's consultative response. The Panel NOTED that there was no obligation under the STC governance arrangements. Ofgem also agreed with this, and it was agreed that the Committee would cover the points raised by E.on in the Final Amendment Report.
810. The Committee AGREED that the JPC should be reconvened to discuss the implications of the Grid Code provision on the exchange of data permitted under Schedule 3 of the STC.
811. The Committee noted the Grid Code provision may have implications for recently approved STC Amendments which may impact SPT and SHETL's ability to fulfil their licence obligations.
812. The Committee AGREED to await feed back from the JPC before making a decision on whether to request a formal extension from Ofgem regarding the submission of CA023 Amendment Report to the Authority for determination.

Action: All

813. The Committee requested that CA024 (Clarification of Construction Planning Assumption Data Requirements), CA026 (Exchange of Data Amongst Relevant Parties in Schedules 5,6,7, 11 and 13) consultation to be placed on hold until implications of CA023 are clarified.
814. The Committee AGREED for CA025 (Amendment to STC regarding obligation in Connection Site Specification Submissions) to go out to consultation for 10 business days.

Action: Committee Secretary

7. Amendment Reports

815. There were no Amendment Reports.

8. Pending Authority Decisions

816. There were no pending Authority Decisions.

9. Authority Decisions

817. There were no recent Authority Decisions.

10. STC Procedures

818. PA048 (Alignment of STC and STCP16-1 Obligations regarding User Works) seeks to improve process clarity and ensure consistency between existing STC provisions and STCP16-1 (Investment Planning) regarding the notification and impact on Users.
819. The Committee NOTED that the JPC is currently reviewing STCP16-1. To date no formal comments regarding the proposed change have been received. SHETL to chase their representative for comments. SPT will forward comments to the Committee Secretary for circulation.

Action: Committee Secretary, SHETL and SPT

820. The Committee AGREED to review and provide comments to BT on the proposed changes to STCP19-3 as outlined by PA049. The Committee NOTED that the implementation of PA049, is subject to Authority approval of CA025.

Action: SHETL and SPT

821. The Committee NOTED that PA049 would be implemented after CA025 is approved by the Authority.

Action: Committee Secretary

11. Operational Metering

822. The Committee NOTED that there was nothing to update this month. This will continue to appear as an agenda item.

12. Transmission Access Standing Group

823. BT ran through a short presentation for TASG, a CUSC sub group. The Committee NOTED that there was currently no formal STC representation at the Standing Group. If parties are interested or would like more information, please contact Pat Hynes at Pat.Hynes@uk.ngrid.com.

824. AM expressed that this was a good idea and information relating to group is published on the National Grid website. The Chairman asked the Committee to consider any issue to be discussed and to feed back to Pat Hynes.

Action: ALL

13. Black Start

825. The Committee NOTED that the Second meeting Grid Code Black Start Review Group had taken place early May. 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 two main areas that are being progressed are the commercially facing impact of Black Start on Generators, and exercising of LJRP's from all affected parties.

14. Offshore Transmission

826. The Committee NOTED that Ofgem are still gathering information. Ofgem's consultation regarding Offshore would be published in July.

827. The Committee NOTED that NGET had made high level comments back to Ofgem regarding the STC. AM also informed the Committee that work was currently underway looking after safety.

828. STC Committee Chairman to contact Ofgem's Offshore's Representative to clarify how the STC fits into the overall Offshore consultative process and to ensure the relevant people are being contacted for information.

Action: Chairman

15. Feasibility of Combining OC8A and OC8B

829. The Committee NOTED and AGREED to formally request from Richard Starkey (NGET) for the Safety Standing Group to be reconvened to discuss the feasibility of merging Grid Code OC8A and OC8B into one code.

The Committee NOTED that the initial request for a formal review had been discussed at a meeting of the Offshore Grid Code Safety Sub Group.

16. Reports from Sub-Committees

Charging User Group

830. The Committee NOTED that a meeting of ChUG had taken place in April, and are still

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awaiting the minutes. Committee Secretary to progress the request for feedback and forward to the Committee.

Action: Committee Secretary

JPC

831. The Committee NOTED that a meeting of JPC had taken place in April. The Committee Secretary to progress the request for feedback and forward to the Committee.

Action: Committee Secretary

Safety Standing Group

832. No update available, Safety Group did not meet in April.

17. Impact of Other Code Modifications

833. The Committee NOTED that CAP146 was due to go out to consultation. Committee Secretary to forward CAP146 consultation to Committee members.

Action: Committee Secretary

834. The Committee were INFORMED that at May's GCRP meeting, the Panel advised that there would be benefit in the Scottish TO's attend an Industry Workshop on the P2/5 proposals as outlined by Grid Code Consultation. The Scottish TO's agreed to progress this with a view to ensuring attendance. Document B/07 (improved Planning Code Data Exchange for Compliance Assessments Connection). The Committee NOTED that the original proposals had been revised which may have an impact on the Transmission Owners.

Action: SPT/SHETL

18. Publications

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

19. Any Other Business

AOB1

836. AM asked Committee members if they were aware of the Fuel Security Code and what the implications of this were on the STC. BT informed the Committee that NGET looked at this six months ago, at the time there were no financial implications for SHETL and SP that were not already covered by the existing STC provision.

837. The Chairman requested that this item is discussed at the meeting following the STC meeting.

AOB2

838. The Committee thanked Lilian Macleod for her work as STC Committee Secretary and welcomed Bali Virk into her role as Committee Secretary.

AOB3

839. BT INFORMED the Committee that NGET were about to commence an internal review on the STC and its processes. BT said she would share any conclusions with the STC Committee at the next meeting. BT requested that SHETL and SPT consider if they think any particular parts of the STC/STCPs should be reviewed.

Action: All

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20. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the STC Committee will be held on Tuesday, 19 June 2007 at 10am. The location will be determined closer to the actual meeting date.