

STC Committee Meeting

Minutes and Actions Arising from Meeting No. 55 Held on 16 February 2009 Various via Teleconference

Present:

Bec Thornton	Committee Chairman (NGET)
Carole Hook	Committee Secretary (NGET)
John Zammit-Haber	National Grid Electricity Transmission Limited(NGET)
Tom Coleman	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)
Jenny Boothe	Authority Representative

1. Introductions/Apologies for Absence

1517 Apologies of absence were received from Stephen Curtis, Diyar Kadar and Bali Virk.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

1518 The minutes from the last STC Committee Meeting held on 20 January 2009 were approved, subject to the comments received from Abid Sheikh having been incorporated, and will be uploaded on the STC website.

Action: NGET

3. Review of Actions

1519 Apart from those actions subject to the agenda, the following updates were agreed:

- **Minute 1479** – BT to arrange teleconference in January 2009 to discuss Grid Code change B/07 – Improved Planning Code Data Exchange for Compliance Assessments. **Update** – Following internal review, BT is of the view that neither the STC or STCPs will not be affected by the implementation of B/07. SPT and SHETL to provide comments to the STC committee if they consider otherwise.

Action: SPT/SHETL

- **Minute 1489** - The Committee Secretary asked members about the usage of the BETTA Extranet site which is currently being used for STCPs. Members felt that is adequate just to have the STCPs placed on the National Grid website and discontinue using the BETTA Extranet site. SHETL confirmed that they were in agreement with this. DO from SPT was also in agreement, DMcP to confirm to the Committee Secretary agreement of this. **Update** – DMcP confirmed SPT no longer use the BETTA Extranet site, therefore the committee agreed to close it down.

Action: BV

4. New Amendment Proposals

1520 There were no new Amendment Proposals.

5. Working Group Reports

1521 There were no Working Group Reports.

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6. Proposed Amendment Reports

- 1522 CA031 Definition of Threshold(s) associated with the Request of Statement of Works - Comments on the draft amendment report were received from SHETL, and the Committee agreed to issue the draft Amendment Report to industry consultation on Tuesday 17th February 2009 for 10 Business Days.

Action: NGET

7. Amendment Reports

- 1523 There were no Amendment Reports.

8. Pending Authority Decisions

- 1524 There were no pending Authority Decisions.

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- 1525 There were no Authority Decisions.

10. STC Procedures

- 1526 New STCP. Following on from action 1489, DMcP updated the Committee that a CHUG teleconference had been held, and NGET and SPT agreed to circulate a draft charging STCP relating to CA029. DMcP will circulate this to the STC Committee in advance of the March STC Committee meeting.

Action: DMcP

- 1527 PA048 – STCP16-1. Following on from action 1491, JZH and DMcP are continuing to revise the draft Project Listing Document. This will be circulated to the STC Committee for comment in advance of the March STC Committee meeting

Action:DMcP/JZH

- 1528 PA048 – STCP16-1. JZH will draft a note outlining the differing interpretations of the Transmission Licence requirements in relation to obligation regarding User Works and circulate for comment prior to the March STC meeting.

Action: JZH

11. Transmission Access

- 1529 Following last STC Committee meeting, BT circulated the timetable for STC modifications to the Committee.

- 1530 In line with the timetable BT circulated a draft LCN Amendment Proposal. Following circulation, this draft Amendment Proposal will require revising in light of LCN not being a defined concept within CAP164. BT will revise and circulate the draft LCN Amendment Proposal w/c 16/02/09.

Action: BT

- 1531 BT explained that CAP164 introduced the concept of ITEC, which is likely to require consideration in the corresponding STC changes. DMcP to review the potential impact of ITEC on the STC and circulate a note in advance of the next STC Committee meeting

Action: DMcP

- 1532 In line with the work plan KS to review the CAPP166 report with regards the impact on the STC.

Action: KS

12. Offshore Transmission

- 1533 JB confirmed that the Authority intends to issue the tender consultation document for Offshore on the 27th of February. The full policy consultation will follow from this.
- 1534 In line with Action 1499 relating to the drafting of offshore proposals, the advice from NGET internal offshore team is not to draft parallel amendments, but ensure as amendments are raised the Committee is aware that there may be additional drafting requirements in the future as a result of offshore. JB confirmed that the Authority was not expecting additional parallel drafting of Amendment Proposals reflecting offshore.

13. Environmental Objective

- 1535 No comments on the guidance note for environmental objectives were received, Comments to be submitted in advance of the March STC meeting.

Action: SHETL/SPT

14. Code Governance

- 1536 In line with actions 1542 and 1543 BT will draft responses from the STC Committee for the Major Policy Review and Code Administrators consultations. These will be circulated to the Committee by 18/02/09 for comment by 25/02/09 to allow submission by the deadline for responses of 27/02/09.

Action: All

15. Impact of Other Code Modifications

- 1537 It is anticipated that additional modifications will be raised at the February CUSC panel meeting; BT will provide an overview at the next STC committee meeting.

Action: BT

- 1538 The changes being considered under the Grid Code compliance working group may impact on the STCP 19.3. BT to check potential impact and report back to March STC Committee.

Action: BT

16. Reports from Sub Committees

- 1539 CHUG update covered under STC Procedures item 1526.

17. Any Other Business

- 1540 STCP 18.1 – it was agreed that BT would raise the subject of Offshore STCP 18.1 after the completion of STCP 18.1. DMcP agreed to send comments on STCP 18.1 proposed changes in advance of the next STC Committee meeting.

Action DMcP

- 1541 BT highlighted the difficulties associated with NGET administering and filtering of confidential information associated with user applications to the Scottish TOs. Ofgem to consider allowing the full copy of user applications to be sent to the relevant TO to remove the administrative burden.

Action: JB

- 1542 Following the March STC committee meeting the role of chair will rotate to SHETL. KS to confirm chair at the next STC committee meeting.

Action: KS

- 1543 JZH raised a query with regards treatment of Connection Site Specifications (CSS) in relation to embedded generators. He outlined two options for dealing with separate users either through producing 1 CSS with multiple appendices, or producing multiple CSS for each user, and was unclear of current protocol being used. JZH indicated that an amendment would not be required for this, but that an agreed protocol would be useful going forward. KS and DMcP agreed to check existing protocol and report back to the next STC Committee meeting.

Action: KS/DMcP

18. Publications

- 1544 There has been no new data identified by any of the STC Parties, which should be categorised as confidential.

19. Next Meeting

- 1545 DMcP is unable to attend the next meeting planned for Tuesday March 17th 2009. BT suggested that the meeting may be able to be rearranged to the Monday 16th March in the morning. All parties to respond to BV as to whether they can make the new proposed date.

Action: All