

# STC Committee Meeting

## Minutes and Actions Arising from Meeting No. 70 Held on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2010 Via Teleconference

### Present:

Deborah MacPherson (DMcP)	Committee Chairman (SPT)
Kabir Ali (KA)	Committee Secretary (NGET)
Bec Thornton (BT)	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Kathryn Sorrell (KSL)	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Amanda May (AM)	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Alec Morrison (AMN)	Scottish Hydro-Electric Transmission Limited (SHETL)
Dave Osborne (DO)	Scottish Hydro-Electric Transmission Limited (SHETL)
Allan Macleod (AMc)	Scottish Power Transmission Limited (SPT)
Abid Sheikh (AS)	Authority Representative (Ofgem)

### 1. Introductions/Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies, all members were present.

### 2. Minutes of Last Meeting

1915 The minutes from the last STC Committee Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2010 were approved with minor changes and will be uploaded on the STC website.

**Action: NGET (KA)**

### 3. Review of Actions

1916 The outstanding actions were reviewed as follows:

- **Minute 1596-** Confidentiality issue, to improve transparency BT informed the Committee that generic Manufacturer Data is the only confidentiality issue currently being looked at. BT will continue to report back to the STC Committee on NGET's progress.

**Action: NGET (BT)**

- **Minute 1735** – A revised version of the housekeeping issues table was sent to the Authority on the 26<sup>th</sup> May for approval. The Authority to comment on the revised proposal.

**Action: (Authority)**

- **Minute 1910** – At the last meeting BT explained that a CUSC panel member had raised the issue of derogation requests from Transmission Owners being published in the public domain. BT sent an e-mail to the STC Committee on 5<sup>th</sup> May with further detail. STC Committee members are to consider this issue and respond back to NGET.

**Action: (All)**

- **Minute 1911** - BT requested information from the Authority regarding the notification of the Preferred Bidders for Offshore. AS confirmed when the Preferred Bidders become Bidders a formal publication will made.

- **Minute 1912** – At the May committee meeting the members agreed to review whether the removal of Section I of the STC would cause any problems. The members reviewed this matter and agreed the removal would not cause any

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issues. NGET to move to the next stage with the issue.

**Action: NGET (KA)**

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

### 4. New Amendment Proposals

1917 None

### 5. Amendment Proposals

#### Amendment Proposal CA037

1918 CA037 - Seeks to put in place a list of party details within the STC under a new Schedule A. At the June STC committee meeting the members approved the Draft Proposed Amendment Report and agreed for it to progress to a 5 day consultation.

1919 The following timetable be followed:

CA037	Action	Time
Consultation period	KA to circulate draft Proposed Amendment Report to industry for consultation	23 June 2010

**Action: NGET (KA)**

#### Amendment Proposal CA038

1920 CA038 - Seeks to put in place a transitional election arrangement for Offshore Transmission Owners (OFTOs). The amendment proposes to amend Paragraph 6 of Section B (Governance) to create a 'Transitional Period' in which OFTOs are able to be represented on the STC Committee for the period which Annex B1 of Section B does not allow. At the June STC Committee meeting the members agreed for the proposal to proceed to the Assessment and Report Phase with a 10 day consultation period for comments.

1921 The Committee agreed to follow the below time line as a guidance.

**Action: (All)**

CA038	Action	Time
Draft Proposed Amendment Report for Consultation	Send draft Amendment Report to STC Committee for comments and company assessments.	22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2010
Comments/ Company Assessment input	All to provide company assessment and any other comments to KA (All)	6 <sup>th</sup> July 2010
Draft Proposed Amendment Report	To be submitted with STC Committee papers to July STC Committee meeting	20 <sup>th</sup> July 2010
Approval Draft Proposed Amendment Report	At July STC Committee meeting, approval Draft Proposed Amendment Report	27 <sup>th</sup> July 2010
Consultation period of 10 days	KA to circulate Proposed Amendment Report to industry for consultation	28 <sup>th</sup> July 2010
Collation of industry Responses	KA to circulate consultation responses to STC Committee	13 <sup>th</sup> August 2010
Draft Amendment	KA to circulate Draft Amendment Report	13 <sup>th</sup> August

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Report	to STC Committee for comment.	2010
Amendment Report	Amendment Report to be submitted to STC Committee on 17 <sup>th</sup> August for August Committee meeting	17 <sup>th</sup> August 2010
Amendment Report Approval	Amendment Report to be approved by STC Committee	24 <sup>th</sup> August 2010
Amendment Report	Amendment Report to be submitted to the Authority on 25 <sup>th</sup> August 2010	25 <sup>th</sup> August 2010

- 1922 In addition AS informed the group that the Authority was happy for CA038 to follow the normal route of the Amendment process as opposed the Urgent Amendment process.

### Amendment Proposal CA035

- 1923 CA035 Following the circulation of revised legal text (Section K) incorporating the comments from the May Committee meeting BT had confirmed that SHETL had responded to say they were happy with text. SPT to confirm their approval of the revised legal text before the next Committee meeting. Subsequently with the agreement of the Amendment Proposal it is expected to proceed directly to Assessment and Report phase.

**Action: (SPT)**

- 1924 The Committee agreed to follow the below time line as a guidance.

CA035	Action	Time
Proposed legal text	Comments on proposed legal text by (SPT)	26 <sup>th</sup> July
Evaluation Phase or Assessment and Report Phase	STC Committee at July STC Committee meeting, agree on Evaluation or A&R phase (All)	27 <sup>th</sup> July
Draft Proposed Amendment Report for Consultation	Send draft Proposed Amendment Report to STC Committee for comments and company assessments.	28 <sup>th</sup> July
Comments/ Company Assessment input	All to provide company assessment and any other comments to (All)	11 <sup>th</sup> Aug
Proposed Amendment Report	To be submitted with STC Committee papers to Aug STC Committee meeting	17 <sup>th</sup> Aug
Approval Proposed Amendment Report	At Aug STC Committee meeting, approval of Proposed Amendment Report	24 <sup>th</sup> Aug
Consultation period of 15 days	KA to circulate Proposed Amendment Report to industry for consultation	25 <sup>th</sup> Aug
Collation of industry Responses	KA to circulate consultation responses to STC Committee	17 <sup>th</sup> Sept
Draft Amendment Report	KA to circulate Draft Amendment Report to STC Committee for comment.	18 <sup>th</sup> Sept
Draft Amendment Report	Draft Amendment Report to be submitted to STC Committee for approval	21 <sup>st</sup> Sept
Amendment Report Approval	Amendment Report to be approved by STC Committee	28 <sup>th</sup> Sept
Amendment Report	Amendment Report to be submitted to the Authority	29 <sup>th</sup> Sept

**Action: NGET: (BT)**

### Amendment Proposal CA036

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- 1925 CA036 – The Offshore Development Information Statement (ODIS). Following the circulation of the draft Proposed Amendment Report SHETL had commented to say they were happy with the draft report. SPT are to confirm their approval and company assessment before the July STC Committee meeting.

**Action: SPT (AMc)**

- 1926 BT to circulate the draft corresponding STCP's.

**Action: NGET (BT)**

CA036	Action	Time
Consultation period of 1 month	KA to circulate Proposed Amendment Report to industry for consultation	23 <sup>rd</sup> June
Collation of industry Responses	KA to circulate consultation responses to STC Committee	26 <sup>th</sup> July
Draft Amendment Report	KA to circulate Draft Amendment Report to STC Committee for comment.	28 <sup>th</sup> July
Amendment Report	Amendment Report to be submitted to STC Committee for approval	17 <sup>th</sup> Aug
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### 6. Working Group Reports

- 1927 There were no Working Group reports.

### 7. Proposed Amendment Reports

- 1928 There were no proposed Amendment Reports.

### 8. Amendment Reports

- 1929 There were no Amendment Reports.

### 9. Pending Authority Decisions

- 1930 None

### 10. Authority Decisions

- 1931 None

### 11. STC Procedures

- 1932 **PA048 – STCP 16-1** Inclusive of Offshore changes. The group had agreed at the last meeting the second interpretation of 16-1 to be incorporated. Prior to the June meeting BT had updated STCP16-1 and circulated to the STC Committee for comments. DMcP had raised the charging issues at the ChUG meeting with initial feedback being limited. Anthony Mungall from Ofgem had indicated he will feedback further comments to DMcP. AM informed the group STCP16-1 was currently being “offshored” to include asset replacement with further input needed from National

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Grid's internal team. AM to update the committee members on progress at the next meeting.

**Action: NGET (AM)**

- 1933 **Minute 1847** STCP19-5 the requirements to have references to "Affected TOs" in 19-5 and links to other STCPs in the 19 series currently missing. Mark Horley responded to SHETL and SPT's concerns by e-mail on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2010. AMD had commented that 19-5 needs to be a closer resemblance to 19-3. Hamish and Allan to continue to liaise with Mark Horley to resolve issue. All to provide update at next STC Committee meeting.

**Action: (All)**

- 1934 **Minute 1849** STCP12-1 Landel Johnson had provided some feedback to KS, raising some concerns. All three parties must agree how best to take forward. DMcP is still awaiting detailed internal comment all members are to feedback at the July Committee meeting.

**Action: (All)**

- 1935 **PA057- STCP 11-1** Usage of TOGA (NGET Outage Database) for offshore outage planning. The Amendment Proposal was raised at June STC Committee, the proposal seeks to put in place missing sections and definitions for outage planning. The assumptions made on TOGA will reflect how outages will be handled in future for offshore. SPT and SHETL had both commented they were happy with draft.

- 1936 **PA058 – STCP 11-2** Usage of TOGA (NGET Outage Database) for offshore outage data exchange. The Amendment Proposal was raised at June STC Committee, the proposal seeks to put in place missing sections and definitions for outage data exchange with regards to the assumptions made on TOGA. This will also reflect how outage data exchange will be handled in future for offshore. The members debated whether swim lanes should be removed from future STCPs.

- 1937 Several members agreed that the swim lanes were misleading if not updated accordingly. As consensus the group agreed for the STCP's to include a caveat and for the removal of appendix A from 11-2 and 11-1. Providing these necessary changes are made the members will be happy to sign off both STCPs. KS to review and make changes.

**Action: NGET (KS)**

- 1938 NGET to coordinate sign off for STCP 11-1 and STCP 11-2.

**Action: NGET (KA)**

- 1939 Going forward all members took an action to review internally whether the removal of swim lanes from all STCPs would have any implications.

**Action: (All)**

## 12. Transmission Access

- 1940 None

## 13. Code Governance

- 1941 AS informed the group the statutory consultation on licence modifications is on the Ofgem website and is due to close on the 1st July 2010. In addition the Code of Practice decision letter was published on the 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2010. AS to provide web link to

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the STC Committee.

**Action: (Authority)**

1942 BT to review how this will affect NGET.

**Action: NGET (BT)**

### 14. European Third Package

1943 BT informed the group, the development of the European codes may not have a major impact on the UK codes as anticipated. The development of the European code has been a piloting exercise. There are a number of different work streams identified, when the work is completed for each of these work streams we will have an understanding on where the GB codes need amending.

1944 The DECC consultation on the electricity directives will be published on the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2011 which will include compliance issues.

1945 DECC is expected to publish a call for evidence in May and will implement the third Package in the summer.

### 15. Impact of Other Code Modifications

1946 None

### 16. Reports from Sub Committees

1947 The JPC minutes from the 26th February 2010 are still to be approved then circulated to the STC committee.

**Action: NGET (KA)**

### 17. Any Other Business

1948 BT informed the members the offshore draft versions of STCP 6-1 and 6-3 will be available for comment in the coming week.

1949 BT informed the members that a high level scoping paper on outage planning development had been circulated to SPT, SHETL and Ofgem for comment. Comments are to be sent to BT.

**Action: All**

1950 BT said that relevant STC and the STCP Amendment proposal will be raised at the July STC Committee meeting.

### 18. Publications

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1951    None

### **19. Next Meeting**

1952    The next meeting is scheduled for the 27<sup>th</sup> July 2010 at 10am Warwick.