Minutes and Actions Arising from Meeting No. 53 Held on 16 December 2008 Various via Teleconference

Present:

Bec Thornton Committee Chairman (NGET)
Alex Kyriakopoulos Committee Secretary (NGET)

John Zammit-Haber National Grid Electricity Transmission Limited(NGET)
Kathryn Sorrell National Grid Electricity Transmission Limited(NGET)
Kenny Stott Scottish Hydro-Electric Transmission Limited (SHETL)

Representative

David Osborne. Scottish Hydro-Electric Transmission Limited (SHETL)

Representative

Deborah MacPherson SP Transmission Limited Representative (SPT)
Diyar Kadar SP Transmission Limited Representative (SPT)

Abid Sheikh Authority Representative

1. Introductions/Apologies for Absence

1439 Apologies of absence were received from Jenny Boothe and Bali Virk

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

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

Action: Committee Secretary

3. Review of Actions

- All the outstanding actions from the previous meeting have been completed or were the subject of agenda items except for:
 - Minute 1410 BT to arrange teleconference in January 2009 to discuss Grid Code Change B/07 – Improved Planning Code Data Exchange for Compliance Assessments.

Action: NGET

4. New Amendment Proposals

Following circulation of Amendment Proposal for CA031(Definition of Threshold(s) associated with the request for a Statement of Works) to the STC Committee, BV to draft Proposed Amendment Report and circulate it to the STC Committee on 18the December 2008.

Action: NGET

STC Committee members to forward comments on draft Proposed Amendment Report CA031 back to BV by 9th January 2009 with a view to agreeing a version at the January 2009 STC Committee meeting, to go out to Industry Consultation in January 2009.

Action: All

5. Working Group Reports

1444 There were no Working Group Reports.

6. Proposed Amendment Reports

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1445 There were no Proposed Amendment Reports

7. Amendment Reports

Amendment Report CA030 (Clarification of User Data can be disclosed to a Transmission Owner Industry) was submitted to the Authority on 8th December 2008 for determination.

Action: Authority

8. Pending Authority Decisions

1447 There were no pending Authority Decisions.

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1448 There were no Authority Decisions.

10. STC Procedures

SPT and SHETL had no comments to make on the changes proposed to STCP01-1. Both to submit an e-mail to BV stating no comments.

Action: SPT/SHETL

On receipt of e-mails, Committee Secretary to arrange sign-off of the agreed STCP01-1 (Operational Switching).

Action: Committee Secretary

DMcP to update/discuss the STCP in relation to CA029 (Investigation of Relevant Interruption of a User and Interruption Payment Obligations associated with such an Interruption) at the January 2009 STC Committee meeting.

Action: DMcP

1452 PA048 (Alignment of STC and STCP16-1 Obligations regarding User Works) JZH to arrange a teleconference with DMcP to discuss the way forward.

Action: JZH/DMcP

11. Transmission Access

BT explained that the intention was still to go forward with an STC Amendment Proposal for Local Capacity Nominations. The draft proposal has already been circulate prior to this meeting, however the legal text associated with the proposed changes still needs to be developed. BT to develop and circulate prior to January 2009 STC Committee Meeting.

Action: NGET

- In addition to the Local Capacity Nomination (LCN) proposal there will need to be further amendments proposed as a result of CAP164, CAP165 and CAP166.
- There has been a Consultation Alternative raised for CAP164 and this will need to be taken into consideration when drafting the amendment proposal for the STC.

Action: SPT

- Ofgem have agreed to extend the Working Group timescales for CAP166 for a further 8 weeks and is therefore due to go out to report back to the CUSC panel on 30th January 2009.
- Following the outcome of the CUSC Panel meeting, the proposed amendments to the STC can begin to be developed.

Action SHETL

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12. Offshore Transmission

- AS confirmed that the latest policy Consultation on Offshore Transmission, including proposed changes to industry codes, was released on 20th November 2008 and closing date for responses was 9th January 2009. Any significant issues are to be forwarded to Ofgem by 18th December 2008.
- AS explained that there were a number of refinements to policy that were the main differences between that and the June 08 consultation. One of the revised areas was that of the consideration of third party liabilities when an Offshore TO connects to a DNO system and consideration will need to be given to how the STC is affected. The Appendices to November consultation include proposed legal text changes to the industry codes including the STC changes.
- BT explained that National Grid had developed an action plan to develop and deliver the relevant STCPs that needed amending or creating as a result of the Offshore Regime being implemented. This plan will be available to view on National Grid's website soon.
- 1461 6 STCPs have been placed on the website in draft form to allow an opportunity to comment on them. These are STCP 2-1, 4-1, 10-1, 11-1, 11-2 and 12-1. BT will advise when other STCPs are available for comment.

Action: NGET

13. Environmental Objective

BT informed the STC Committee that the CUSC Environmental Standing Group Final Report and Guidelines have been published on the NGET Codes website. BT offered to précis the salient points from the report in order that it can be used when assessing carbon cost of future proposed STC amendments.

Action: NGET

14. Code Governance

- 1463 AS updated the Committee as to the status of the Code Governance Review.
- Ofgem had previously identified the following six work-strands that have been taken forward as part of the industry codes governance review:
 - 1. Charging methodologies
 - 2. Code objectives and the environment
 - 3. Major policy reform/self governance package
 - 4. Role of code administrators
 - 5. Small participant initiatives
 - 6. Fragmentation and complexity of code governance
- Charging Methodologies a consultation on bringing Charging Methodologies into the code governance arrangements was issued in September 08 with a closing date of 16th January 2009;
- 1466 Code objectives and the environment a consultation on adding to, or enhancing, current code objectives, especially taking into account the greater emphasis on sustainability in the Authority's statutory duties, was issued in November 08 and also closes on 16th January 2009;
- 1467 Major policy reform and self-governance a consultation is due out before Xmas and will close late Feb/early March 2009.
- Role of code administrators a consultation is due out before Xmas and will close late Feb/early March 2009.

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- 1469 Small participant initiatives will be covered in the role of code administrators consultation.
- Fragmentation and complexity of code governance a code administrators workgroup is ongoing looking at ways of improving on the existing arrangements. A fifth meeting of the group is taking place on 17 December 2008 and it is intended that there will be a report from the group in January 2009.

15. Impact of Other Code Modifications

1471 The STC Committee members noted the contents of the Codes Summary Report.

16. Reports from Sub Committees

1472 There were no Sub Committee reports.

17. BETTA internet site

1473 BV to progress at the January STC Committee meeting.

Action: Committee Secretary

18. Any Other Business

1474 There was no other business.

19. Publications

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

20. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the STC Committee will be held on Tuesday, 20 January 2009 at 10.00am.