

## Minutes and Actions Arising from Meeting No. 73 Held on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2010 Via Teleconference

### Present:

Deborah MacPherson (DMcP)	Committee Chair (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)
Mark Horley (MH)	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Emma Clark (EC)	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Dave Osborne (DO)	Scottish Hydro-Electric Transmission Limited (SHETL)
Alec Morrison (KS)	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 were received.

### 2. Minutes of Last Meeting

2034. The minutes from the last STC Committee Meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2010 were approved and will be uploaded on the STC website.

**Action: NGET (KA)**

### 3. Review of Actions

2035. 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 has responded back with approval of the amendments and NGET will follow due process to amend the STC.

**Action: NGET (KA)**

- **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 (KA)**

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

## 4. New Amendment Proposals

### Amendment Proposal CA040

2036. This Amendment Proposal was raised as a result of the Code Governance Review which resulted in Licence amendments to obligate code Amendment Proposals 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 an Amendment Report.
2037. The STC Committee debated whether this proposal would need to go to Evaluation Phase and as it was translating Licence obligations into the STC, the STC Committee agreed that an Evaluation Phase may not be needed.
2038. It was suggested that that expert advice would possibly need to be sought if the STC Committee members were not able quantify the potential impacts of greenhouse gasses on tangible assets. Several members agreed that acquiring external influences may be costly and questioned who would pay for these costs. NGET suggested internally there would probably be staff that would have appropriate credentials to help the STC Committee quantify such a proposal. However obtaining their time considering the individuals work load could delay an amendment proposal.
2039. AS advised in considering external applicants a cost benefit analysis would need to be executed with the wider commercial impact supported by qualitative judgement as opposed to quantitative judgement. BT advised the group, the next stage of this proposal was to proceed to Assessment and Report phase with draft Proposed Amendment Report to be circulated by the end of next week, with a two week period allowing for comments from the STC Committee. Once the draft Proposed Amendment Report is approved by the STC Committee, it was agreed that the Proposed Amendment Report should go out to industry consultation for 5 days. Subsequently the Amendment Report would be submitted to the Authority at the end of October.

**Action: NGET (BT)**

CA040	Action	Time
Draft Proposed Amendment Report	NGET to produce Draft Proposed Amendment Report and circulate to STC Committee for comment.	5 <sup>th</sup> October
Approval Draft Proposed Amendment Report via email	STC Committee to approve via e-mail.	8 <sup>th</sup> October
Proposed Amendment Report for 5 day Consultation	NGET to send out for consultation	12 <sup>th</sup> October
Consultation closes	NGET to circulate responses	19 <sup>th</sup> November
Draft Amendment Report	NGET to prepare Draft Amendment Report	19 <sup>th</sup> November
Draft Amendment Report	NGET to circulate Draft Amendment Report to the STC Committee	20 <sup>th</sup> November
Approval of Draft Amendment Report	STC Committee to approve at the STC Committee meeting	26 <sup>th</sup> November
Submission of Amendment Report to Ofgem	NGET to submit to the Authority	27 <sup>th</sup> November

### Amendment Proposal CA041

2040. This Amendment Proposal was raised by NGET to place obligations on the TOs for

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the submission of TORI's (Transmission Owner Reinforcement Instructions) in order to assist NGET to incorporate the correct information into the relevant User Connection Offer in accordance with the CUSC. Amendments will be required to Schedule Eight and Section J of the STC.

2041. BT requested the group to consider whether the proposal should go to the Evaluation Phase. AM/DMcP confirmed that they would need to look into it closer and would seek advice from their internal team before giving approval. Due to the complexity it was agreed that further discussions would need to be had outside the meeting with Paul Mullin. BT and AM requested to be copied in on all email correspondence.

**Action: SHETL/SPT**

CA041	Action	Time
Discussion and determination of Evaluation stage	STC Committee at next STC Committee Meeting	26 <sup>th</sup> October
Circulation of Draft Proposed Amendment Report	NGET to circulate draft Proposed Amendment Report if no Evaluation Phase is required.	9 <sup>th</sup> November
Approval of Draft Proposed Amendment Report	STC Committee to approve at STC Committee meeting	23 <sup>rd</sup> November
Proposed Amendment Report for 5 day Consultation	NGET to send out for consultation	24 <sup>th</sup> November
Consultation closes send out responses	NGET to circulate responses to STC Committee	1 <sup>st</sup> December
Draft Amendment Report	NGET to prepare Draft Amendment Report	06 <sup>th</sup> December
Draft Amendment Report	NGET to circulate Draft Amendment Report to the STC Committee	07 <sup>th</sup> November
Approval of Draft Amendment Report	STC Committee	21 <sup>st</sup> November
Submission of Amendment Report to Ofgem	NGET to submit to the Authority	22 <sup>nd</sup> November

### Amendment Proposal CA042

2042. This Amendment Proposal was raised as result of NGET being asked to undertake compliance testing on OFTO equipment. Obligations will be placed on the Offshore Transmission Owner to demonstrate compliance of the technical design and operation of its transmission system in accordance with the STC. Amendments will need to be made to Section K and Schedule 3 of the STC.
2043. The group noted CA035 had been withdrawn due to the potential impact of Grid Code Amendment D/10 but was resubmitted as CA042. BT thanked AS for his comments on CA035 which were incorporated in CA042. AS advised amendments in general should include more background information and look possible interactions of the other codes/impacts.

**Action: NGET (BT)**

2044. The STC Committee discussed what the purpose of the STC Evaluation Phase was and agreed that two months was not enough time to consider a proposal. BT requested the group to consider whether this proposal should go to Evaluation Phase or straight to consultation. The group were in agreement that an Evaluation Phase was not needed and approved the proposal to go out to consultations. NGET to Draft Proposed Amendment Report.

**Action: NGET (BT)**

CA042	Action	Time
Draft Proposed Amendment Report	NGET to produce Draft Proposed Amendment Report and circulate to STC Committee for comment.	12 <sup>th</sup> October
Approval Draft Proposed Amendment Report	STC Committee at STC Committee meeting	26 <sup>th</sup> October
Proposed Amendment Report for 10 day Consultation	NGET to send out for consultation	27 <sup>th</sup> October
Consultation closes	NGET to circulate responses	10 <sup>th</sup> November
Draft Amendment Report	NGET to prepare Draft Amendment Report	15 <sup>th</sup> November
Draft Amendment Report	NGET to circulate Draft Amendment Report to the STC Committee	16 <sup>th</sup> November
Approval of Draft Amendment Report	STC Committee at STC Committee meeting	23 <sup>rd</sup> November
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## 5. Amendment Proposals

### Amendment Proposal CA039

2045. The CA039 working group was convened to identify whether the Amendment Proposal better meets the STC objectives. As noted previously, the Evaluation Phase of Section B of the STC was not explicit to describe how the group or chairman had to report their findings back to the STC Committee. Two working group meetings have taken place since the Evaluation Phase began in addition to electronic communications. BT as working group chair, reported back to this STC Committee meeting to say that the working group had agreed which STC objectives are better facilitated by this Amendment proposal and as such will be written into the draft Proposed Amendment Report to be circulated to the STC Committee for approval in the Assessment and Report Phase.

2046. The STC Committee noted that although CA039 is following the governance process laid out in Section B of the STC, the working group also considered the Proposed STCP Amendments in parallel. Although the Evaluation Phase has come to conclusion for CA039, the STCP work for PA059, PA060 and PA061 is continuing and draft proposed text will be available soon for the STC Committee to comment on.

2047. In order to progress the proposal BT gave the opportunity for the STC Committee members to comment and requested that the Amendment Proposal proceed to Assessment and Report Phase. The STC Committee had no objections and agreed with BT's proposal. BT to draft the proposed Amendment Report and KA to include a table within the minutes to identify the proposed timeline.

**Action: All**

2048. STC Committee to comment on proposed timetable below.

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

CA039	Action	Time
Draft Proposed Amendment Report	NGET to produce Draft Proposed Amendment Report and circulate to STC Committee for comment.	12 <sup>th</sup> October
Approval Draft	STC Committee at STC Committee	26 <sup>th</sup> October

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Proposed Amendment Report	meeting	
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### 6. Working Group Reports

2049. There were no Working Group reports.

### 7. Proposed Amendment Reports

#### Proposed Amendment Report CA035 – Withdrawn

2050. The STC Committee noted CA035 was withdrawn on the 15<sup>th</sup> September 2010.

### 8. Amendment Reports

#### Amendment Report CA036

2051. Following the circulation of the Draft Amendment Report incorporating comments from the August STC Committee meeting, the STC Committee approved the draft for submission to the Authority. NGET to send the Amendment Report to the Authority for approval.

**Action: NGET (BT)**

#### Amendment Report CA038

2052. Following the circulation of the Draft Amendment Report incorporating comments from the August STC Committee meeting, the STC Committee approved the draft for submission to the Authority. NGET to send the Amendment Report to the Authority for approval.

**Action: NGET (BT)**

### 9. Pending Authority Decisions

2053. There were no pending Authority decisions.

### 10. Authority Decisions

#### CA037 - Inclusion of list of parties to the STC

2054. It was noted that The Authority had approved CA037 on the 6<sup>th</sup> September 2010 which has now been incorporated within the STC.

## 11. STC Procedures

2055. **PA059 – STCP11-1 Amendment of process for a more coordinated Outage Planning.** Covered in these minutes under Amendment Proposal CA039

2056. **PA060 – STCP11-3 Amendment of Process for outage change costing.** Covered in these minutes under Amendment Proposal CA039

2057. **PA061 – STCP16-1 Amendment of Process for more Coordinated long term Outage planning.** Covered in these minutes under Amendment Proposal CA039. In addition, AMc advised that it would be beneficial if the proposed changes were picked up at the next JPC meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for December; the STC Committee thought that it would be advantageous if there was an earlier meeting via teleconference to discuss the potential issues. AM to arrange meeting.

**Action: NGET(AM)**

2058. **PA048 – Alignment of STC and STCP 16-1 Obligations Regarding Third Party Works** AM had responded to DCMP comments via email, DCMP is now to respond to AM's email advising on the revised wording.

**Action: NGET (AM)**

2059. **Offshore STCP 19-5 Transmission 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/SHTEL 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)**

2060. NGET also took an action away to arrange a meeting with the concerned members including their compliance experts.

**Action: NGET (AM)**

2061. **Offshore STCP 12-1 Data Exchange Mechanism** - NGET waiting on comments a revised version of the STCP with the Data Catalogue removed was circulated prior to the meeting. SPT/SHETL agreed to feedback comments once they have checked with their internal team.

**Action: (SPT/SHETL)**

2062. **Offshore STCP 04-1 Time Data Change Management** - The proposed STCP amendment will allow for the inclusion of the new category of Offshore Transmission Owner. KA forward response email to AMc.

**Action: NGET (KA)**

2063. **Offshore STCP 01-1, 06-1 and 06-3** are to be signed off.

**Action: NGET (KA)**

### 12. Transmission Access

2064. It was noted that a letter is to be issued by Ofgem soon on TAR Modifications and all the outstanding CUSC Amendment Proposals from CAP161-CAP168 excluding CAP167- Statement of Works and CAP148 – Renewable Generators.

**Action: Ofgem (AS)**

### 13. Code Governance

2065. None

### 14. European Third Package

2066. None

### 15. Impact of Other Code Modifications

2067. It was noted that a further consultation is needed for Grid Code Amendment A/10 the responses to the consultation are expected to go out shortly. The format of the Amendment Report was not agreed with a majority requesting that the actual process of compliance to be contained in one area of the document. . BT confirmed that the STC could be amended in line with the A/10 Grid Code changes however, they are not required and it is just going to be for standard terminology across codes in relation to compliance.

### 16. Reports from Sub Committees

2068. The Charging User Group (ChUG) meeting minutes are to be approved.

**Action: NGET (AM)**

### 17. Any Other Business

2069. The STC Committee were informed; from the offshore preferred bidders for the first 7 out of 9 transitional projects, Balfour Beatty had submitted an application form for Thanet OFTO Ltd for Accession to STC in August. Peter Roughton of Balfour Beatty had informed NGET that they are currently in the process of bringing Thanet into Balfour Beatty's company structure and therefore could not proceed any further to execute the Framework Agreement, Schedule 1 until this was done.

2070. In addition the STC Committee noted that Transmission Capital had submitted three separate applications forms for TC Barrow OFTO Ltd, TC Robin Rigg OFTO Ltd and TC Gunfleet Sand OFTO Ltd on the 22<sup>nd</sup> September. They have been forwarded the Framework Agreement to sign, NGET are now awaiting further correspondence.

2071. National Grid also informed the STC Committee a possible amendment to the Framework Agreement would be needed in the future to clearly allow signatories to sign and agree the terms and conditions.

2072. 2011 STC meeting dates are to be agreed by the group. KA to circulate proposed dates to STC Committee.

**Action: NGET (KA)**

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2073. AS took an action away to feedback proposals on offshore generator build.

**Action: Ofgem (AS)**

### **18. Publications**

2074. None

### **19. Next Meeting**

2075. The next meeting is scheduled for 10am on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2010.