

## STC Committee Meeting

### DRAFT Minutes and Actions Arising from Meeting No. 48 Held on 15 July 2008 Various via Teleconference

#### Present:

Lilian Macleod	Committee Chairman (NGET) (Standing in for Bec Thornton)
Bali Virk	Committee Secretary (NGET)
Kathryn Sorrell	National Grid Electricity Transmission Limited (NGET) Representative
David Osborne	Scottish Hydro-Electric Transmission Limited (SHETL) Representative
Deborah MacPherson	SP Transmission Limited Representative (SPT)
Jenny Boothe	Authority Representative

#### Apologies:

Bec Thornton	Committee Chairman (NGET)
Kenny Stott	Scottish Hydro-Electric Transmission Limited (SHETL) Representative
Diyar Kadar	SP Transmission Limited Representative (SPT)
John Zammit-Haber	National Grid Electricity Transmission Limited (NGET)

#### 1. Introductions/Apologies for Absence

1280 Apologies of absence received from Bec Thornton (NGET), John Zammit-Haber (NGET), Kenny Stott (SHETL), and Diyar Kadar (SPT).

#### 2. Minutes of Last Meeting

1281 The minutes from the last STC Committee Meeting held on 18 June 2008 were approved and will be available from the STC website shortly.

**Action: Committee Secretary**

#### 3. Review of Actions

1282 All the outstanding actions from the previous meeting have been completed or were the subject of agenda items except for:

- **Minute 1236** – It was agreed that STCP03-1 would need amending if CA029 was approved. NGET are looking at this internally and will circulate any amendments to STC Committee prior to the next STC Committee meeting.

**Action: NGET**

- **Minute 1236** – It was also agreed that there would be a requirement for a new STCP for charging purposes as a result of CA029. SPT to draft the proposed STCP under the auspices of ChUG with a view to circulating any drafts when they are ready to the STC Committee.

**Action: SPT**

#### 4. New Amendment Proposals

1283 There were no New Amendment Proposals.

#### 5. Working Group Reports

1284 There were no Working Group Reports

### 6. Proposed Amendment Reports

1285 There were no Proposed Amendment Reports

### 7. Amendment Reports

1286 The STC Committee Secretary confirmed CA029 (Investigation of a Relevant Interruption of a User and Interruption Payment) Amendment Report had been sent to the Authority for determination on 23 June 2008.

### 8. Pending Authority Decisions

1287 JB informed the STC Committee that the Authority was minded to approve CA029 (Investigation of a Relevant Interruption of a User and Interruption Payment); the Authority final decision was expected in the next week.

**Action: Authority**

### 9. Authority Decisions

1288 There were no Authority decisions.

### 10. STC Procedures

1289 PA048 (Alignment of STC and STCP16-1 Obligations regarding User Works) – LM thanked SPT for their comments. NGET are currently working through the comments NGET to respond to SPT. It was agreed that the STC Committee meeting in August would be used to discuss any outstanding issues and agree a way forward.

**Action: NGET/SPT**

### 11. Grid Code Data Exchange Working Group

1290 The STC Committee noted that the Grid Code Data Exchange consultation closed on 11 July 2008. Four responses were received; none of which were material in nature. NGET was in the process of formally responding to the responses. It was anticipated that a final report would be sent to the Authority in August.

1291 The STC Committee noted that the STC proposed amendment which would result from the Grid Code amendment had been discussed at the JPC meeting held on 10 July 2008. JPC were in general agreed of the necessitate of the proposal but would like to review the legal text prior to the formal submission of the Amendment Proposal. Legal text to be circulated to the STC Committee for discussion at the August STC meeting for onward circulation to the JPC.

**Action: NGET**

### 12. Transmission Access

1292 The STC Committee noted that the CUSC Transmission Access Working Group were on-going. DM provided an updated on Working Group 1 (CAP161 – 164). DM informed the Committee that the Working Group members had discussed the scope/remit of the group in terms of manageability given the size and complexity of the issues being discussed. The Working Group agreed that the Working Group discussion would continue in line with the original scope.

1293 The STC Committee noted that it was still difficult to determine the exact implications on the STC given that the CUSC Working Groups had not concluded as of date. At this early stage, it was acknowledged that Working Group 2 (CAP165 – 166) would have implications for the STC. Ofgem requested that any STC changes which would be required to enact the CUSC proposals were highlighted to the Authority as possible as possible.

**Action: All**

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- 1294 JB confirmed that the Authority have published a Transmission Access Review report which can be found on the Ofgem website. The report highlighted and noted the work that had been done in this complex area but identified areas where more work was needed.
- 1295 The STC Committee agreed to meet on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2008 to discuss the CUSC Transmission Access Working Group proposals with consideration of the impact on the STC. SPT, SHETL and the Authority to respond to NGET confirming attendance. The meeting will take place directly after the STC Committee meeting on the 12 August 2008.

**Action: NGET, SPT and SHETL**

### 13. Offshore Transmission

- 1296 The STC Committee was reminded that the Offshore Transmission Consultation Document, outlining all proposed Code and Licence changes with final responses is due on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2008.
- 1297 JB to confirm by email the Go Active and Go Live date for the Offshore Transmission Regime.

**Action: Authority**

### 14. Environmental Objectives

- 1298 The STC Committee was informed the CUSC Environmental Standing Group met for the first time on 11 July 2008. Representatives of the Codes within gas and electricity industries have been invited to join the Group. The aim is to develop generic guidelines for assessing the carbon cost/benefit of relevant modifications that can be adopted by all Codes panels in due course on the Authority guidance.
- 1299 There was a detailed discussion of the application of the guidance of CAP164 (Connect and Manage) as a significant current example of a modification that will need to be assessed in the context of carbon cost benefit.
- 1300 The group will aim to analyse the carbon cost/benefit of other current or historic modifications for a wide variety of Codes in order to inform development of the generic guidelines. Ofgem are keen for guidelines to be in place for all modifications to all Codes by this autumn.
- 1301 The Authority have issued a further guidance note and the STC Committee members asked to chase any comment from their parties and to bring this back to the August STC meeting.

**Action: SPT/SHETL**

- 1302 Environmental Standing Group Meeting notes will be made available from the following link shortly  
<http://www.nationalgrid.com/uk/Electricity/Codes/systemcode/workingstandinggroups/>

### 15. Impact of other Code Modifications

- 1303 The STC Committee noted the update in the latest developments/topics of discussion from the other Industry Codes.
- 1304 The STC Committee was informed that the CUSC Working Group for CAP167 (Definition of a threshold(s) associated with the request for a Statement of Works) was ongoing and that two meetings have taken place so far. The Working Group was due to report back to August CUSC Amendments Panel.
- 1305 The STC Committee noted that it was difficult to determine, at this stage of the CUSC

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process, what (if any) changes would be required to the STC. The STC Committee agreed to keep up-to-date with the progress of CAP167.

**Action: All**

### 16. Reports from Sub-Committees

- 1306 The STC Committee noted the Joint Planning Committee (JPC) met on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2008. Minutes from the JPC meeting were not available. The STC Committee Secretary to circulate minutes to the STC Committee as soon as they are made available.
- 1307 The JPC were informed of possible consequential changes to the STC such that it aligned with the new CAP149 (TEC Lite) and CAP150 (Capacity Reduction) provisions. NGET were in the progress of identifying the STC changes required. The JPC requested a review of the proposals (and legal text) prior to the formal submission of the Amendment Proposal.

### 17. Any Other Business

#### AOB1

- 1308 The STC Committee were reminded that the STC Committee Secretary had sent an email asking for confirmation of who would be attending the STC Meeting and Transmission Access Review meeting at NGET Offices in Warwick on the 12 August 2008.

**Action: All**

#### AOB2

- 1309 The STC Committee noted that Ofgem have published a Code Governance review update on 30 June which summarised the work done by Brattle and the Authority latest thinking. The code governance review, going forward, will focus on the following six areas:

- Role of code administrators
- Initiatives to support smaller players
- Addressing complexity and fragmentation
- Charging methodologies
- Code Objectives
- Strategic policy reform/self governance package

- 1310 The STC Committee agreed that it was important to keep up-to-date with code governance review.

### 18. Publications

- 1311 There has been no new data identified by any of the STC Parties, which should be categorised as confidential.

### 19. Next Meeting

- 1312 The next meeting of the STC Committee will be held on Tuesday, 12 August 2008 at 10.00am at NGET Office's in Warwick.