

STC Committee Meeting

Minutes and Actions Arising from Meeting No. 74 Held on 26th October 2010 Via Teleconference

Present:

Deborah MacPherson (DMcP)	Committee Chair (SPT)
Charon Balrey (CB)	Committee Secretary (NGET)
Bec Thornton (BT)	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Kathryn Sorrell (KSL)	National Grid Electricity Transmission (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) - Observer	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)

1. Introductions/Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Amanda May (NGET). Charon Balrey (NGET) and Tom Ireland (NGET) were introduced. Please note Kabir Ali (NGET) has now left National Grid, Thomas Derry will take up the STC Committee Secretary role in his place. In the short term, please send any STC Committee communications to Thomas Derry (TD) at (Thomas.derry@uk.ngrid.com) and also copy to Bec Thornton.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

2076. The minutes from the last STC Committee Meeting held on 28th September 2010 are to be updated with revised wordings below and uploaded on the STC website.

Action: NGET (TD)

- **Minute 2036**
This Amendment Proposal was raised as a result of the Code Governance Review which resulted in Licence amendments to obligate Code Panels and work groups to include an assessment of the impact on greenhouse gas emissions. Amendments to STC Section B will be required to include an obligation to evaluate the quantifiable impact of greenhouse gases, where the impact is likely to be material and in accordance with guidance issued by the Authority, when preparing and consulting on STC change proposals.
- **Minute 2039 (first sentence)**
AS advised that the STC Committee should need to determine if external expertise is needed and if a cost benefit analysis would need to be executed with the wider commercial impact supported by our qualitative judgement as well as our quantitative judgement.
- **Minute 2068**
The minutes to be approved at the JPC minutes not ChUG minutes.

3. Review of Actions

2077. The outstanding actions were reviewed as follows:

- **Minute 1596** - Confidentiality issue, to improve transparency, ongoing, 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

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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 to provide the JPC minutes.

Action: NGET (AM)

- **Minute 2072** – 2011 STC Committee meeting dates are to be agreed by the group. NGET to circulate proposed dates to STC Committee.

Action: NGET (BT)

- **Minute 2073** – For the offshore regime, code developments of Generator Build are being currently considered. A joint letter by Ofgem/DECC was published on 21st 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)

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

4. New Amendment Proposals

2078. There were no new Amendment Proposals.

5. Amendment Proposals

Amendment Proposal CA041

2079. SHETL and SPT are to provide comments on the Amendment Proposal by next STC Committee meeting.

Action: SHETL/SPT

6. Working Group Reports

2080. There were no Working Group reports.

7. Proposed Amendment Reports

Proposed Amendment Report CA039

2081. BT to update Proposed Amendment Report to be updated to include AMc's words.

Action: NGET (BT)

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.

Further consideration to be given to wording for 8.3 in Proposed Amendment Report to reflect no Licence change required as a result of CA039.

Action: NGET (BT)

2083. Proposed Amendment Report to be sent out to for industry consultation for 10 business days.

Action: NGET (BT)

Proposed Amendment Report CA040

2084. Proposed Amendment Report went out for industry consultation for 5 Business Days closing on 19th October 2010 and received no responses. The STC Committee approved the draft Amendment Report apart from minor changes to remove 'draft' and 'provisional' from wording and to change the submission date to the Authority. NGET to amend and send out to Authority.

Action: NGET (BT)

Proposed Amendment Report CA042

2085. AS highlighted that a more inclusive approach is needed to include as much information as possible in proposal reports to address a wider audience who were not previously involved. Further to this, more detail will be included on the intent of STCP19-5. Amendments to the draft proposed Amendment Report will be sent to STC Committee for comment.

Action: NGET (BT)

8. Amendment Reports

2086. There were no Amendment Reports.

9. Pending Authority Decisions

CA038 - Transitional election arrangements for Offshore Transmission Owners

2087. Still awaiting decision by Authority which is expected in the week commencing 1st November in line with the Authority's KPI.

Action: Authority

10. Authority Decisions

CA036 – Changes to Offshore Development Information Statement

2088. It was noted that The Authority had approved CA036 on 22nd October and it will be implemented by 29th October.

11. STC Procedures

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

2089. These STCP Amendment Proposals are still being developed and PA060 (STCP11-3) amendments could result in a Licence Amendment and possibly a further STC amendment for outage change costing.

Action: All

2090. **PA048 - Alignment of STC and STCP16-1 Obligations Regarding Third Party Works.** To be submitted by email to STC Committee to approve.

Action: NGET (BT)

2091. **Offshore STCP 19-5 – Transmission Offshore System Compliance Process & Testing.** NGET to arrange meeting as noted in minute 2060.

Action: NGET(BT)

2092. Action 2059 still stands, AS to speak to Ofgem's technical team to identify the correct measure going forward.

Action 2059 - Offshore STCP 19-5 Transmission Offshore System Compliance Process & Testing – To refresh the group's memory MH gave some background on why the STCP was being amended. There were Compliance activities for Offshore Transmission Owner's equipment that needed to be incorporated as a result of CA042. For transitional offshore projects, NGET has amended the relevant CUSC Bilateral Agreements to bring about transparency to 19-5. It was noted that previous comments from SPT/SHETL were taken on board and were included in the current version of the STCP. MH also informed that STCP 19-3 had been used to draft 19-5 specifically in areas of responsibility and access rights. SHETL/SPT conveyed that there needs to be rights awarded to the TO's at Generators interface Connection points which NGET did not agree on. Consequently AS took an action away to speak to Ofgem's technical team to identify the correct measure going forward.

Action: Ofgem (AS)

2093. **Offshore STCP 12-1: Data Exchange Mechanism.** Comments still to be submitted to NGET from SHETL/SPT.

Action: SHETL/SPT

2094. **Offshore STCP 04-1: Time Data Change Management (Incl Offshore).** Wording agreed with AMc, BT to agree with Chris Whitley and NGET to circulate for approval.

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Action: NGET (BT)

2096. **PA062 – STCP 18-1: Connection and Modification Application.** Awaiting comments from SHETL/SPT (STCP to accompany CA041).

Action: SHETL/SPT

12. Transmission Access

2097. A decision letter from Ofgem was published on 22nd October 2010 on the CUSC Amendment Proposals CAP161-166 & CAP168. The decision was to reject those Amendment Proposals and also to reject CAP167 & CAP148. BT to revisit the associated STC Amendment Proposals to determine if anything further needs to be done.

Action: NGET (BT)

13. Code Governance

2098. AS noted that noted that Ofgem approved CUSC Amendment Proposals CAP186 (Send back powers) and CAP187 (Environmental Assessment). Four further proposals are due to October CUSC Panel, and further BSC and UNC proposals are similarly progressing.

14. European Third Package

2099. None

15. Impact of Other Code Modifications

2100. None

16. Reports from Sub Committees

2101. None

17. Any Other Business

2102. The STC Committee were informed that the following Preferred Bidders for Transmission Capital had signed STC Accession Agreements:

- TC Robin Rigg
- TC Gunfleet Sands and
- TC Barrow.

2103. It is expected that there will be representation from Transmission Capital at the next STC Committee meeting.

2104. Once they have nominated who they want on the STC committee we can expect to see them attend the next meeting.

2105. Macquarie's are also close to acceding.

2106. Balfour Beatty have not yet started the process but must accede by mid-November.

2107. Schedule 1 of the STC will require an amendment to reflect the new parties. NGET will wait a little longer before proposing this change to include all expected 7 new parties.

18. Publications

2108. None

19. Next Meeting

2109. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 23rd November 2010.