

STC Committee Meeting

Minutes and Actions Arising from Meeting No. 49 Held on 12 August 2008 Various via Teleconference

Present:

Bec Thornton	Committee Chairman (NGET)
Bali Virk	Committee Secretary (NGET)
Kathryn Sorrell	National Grid Electricity Transmission Limited (NGET) Representative
John Zammit-Haber	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
Deborah MacPherson	SP Transmission Limited Representative (SPT)
Jenny Boothe	Authority Representative

Apologies:

Diyar Kadar	SP Transmission Limited Representative (SPT)
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1. Introductions/Apologies for Absence

1313 Apologies of absence received from Diyar Kadar (SPT).

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

1314 The minutes from the last STC Committee Meeting held on 15 July 2008 were approved subject to minor amendments and will be available from the STC website shortly.

Action: Committee Secretary

3. Review of Actions

1315 All the outstanding actions from the previous meeting have been completed or were the subject of agenda items.

4. New Amendment Proposals

1316 There were no New Amendment Proposals.

5. Working Group Reports

1317 There were no Working Group Reports

6. Proposed Amendment Reports

1318 There were no Proposed Amendment Reports

7. Amendment Reports

1319 There were no Amendment Reports.

8. Pending Authority Decisions

1320 There were no pending Authority Decisions.

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9. Authority Decisions

- 1321 The STC Committee noted that the Authority had approved CA029 (Investigation of a Relevant Interruption of a User and Interruption Payment) on the 28 July 2008 with an implementation date of 4 August 2008.

10. STC Procedures

- 1322 PA048 (Alignment of STC and STCP16-1 Obligations regarding User Works) it was agreed that Lilian Macleod/John Zammit-Haber and Deborah MacPherson (SPT) would discuss outstanding issues and agree a way forward via teleconference and report back at the STC Committee meeting in September.

Action: NGET/SPT

- 1323 STCP03-1 – The STC Committee noted that draft text amendments had been circulated to Committee members for review. NGET will circulate to the STC Committee, a Draft Amendment proposal including the draft changes to STCP03-1 (text and flow diagrams) w/c 26 August 2008 with a view to submitting the final Amendment Proposal for approval at the September STC Committee meeting.

Action: NGET

- 1324 A new charging STCP is required as a result of CA029 which SPT are currently drafting. The draft will be discussed at the September ChUG meeting with a view to SPT presenting it at the STC Committee in September.

Action: SPT

11. Grid Code Data Exchange Working Group

- 1325 The STC Committee noted that the STC proposed draft amendments to Schedule 3 which would result from the Grid Code amendment had been discussed at the JPC meeting held on 10 July 2008. JPC/SHETL and SP are in agreement with the wording. The text to the changes was circulated prior to this STC Committee meeting for review by the STC Committee.

- 1326 NGET to circulate the draft Proposed Amendment to the STC Committee w/c 26 August 2008 with a view to submitting the final Amendment Proposal including the proposed amended legal text, for approval at the September STC Committee meeting.

Action: NGET

12. Transmission Access

- 1327 The Chairman informed the STC Committee that the Authority have approved a two month extension for the CUSC Transmission Access Working Groups (CAP161 – 164). The Working Groups are due to report back at the CUSC Panel meeting in September 2008.

- 1328 The STC Committee agreed to meet on 16 September 2008 to discuss the CUSC Transmission Access Working Group proposals with consideration of the impact on the STC. The meeting will take place directly after the STC Committee meeting at National Grid's Warwick Office on the 16 September 2008.

- 1329 STC Committee members to confirm their attendance for the STC Committee meeting followed by the Transmission Access Meeting, to the Committee Secretary also informing her of arrival and departure times.

Action: NGET, SPT and SHETL

13. Offshore Transmission

1330 The STC Committee was informed that a Final/Latest Position Document would be released by the Authority in September.

Action: Authority

1331 The Chairman confirmed that NGET are looking at the STCPs for the Authority and also suggested that the STC Committee may be required to be involved in the proposing changes to the current STCPs using the current governance process.

14. Environmental Objectives

1332 The Chairman informed the STC Committee that an Environmental Standing Group Meeting is due to take place on Friday 12 August and notes from this and previous meeting will be made available from the following link:
<http://www.nationalgrid.com/uk/Electricity/Codes/systemcode/workingstandinggroups/>

1333 The Standing Group Terms of Reference include the development of practical examples based on past and present code modifications with the aim of developing common guidance and principals that can be used across all codes. One modification being used as an example is CAP164 and Eon have presented a 4 stage approach using this as an example. A copy of Eon's slides can be found on the website above.

1334 The Standing Group is due to report back to Ofgem by the end of August 08.

15. Code Governance

1335 The Chairman informed the STC Committee that Mark Feather from the Authority is looking to set up a group as part of the work on code governance and that group will be looking at reducing fragmentation and complexity. The group is to work towards identifying and establishing best practice in the codes governance processes.

1336 The Authority have requested a representative from the BSC, CUSC and UNC and are seeking a single representation from the other codes (DCUSA, SPAA, MRA, STC, UNC for IGTs, Grid Code and Distribution Code). The STC Committee agreed that it is not appropriate for National Grid to represent all the Codes as detailed above. SHETL and SPT agreed to inform the Chairman by the close of play on 13 August 2008 with their suggestions on how to best to manage the situation.

Action: SPT/SHETL

1337 The Authority suggested that once Mark had received feedback, that it maybe inappropriate to just have one representative for the list of codes above.

16. Impact of other Code Modifications

1338 The STC Committee noted the update in the latest developments/topics of discussion from the other Industry Codes.

17. Reports from Sub-Committees

1339 The STC Committee noted the Joint Planning Committee (JPC) minutes from the meeting held on 10th July 2008.

18. Any Other Business

1340 There was no other business discussed.

19. Publications

- 1341 There has been no new data identified by any of the STC Parties, which should be categorised as confidential.

20. Next Meeting

- 1342 The next meeting of the STC Committee will be held on Tuesday, 16 September at 10.00am (or a time to be agreed) at NGET Office's in Warwick.