

Minutes and Actions Arising from Meeting No. 46 Held on 20 May 2008 Various via Teleconference

Present:

Bec Thornton	Committee Chairman (NGET)
Stephanie Stewart	Committee Secretary (NGET)
Layton Jones	National Grid Electricity Transmission Limited (NGET) Representative
Lilian Macleod	National Grid Electricity Transmission Limited (NGET) Representative
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)
Jenny Boothe	Authority Representative

1. Introductions/Apologies for Absence

1221 There were no apologies of absence received.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

1222 The minutes from the last STC Committee Meeting held on 15 April 2008 were approved subject to minor amendments and will be available from the STC web site.

Action: Committee Secretary

3. Review of Actions

1223 All the outstanding actions from the previous meeting have been completed or were the subject of agenda items.

4. New Amendment Proposals

1224 There were no new Amendment Proposals.

5. Working Group Reports

1225 There were no Working Group Reports.

6. Proposed Amendment Reports

1226 There were no Proposed Amendment Reports.

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1227 There were no Amendment Reports.

8. Pending Authority Decisions

1228 There are no Authority decisions pending.

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10. STC Procedures

1230 PA048 (Alignment of STC and STCP16-1 Obligations regarding User Works) – discussions continue regarding the finalisation of an agreed set of changes. Four items remain outstanding. SPT has provided comments on the latest proposed changes to STCP16-1 and National Grid will review SPT's comments and provide feedback by 23rd May 2008. SHETL have no additional comments to make on the proposed changes and have indicated their support for the proposals (when finalised). An update will be provided at the next STC Committee Meeting.

Action: NGET

1231 PA050 (STCP01-1 Changes to Operational Switching Procedure and addition of Post Fault Action Agreement Form) - the STC Committee AGREED to the proposed changes. The changes will be formally signed off and officially incorporated into Schedule 2 of the STC.

1232 The signing of the STCP, by STC Parties, will be facilities by fax.

Action: NGET, SHETL & SPT

11. CA029 Amendment Proposal

1233 The STC Committee NOTED that CA029 (Investigation of a Relevant Interruption of a User and Interruption Payment obligations associated with such an interruption) had completed the Evaluation Phase.

1234 The Evaluation Phase consisted of one teleconference during which the proposal and associated legal text was discussed in depth. All STC Parties have agreed to the legal text which was subject to minor amendments.

1235 The STC Committee AGREED that the proposal should now proceed directly to industry consultation. National Grid will circulate a draft Proposed Amendment Report for review and comments by 23rd May 2008. SPT and SHETL will provide an impact assessment of the proposal which will be included in the Proposed Amendment Report.

Action: NGET, SHETL & SPT

1236 The STC Committee NOTED that in the event of CA029 being approved by the Authority, it would necessitate consequential changes to the relevant STCPs. The STC Committee NOTED that STCPs which require a review would be the procedures applicable to charging (STCP13 and STCP14 series) and events reports (STCP3 series) as a minimum National Grid was to review remaining procedures and provide an indication to the STC Committee as to which additional ones may be impacted by CA029.

Action: NGET

12. Grid Code Data Exchange Working Group

1237 The STC Committee NOTED that the Grid Code Data Exchange Working Group had report back its findings and recommendations to May's GCRP. The GCRP agreed with the recommendations which would proceed to industry consultation for a period of 4 weeks in due course.

1238 The STC Committee was INFORMED that the Grid Code changes stood by themselves i.e. no consequential changes to the STC were required to enact the Grid Code proposals. The STC Committee AGREED that it would be beneficial for the STC Schedule 3 to be reviewed in light of the Grid Code changes. National Grid was

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currently reviewing Schedule 3, identifying proposal changes which would be circulated to SHETL and SPT prior to any formal submission to the STC Committee.

Action: NGET

13. Transmission Access

- 1239 The STC Committee NOTED that three external Working Group has been established to review the CUSC Transmission Access Amendments (CAP161 -166). The STC Committee had formal representation at Working Group 1 and would be keeping a watching brief on the progression of the other Working Groups in order to determine the impact on the Code. Deborah MacPherson and Kenny Stott were the formal STC Committee Representatives at the CUSC Working Groups and would alternate their attendance at the Working Group meetings.
- 1240 The STC Committee was INFORMED that the Working Groups were at the initial stages of discussions, outlining the proposals to the Working Group members and agreeing terms of reference.
- 1241 The STC Committee will continue to receive regular updates on the Working Groups and the issue will become a standing item on the forthcoming agendas.

14. Offshore Transmission

- 1242 The STC Committee was INFORMED that the Offshore Transmission Consultation Document, outlining all proposed Code and Licence changes, would be published by the end of May 2008.
- 1243 The STC Committee was INFORMED of National Grids intention to arrange an industry workshop to discuss the draft proposals. Invitations for the workshop were to be sent out shortly, any one interested in attending the session should contact Graham Stein, National Grid.

15. Environmental Objectives

- 1244 The STC Committee NOTED the Environmental Objective guidance note issued by Ofgem. Ofgem have asked that as part of the economic and efficient assessment of Code Amendments, consideration is given to the environmental costs. The guidance noted and highlights five areas which Ofgem would like each Amendment Proposal to consider.
- 1245 The STC Committee was INFORMED of a cross Code Working Group which has been established under the CUSC, which will be tasked to provide advice/guidance to the Industry Code Panels regarding the quantification, assessment of this objective. The CUSC Amendments Panel had formally extended an invitation to the STC Committee to participate in this Working Group. The STC Committee will confirm its nomination to CUSC Amendment Panel Secretary (Beverley Viney - National Grid).
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- 1246 The STC Committee NOTED that CA029 would attempt to incorporate an environmental impact assessment.

16. Impact of other Code Modifications

- 1247 The STC Committee NOTED the update in the latest developments/topics of discussion from the other Industry Codes.
- 1248 The STC Committee AGREED to remove the BSC from the Codes Summary Report. Elexon's website provided detailed information of the BSC proposals. Any BSC Proposals which would have an impact on the STC, would initial be identified by Elexon in their role of Code Administrator.

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- 1249 The STC Committee was INFORMED that a CUSC Working Group had been established for CAP167 (Definition of a threshold(s) associated with the request for a Statement of Works) which may be of interest to the Transmission Owners. Any nominations for the Working Group should be directed to the CUSC Amendments Panel Secretary (Beverley Viney - National Grid).
- 1250 The STC Committee was INFORMED that a paper outlining potential Grid Code compliance issues relating to the utilisation of new generation technologies has been presented at May's GCRP. The paper may be of interest to the Transmission Owners especially regarding the possible compliance issues for Reactive Power.

17. Reports from Sub-Committees

- 1251 The STC Committee NOTED that there were no formal updates from the JPC or ChUG.
- 1252 The STC Committee NOTED that National Grid was developing draft proposals regarding the merger of Grid Code OC8A and OC8B. The drafting was in the early stages and would be circulated to the relevant SHELТ and SPT safety representative for discussion/review.

18. Publications

- 1253 There has been no new data identified by any of the STC Parties, which should be categorised as confidential.

19. Next Meeting

- 1254 The next meeting of the STC Committee will be held on Tuesday, 17 June 2008 at 10.00am.