

STC Committee Meeting

Minutes and Actions Arising from Meeting No. 56 Held on 16 March 2009 Various via Teleconference

Present:

Bec Thornton	Committee Chairman (NGET)
Kabir Ali	Committee Secretary (NGET)
Tom Ireland	National Grid Electricity Transmission Limited(NGET)
Bali Virk	National Grid Electricity Transmission Limited(NGET)
John Zammit-Haber	National Grid Electricity Transmission Limited(NGET)
Kenny Stott	Scottish Hydro-Electric Transmission Limited (SHETL) Representative
Abid Sheikh	Authority Representative

1. Introductions/Apologies for Absence

1546 Apologies of absence were received from Deborah McPherson, Dave Osborne, Jenny Boothe and Alec Morrison.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

1547 The minutes from the last STC Committee Meeting held on 16 February 2009 were approved and will be uploaded on the STC website.

Action:NGET

3. Review of Actions

1548 Apart from those actions subject to the agenda, the following updates were agreed:

- **Minute 1479** – BT Confirmed that neither the STC or STCPs will not be affected by the implementation of B/07- Improved Planning Code Data Exchange for Compliance Assessments. SPT and SHETL to provide comments to the STC committee if they consider otherwise. Action still outstanding from February meeting, SPT and SHETL still to comment.

Action:SPT/SHETL

- **Minute 1489**, It was made clear that the BETTA Extranet site will no longer be updated with STCP's.
- **Minute 1526**, A draft charging STCP relating to CA029, is to be circulated to the STC Committee by DMcP.

Action:DMcP

- **Minute 1541**, Jenny Boothe still to comment on allowing the full copy of user applications to be sent to the relevant TO.

Action:Authority

- **Minute 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 STC Committee meeting. The Action is still outstanding.

Action: KS/DMcP

4. New Amendment Proposals

1549 CA032 – Local Capacity Nomination was submitted to the STC Committee by NGET. The STC Committee are to review and consider whether to proceed to the Evaluation Stage or directly to the Assessment and Report Stage.

Action:All

1550 DMcP to consider whether this Amendment Proposal Covers CAP164 Sufficiently or whether something regarding ITEC needs to be considered.

Action:DMcP

5. Working Group Reports

1551 There were no Working Group Reports.

6. Proposed Amendment Reports

1552 There were no proposed amendment reports.

7. Amendment Reports

1553 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 final Amendment Report to the Authority for a decision on 17/03/2009.

Action:NGET

8. Pending Authority Decisions

1554 There were no pending Authority Decisions.

9. Authority Decisions

1555 There were no Authority Decisions.

10. STC Procedures

1556 PA048 – STCP16-1. JZH and DMcP are continuing to revise the draft Project Listing Document.

Action:DMcP/JZH

1557 PA048 – STCP16-1. JZH will draft a note outlining the differing interpretations of the Transmission Licence requirements in relation to obligation regarding User Works.

Action:JZH

11. Transmission Access

1558 In line with the work plan KS to review CAP166 report with regards to the impact on the STC. Action still outstanding.

Action:KS

1559 CAP166 Report sent to the Authority on Thursday 12th March 2009 Ofgem will undertake a Regulatory Impact Assessment and all decisions on TAR amendments are intended to be made by the summer.

12. Offshore Transmission

1560 Ofgem's final consultation document is due to be published next week. Only material issues which remain outstanding may still be consulted on. Go Active date remains late June 2009.

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1561 Any new Code change proposal raised after the issue of the final consultation document should consider the impact on offshore.

Action:All

1562 There are now 6 STCP's (STCP 2-1,4-4,4-5,8-1,8-2, 10-1) which have proposed changes as a result of offshore. These are to be circulated and approved at the April STC Committee meeting.

Action:NGET

1563 JZH is to set up workshops to go through the new processes. JZH to discuss with Dave Carson and Brian Punton JPC.

Action:JZH

13. Environmental Objective

1564 No comments on the guidance note for the environmental objectives were received. SHETL and SPT still to provide comments to BT.

Action:SHETL/SPT

14. Code Governance

1565 Consultation responses to the consultations on the various Review workstrands (Charging Methodology, Code Objectives Self Governance and Major Policy Reform and the role of Code Administrators and small participant initiatives) are being considered by Ofgem.

1566 For the work workstrands on Self Governance and Major Policy Reform and the role of Code Administrators and small participant initiatives, Ofgem plans to issue the next Proposals around July 09.

1567 The Code Administrators working group has been considering ways of improving the current processes. The final report will be expected at the end of March/early April 2009.

15. Impact of Other Code Modifications

1568 The STC Committee members noted the contents of the Code Summary Report.

16. Reports from Sub Committees

1569 There were no sub Committee Reports.

17. Any Other Business

1570 On behalf of the STC Committee BT thanked BV for her work undertaking the Technical Secretary role and welcomed KA into the role.

1571 It was noted that Alec Morrison (SHETL) will be undertaking the role of the Chair from April 2009.

18. Publications

1572 There has been no new data identified by any of the STC Parties, which should be categorised as confidential.

19. Next Meeting

1573 The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 21st April at 10am.

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1574 All parties to respond to Kabir Ali as to whether they can make the new proposed date.

Action:All