

Minutes and Actions Arising from Meeting No. 63 Held on 27th October 2009 Via Teleconference

Present:

Alec Morrison	Committee Chairman (SHETL)
Bec Thornton	Committee Secretary (NGET)
Amanda May	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Tom Cole	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Kenny Stott	Scottish Hydro-Electric Transmission Limited (SHETL)
Dave Osborne	Scottish Hydro-Electric Transmission Limited (SHETL)
Deborah McPherson	Scottish Power Transmission Limited (SPTL)
Abid Sheikh	Authority Representative
Paul Mullen	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET Part)

1. Introductions/Apologies for Absence

Apologies of absence were received from Kabir Ali (NGET), John Zammit-Haber (NGET), Steve Curtis (NGET) and Allan Macleod (SPT)

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

1740 The minutes from the last STC Committee Meeting held on 29th September 2009 were approved with minor amendments below and will be uploaded on the STC website.

- Minute 1723 – Reference to 'DM' to be amended to 'STC Committee'.
- Minute 1731 – Replacement of text in minute 1731 to read 'The consultations regarding Charging Methodologies and Code Governance were published and were to close on 9th October 2009'.
- Minute 1734 – Date of JPC Sub-Committee meeting to be amended to '21st August 2009'.

Action: NGET (KA)

3. Review of Actions

1741 The outstanding actions were reviewed as follows:

- **Minute 1596**- BT discussing Connection Application confidentiality issue internally and will report back to November 09 STC Committee meeting with initial proposals.

Action: NGET (BT)

- **Minute 1608** – NGET are currently redrafting an amendment proposal to replace CA031 in relation to CAP167. A new draft proposal with revised legal text is to be circulated to the STC Committee before the next meeting.

Action: NGET (BT)

- **Minute 1735** – NGET to develop Housekeeping Amendment to amend errors that have occurred as a result of drafting changes to the STC to incorporate the offshore regime.

Action: NGET (BT)

All other actions are either completed or were discussed under relevant Agenda items.

4. New Amendment Proposals

1742 There were no new Amendment Proposals.

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6. Working Group Reports

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7. Proposed Amendment Reports

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8. Amendment Reports

1746 There were no Amendment Reports.

9. Pending Authority Decisions

1747 CA031 – Definition of threshold(s) associated with the request for a Statement of Works is awaiting a decision from the Authority. (CA031 is expected to be superceded with a new Amendment Proposal.)

Action: Authority

1748 CA033 – Housekeeping Amendment – A revised issue dated 26th October 2009 with covering letter to request that the Authority consent to changes to be made to the STC with reference to paragraph numbering, is awaiting a decision from the Authority.

Action: Authority

10. Authority Decisions

1749 There were no Authority Decisions.

11. STC Procedures

1750 **STCP 18-1 Offshore** - Paul Mullen gave a brief update on the changes that had been made to the draft STCP18-1 to incorporate the offshore regime and the changes as a result of the review undertaken by all three STC Parties at the end of 2008. The main areas of change include:

- Timescales for TOCA
- Clock start
- Inclusion of background offshore information
- Use of latest construction Planning Assumptions
- Not requiring the TOs to meet during the connection process but allowing for it if required
- A 21 day timescale to say whether a TOCO is to be submitted.

Comments to be sent to BT by the next STC Committee meeting.

Action: All

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- 1751 **PA048 – STCP 16-1** SHETL to forward comments to NGET and Ofgem to find out whether there were any comments made or want to make as previously no comments were received.
Action: SHETL(KS)/OFGEM (AS)
- 1752 **STCP04-2** - Approved by STC Committee, KA to coordinate sign off sheet.
Action: NGET (KA)
- 1753 **STCP01-1** - BT explained that National Grid were still re-drafting STCP01-1 with a view to incorporate the agreed verbal changes made between the TOs and NGET earlier in the year. In addition, the National Grid control room have requested some changes (these are yet unknown to BT) and National Grid may perhaps include these in the same drafting. BT to report back to the next STC Committee meeting.
Action: NGET (BT)
- 1754 **STCP11-1** – BT explained that National Grid now have an updated draft of STCP11-1 to circulate to the STC Committee for final comment, incorporating comments from both the TOs earlier this year with a view to formally submitting it to the November STC Committee meeting.
Action: NGET (BT)
- 1755 **STCP23-1** – Following the circulation of a draft STCP 23-1 - Party Entry Process, BT explained that Ofgem were expecting it to be submitted to the November STC Committee for approval. STC Committee to forward any comments back to BT by 11th November 2009.
Action: All
- 1756 **STCPs 17-1, 18-2, 18-3, 18-4, 18-6, 19-2 and 19-6** – These STCPs have been drafted to include amendments for offshore and are available on the National Grid website to view. STC Committee to send comments to BT as soon as possible and in any event prior to the next STC Committee meeting.
Action: All
- 1757 BT explained that a progress table of the Offshore STCPs can be found on the Offshore part of the National grid website.

12. Transmission Access

- 1758 Ofgem is currently responding to the current DECC consultation (due to close In November 2009). Consequently the Authority decisions on the CUSC proposals CAP161-166 are still on hold.

13. Code Governance

- 1759 All recent consultations have now closed. The Code Administrators Working Group met on 23rd October 2009 to consider how the Code of Practice should be progressed. The next meeting of the Code Administrators Working Group is scheduled for early December.

14. Impact of Other Code Modifications

- 1760 No impacts on the STC from any new code modifications are foreseen.

15. Reports from Sub Committees

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1761 NEG1 to circulate the minutes from the JPC meeting that took place on 21st August 2008.

Action: NGET (JZH)

1762 A further JPC meeting took place by teleconference on 20th October 2009. Amanda May listed the following subjects as having been discussed at the teleconference:

- Planning Assumption inclusion of wind;
- A sub-group to be formed to progress the East Coast HVDC link; and
- Through offshore Licence amendments, National Grid are now required to produce an annual statement 'Offshore Development Information Statement'. The first statement is to be provided to Ofgem by the end of December 2009 and they then will be produced by September each year. The STC currently does not cover the data exchange required for National grid to compile this statement and therefore an amendment to the STC will need to be developed. This issue is to be an agenda item for the November STC Committee meeting.

Action: All

1763 The next JPC meeting is scheduled to be on 25th November 2009.

1764 There had not been a ChUG sub-committee meeting since the last STC Committee meeting.

16. Any Other Business

1765 BT raised the potential issue of the December STC Committee meeting being scheduled for Christmas Eve (24th December) and asked if anyone else had a problem with this. It was agreed that Kabir Ali would contact the STC Committee members to try and arrange an alternative date the week commencing 21st December 2009.

Action: NGET (KA)

17. Publications

1766 There were no new publications identified by STC Parties.

18. Next Meeting

1767 The next meeting is scheduled for the 24th November 2009.