

# STC Committee Meeting

## Minutes and Actions Arising from Meeting No. 75 Held on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2010 Via Teleconference

### Present:

Deborah MacPherson (DMcP)	Committee Chair (SPT)
Thomas Derry (TD)	Committee Secretary (NGET)
Dave Osborne (DO)	Scottish Hydro-Electric Transmission Limited (SHETL)
Alec Morrison (AM)	Scottish Hydro-Electric Transmission Limited (SHETL)
Allan MacLeod (AMc)	Scottish Power Transmission Limited (SPT)
Abid Sheikh (AS)	Authority Representative (Ofgem)
Tom Ireland (TI)	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Tim Truscott (TT)	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Amanda May (AM)	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)

### 1. Introductions/Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Bec Thornton (NGET) and Kathryn Sorrell (NGET). Tim Truscott (NGET) was introduced to cover for KS at this meeting.

### 2. Minutes of Last Meeting

2110. The minutes from the last STC Committee Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2010 are to be updated with revised wordings below and uploaded on the STC website.

**Action: NGET (TD)**

- **To be added to minute 2082**

AS noted that the Authority had been asked by NGET to provide a legal view on the need for a Licence change. AS noted that the Authority's view was that, currently, no Licence change would be needed. AS asked that this view was reflected in the consultation on the proposed Amendment Report prior to its publication.

### 3. Review of Actions

2111. The outstanding actions were reviewed as follows:

- **Minute 1596** – Confidentiality issue, regarding manufacturing data to improve transparency, ongoing due to low priority, BT will continue to report back to the STC Committee on NGET's progress.

**Action: NGET (BT)**

- **Minute 1912** – Previously the STC Committee had reviewed and agreed for the removal of Section I from the STC. NGET updated the Committee that the action is ongoing internally. Updates are to be provided at the next meeting.

**Action: NGET (TD)**

- **Minute 2068** – The Charging User Group (ChUG) meeting minutes are to be approved and in addition awaiting the last JPC meeting minutes to be approved. AM informed the group that the next JPC meeting is in December and minutes from this will be circulated.

**Action: NGET (AM)**

- **Minute 2073** – For the offshore regime, code developments of Generator Build are being currently considered. A joint letter by Ofgem/DECC was published on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2010 with a timetable that included a Generator Build proposal consultation in November with decision letter expected by mid-December. Changes to the STC are being investigated and NGET will update at next meeting.

**Action: NGET (BT)**

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

### 4. New Amendment Proposals

2112. There were no new Amendment Proposals.

### 5. Amendment Proposals

#### Amendment Proposal CA041

2113. SHETL and SPT confirm they have no comments and CA041 can NGET can progress to draft a Proposed Amendment Report and circulate to the STC Committee for comment prior to next STC Committee meeting.

**Action: NGET (TD)**

### 6. Working Group Reports

2114. There were no Working Group reports.

### 7. Proposed Amendment Reports

#### Proposed Amendment Report CA039

2115. AS highlighted concern that the view, in minute 2082, was not represented within the Consultation document. AS stressed the importance of ensuring parties have a chance to view the discussions that have taken place around an Amendment Proposal, and the Consultation is the only place where parties have a chance to see this. AS put to the group whether CA039 might need to be re-consulted on.

The group discussed the levels of detail that goes into a report and it was noted that the STC is a System Operator Transmission Owner Code and it could require a huge amount of detail to bring parties up to speed regarding all STC topics. The information needs to be targeted and appropriate for the audience.

It was noted that re-consulting on CA039 did not seem necessary. However, it is worth taking these comments regarding detail into account for future reports. It was also suggested that a change in report format could help make the reports more targeted.

Through discussion the group noted the response from EDF regarding CA039 and the limited time for response to the Consultation. TD to draft a response.

**Action: NGET (TD)**

Further consideration to be given to wording 8.3 in Proposed Amendment Report to reflect no Licence change required as a result of CA039. Draft Amendment Report with amendments to be circulated to the STC Committee.

**Action: NGET (BT)**

#### Proposed Amendment Report CA042

2116. AS highlighted concerns in lack of information within the Amendment Report on a number of areas and what the impact will be on the STC. The content needs to be increased to highlight rational behind the Amendment Proposal, and the impacts and implications. The exact comments are contained within an email that will be circulated to the STC Committee.

**Action: NGET (TD)**

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2117. Amendments to the draft Proposed Amendment Report to be sent to STC Committee for comment.

**Action: NGET (BT)**

### 8. Amendment Reports

2118. There were no Amendment Reports.

### 9. Pending Authority Decisions

#### **Proposed Amendment Report CA040**

2119. Submitted to the Authority on 26<sup>th</sup> October for a decision. AS informed the STC Committee that they are expecting to make a decision within our KPI of 25 days.

### 10. Authority Decisions

#### **CA038 - Transitional election arrangements for Offshore Transmission Owners**

2120. It was noted that the Authority had approved CA038 on 1<sup>st</sup> November and it was implemented on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2010.

### 11. STC Procedures

2121. The below STCP Amendment Proposals are still being developed and PA060 (STCP11-3) amendments could result in a Licence Amendment and possible a further STC amendment for outage change costing.

**Action: All**

- **PA059 – STCP11-1 Amendment of process for more coordinated outage planning**
- **PA060 – STCP11-3 Amendment of process for outage change costing**
- **PA061 – STCP16-1 Amendment of process for more coordinated long term outage planning**

2122. **PA048 - Alignment of STC and STCP16-1 Obligations Regarding Third Party Works**

TD to organise sign off.

**Action: NGET (TD)**

2123. **Offshore STCP 19-5 – Transmission Offshore System Compliance Process & Testing**

NGET to arrange meeting as noted in minute 2060. Dependent on CA042.

**Action: NGET(BT)**

2124. Action 2059 still stands, AS to speak to Ofgem's technical team to identify the correct measure going forward.

**Action: Ofgem (AS)**

2125. **Offshore STCP12-1 – Data Exchange Mechanism**

SHETL and SPT confirm that they have no comments and 12-1 can progress. TT noted a typo within 3.8.1.

**Action: NGET (BT/TD)**

2126. **Offshore STCP04-1- Time Data Change Management (Incl Offshore)**  
TD to organise signoff.

**Action: NGET (TD)**

2127. **PA062 – STCP18-1 Connection and Modification Application**  
SHETL and SPT confirm that they have no comments and 18-1 can progress.

### 12. Transmission Access

2128. TI confirmed that an email had been circulated regarding the decision letter from Ofgem regarding CAP161-166, CAP167, CAP168 and CAP148. TI to confirm with BT if this letter had been sent internal/external and would circulate update to the group.

**Action: NGET (TI)**

2129. AS noted that Ofgem have launched tender round 2 and commenced tenders for the following projects:

Gwynt y Mor (576 MW), Lincs (250 MW), London Array Phase 1 (630 MW). We also expect to launch tenders for Humber Gateway, Race Bank and West of Duddon Sands, when these projects meet the necessary criteria, and before spring 2012.

### 13. Code Governance

2130. Ofgem is continuing to progress the modifications within the other codes. CA040 (Environmental Assessment and the Relevant Objectives) has been submitted to the Authority for a decision.

### 14. European Third Package

2131. AS informed the group that DECC is continuing to progress the European Third Package implementation and Ofgem has been asked to assist.
2132. TI informed the group that 'Requirements for Generators' is reaching the consultation stage and has quite wide ranging impacts. It is a mandatory change that affects generators from 400W and above. There is some likelihood that there will be an impact on the STC.

### 15. Impact of Other Code Modifications

2133. None

### 16. Reports from Sub Committees

2134. None

### 17. Any Other Business

2135. AM noted that NGET are looking at Statements of Works again and will update the Committee at the next meeting.

**Action: NGET (AM)**

### 18. Publications

2136. None

### 19. Next Meeting

2137. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2010. AS and AM informed the group that they will be unable to attend this meeting.