

## STC Committee Meeting

### Minutes and Actions Arising from Meeting No. 43 Held on 19 February 2008 Various via Teleconference

#### Present:

David McMenemy	Committee Chairman
Stephanie Stewart	Committee Secretary
Layton Jones	National Grid Electricity Transmission Limited (NGET) Representative
Bec Thornton	National Grid Electricity Transmission Limited (NGET) Representative
Kenny Stott	Scottish Hydro-Electric Transmission Limited (SHETL) Representative
Diyar Kadar	SP Transmission Limited (SPT) Representative
Joe Dunn	SP Transmission Limited (SPT) Representative
Jenny Boothe	Authority Representative

#### In Attendance:

Lilian Macleod	National Grid Electricity Transmission Limited (NGET)
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#### Apologies:

Dipen Ghadia	Authority Representative
David Osborne	Scottish Hydro-Electric Transmission Limited (SHETL) Representative

#### 1. Introductions/Apologies for Absence

- 1137 Apologies of absence were received from Dipen Ghadia (Ofgem) and David Osborne (Scottish Hydro-Electric Transmission).

#### 2. Minutes of Last Meeting

- 1138 The minutes from the last STC Committee Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2008 were approved subject to minor amendments and will be available from the STC web site.  
**Action: Committee Secretary**

#### 3. Review of Actions

- 1139 All the outstanding actions from the previous meeting have been completed or were the subject of agenda items, except for:
- **Minute 1103** – Ofgem to confirm if the correct governance had been applied for the Offshore work.

**Action: Ofgem**

#### 4. New Amendment Proposals

- 1140 There were no new Amendment Proposals.

#### 5. Working Group Reports

- 1141 There were no Working Group Reports.

#### 6. Proposed Amendment Reports

- 1142 There were no Proposed Amendment Reports.

#### 7. Amendment Reports

- 1143 There were no Amendment Reports.

### 8. Pending Authority Decisions

1144 There are no Authority Decisions pending.

### 9. Authority Decisions

1145 The STC Committee noted that CA027 (Miscellaneous Amendments as a Consequential Effect of CA025) was approved by the Authority on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2008 and implemented on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2008.

1146 The STC Committee noted that CA028 (Amendment to the Governance Framework Timescales) was approved on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2008 and implemented on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2008.

### 10. STC Procedures

1147 PA048 (Alignment of STC and STCP16-1 Obligations regarding User Works) – SPT has provided additional comments on the latest proposed changes to STCP16-1. Comments will be circulated to the Committee for reference with National Grid and SHETL to review comments and provide any appropriate response.

**Action: NGET/SHETL**

1148 PA049 (Amendment to STCP19-3 regarding obligations in respect of Connection Site Specifications) – The STC Committee noted that the formal approval of PA049 can now proceed given the recent Authority decision on CA027. The proposed changes to the STCP19-3 will be re-circulated to Committee members for final review prior to the formal approval of the amendment at March 2008 STC Committee Meeting. Any additional comments which STC Committee Members may have on the proposed changes should be submitted to NGET prior to the next STC Committee Meeting.

**Action: NGET/SHETL/SPT**

### 11. Offshore Transmission

1149 The STC Committee noted that the Offshore STC Working Group had been reconvened. The STC Committee were informed that 2 Working Group Meetings had taken place in early February 2008, at the meetings the following issues were discussed

- Operational Switching Modes – there are 3 switching models
- STC to STCP Mapping
- National Grid Obligations under the CUSC
- STC Representation
- Governance
- Offshore Technical Rules and Technical Compliance

1150 The STC Committee noted that at the final Working Group meeting, planned for 21<sup>st</sup> February 2008, the following issues will be discussed.

- Governance and Voting Arrangements
- TOCA – Construction Agreements
- Payment and Security Provisions

1151 The STC Committee was informed that direction from Ofgem would be required on a number of issues before finalising the agreed approach.

1152 The STC Committee requested that Ofgem confirmed the Go-Active and Go-Live dates for the Offshore Transmission regime. Ofgem will also agree to confirm the indicative timescales for key project milestone e.g. consultation for code changes

**Action: Ofgem**

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### 12. Impact of other Code Modifications

1153 The Committee noted the update on the latest developments/topics of discussion from the other codes.

1154 The STC Committee noted that a summary of the Grid Code Rated MW Working Group had been circulated for reference. SPT and SHETL are currently considering the implications of the issue on their Transmission Area and will provide appropriate feedback to NGET in the next couple of weeks.

**Action: SHETL/SPT**

1155 The STC Committee noted that NGET had made this formal request based on recent experiences of progressing Grid Code changes. The Committee were informed that Ofgem was asking as part of the Grid Code Amendment Process information regarding the potential impact of the proposed changes on the GB Transmission System. Therefore rather than awaiting a formal request from Ofgem to this effect the Grid Code Working Group were proactively seeking the input from SPT and SHETL such that the information formed part of the Working Group debate and deliberations.

### 13. Reports from Sub-Committees

1156 The STC Committee noted that the update from the Charging User Group and JPC will formally be made available in time for the March Committee meeting. NGET informed the STC Committee that the Charging User Group were in the process of reviewing STCP13-1 and STCP14-1 with a view of formally submitting changes to the Committee for discussion at a date still to be determined.

1157 All STC parties agreed to discuss obtaining regular feedback from the meetings with their Charging User Group and JPC representatives.

**Action: NGET/SHETL/SPT**

1158 The STC Committee Chairman agreed to contact the Chairs of the Charging User Group and JPC to remind them of the importance of their sub group to provide regular feedback to the STC Committee upon request.

**Action: Chairman**

### 14. Any Other Business

#### AOB1

1159 The STC Committee discussed how best to progress consequential STC changes to incorporate the CAP048 payment mechanism. A decision on the proposed Transmission Licence changes is due in March 2008. The current indication from Ofgem is that they will not implement the licence changes until progress has been made on the consequential STC changes. Ofgem to confirm expectations.

**Action: Ofgem**

#### AOB2

1160 The STC Committee noted that NGET was currently reviewing STCP01-1 with a view of formally submitting changes at a forthcoming meeting.

**Action: NGET**

#### AOB3

1161 The Grid Data Exchange Working Group were tasked with identifying an enduring solution to the interaction between STC and Grid Code regarding the transfer of user data (obtained primarily from week 24/28) to the relevant Transmission Licensees (SPT and SHETL).

1162 The Working Group has representation from SPT and SHETL. The preferred approach from the Working Group is to specify in the Grid Code the relevant provisions and data obtained which is exchanged to the relevant Transmission Licensees.

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1163 The Committee noted that proposed Grid Code changes would result in consequential changes to the STC and in particular Schedule 3. The Committee agreed that it was important that the Grid code changes would not dilute the current data exchange provisions in the STC.

1164 The Committee noted that the JPC had been kept informed of the Grid Code developments and discussions and the JPC had not raised any specific comment regarding the Working Group approach. The Committee noted that the Grid Code working Group was due to present its findings to the Grid Code Review Panel in May and the consequential STC changes may be presented at the April Committee Meeting for discussion

**Action: NGET**

### AOB4

1165 Ofgem queried the status of CA029 which was discussed at previous STC Committee Meeting. It was agreed that this STC Amendment Proposal had never been formally submitted to the Committee for discussion/review and therefore was not an active amendment proposal subject to the STC governance process.

### AOB5

1166 The STC Committee noted who would be the NGET representatives in the forthcoming months given the pending change in STC Chairpersonship and the short term change in STC Committee Secretariat.

Date	Chair	Secretary	NGET Representatives
18/03/2008	David McMenemy	Steph Stewart	Layton Jones + Lilian Macleod
15/04/2008	Bec Thornton	Steph Stewart	Layton Jones + Lilian Macleod
20/5/2008	Bec Thornton	Steph Stewart	Layton Jones + Lilian Macleod

1167 SPT will confirm their STC Committee Representative in time for the exchange of chairperson in April 2008.

**Action: SPT**

## 15. Publications

1168 There has been no new data identified by any of the STC Parties, which should be categorised as confidential.

## 16. Date of Next Meeting

1169 The next meeting of the STC Committee will be held on Tuesday, 18 March 2008 at 10.00am.