

**STC Working Group CA039, (Including PA059, PA060, PA061)
Report to STC Committee Meeting – 28th September 2010**

Background

1. Amendment Proposal CA039 was submitted to the STC Committee for consideration on 27th July 2010.
2. The STC Committee agreed that CA039 should proceed to the Evaluation Phase in accordance with Section B of the STC and as such a working group should be established.
3. The working group was composed of representatives from NGET SHETL and SPT and Terms of Reference were agreed (attached) at the first working group meeting.
4. The working group has met twice since the STC Committee meeting that CA039 was submitted to and in accordance with Section B of the STC, the Evaluation Phase ends on

Amendment Proposal

5. It is proposed to amend Section C and Section J of the STC to allow for a two year outage plan to be submitted by the Transmission Owners to NGET, of which the second year would consist of MITS outages only.
6. The working group has discussed the legal text to effect this proposal and the legal text will form part of the Proposed Amendment Report to be circulated to the industry for consultation at the Assessment and Report Phase.
7. The working group has considered which of the STC objectives are better facilitated by this amendment proposal and this will be stated in the Proposed Amendment Report.
8. The working group also discussed the associated STC procedural amendments with respect to outage planning development which will affect STCP16-1, STCP11-1 and STCP11-3. Although Amendment Proposals for these STCPs were raised in parallel with CA039, and they were not formally included in the Evaluation Phase for CA039, drafting work has been progressed by the working group to be completed outside this working group.
9. Amendments proposed for STCP16-1 and STCP11-1 together will provide for more information exchange between NGET and the Transmission Owners and therefore better outage planning alignment. There will also be a handover meeting between NGET's long term planning department (3-5 years) to medium term planning (1-2 years) which the TOs will be invited to be part of.

10. It should be noted that STCP16-1 cannot be amended until PA048 (concerning STCP16-1) has been completed which is expected imminently.

Recommendations

11. The working group recommends that the STC Committee agree to move CA039 forward to the Assessment and Report phase and as such prepare a draft Proposed Amendment Report to go out to industry consultation.

Evaluation Phase Terms of Reference and Membership of Working Group

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR CA039 WORKING GROUP

RESPONSIBILITIES

1. The working group is responsible for assisting the STC Committee in the evaluation of STC Amendment Proposal CA039, "Amendment of outage planning timescales to enable more coordinated outage planning", submitted by National Grid at the STC Committee on 27th July 2010.
2. The proposal must be evaluated to consider whether it better facilitates achievement of the Applicable STC Objectives. These can be summarised as follows:
 - (a) efficient discharge of the obligations imposed upon transmission licensees by transmission licences and the Act;
 - (b) development, maintenance and operation of an efficient, economical and co-ordinated system of electricity transmission;
 - (c) facilitating effective competition in the generation and supply of electricity, and (so far as consistent therewith) facilitating such competition in the distribution of electricity;
 - (d) protection of the security and quality of supply and safe operation of the national electricity transmission system insofar as it related to interactions between transmission licensees; and
 - (e) promotion of good industry practice and efficiency in the implementation and administration of the arrangements described in the STC.

SCOPE OF WORK

3. The working group must consider the issues raised by the Amendment Proposal and consider if the proposal identified better facilitates achievement of the Applicable STC Objectives.
4. The working group must develop and agree changes to the legal text in the STC to effect this proposed amendment.
5. The working group will also consider the impact on the relevant STCPs (for which Amendment Proposals PA059, PA060 and PA061 have been raised also at the 27th July STC Committee meeting) and develop the associated text to amend the STCPs.
6. The working group will agree an implementation timetable for this Amendment Proposal should it be approved by the Authority.

7. In accordance with Section B of the STC the Evaluation Phase shall take no longer than two months before the Amendment Proposal proceeds to the Assessment and Report phase.
8. The working group is to submit its final report to the STC Committee Secretary by 21st September 2010 for circulation to the STC Committee. The conclusions will be presented to the STC Committee on 28th September 2010.

MEMBERSHIP

9. The working group has the following members.

Role	Name
Chair	Bec Thornton (National Grid)
NGET representatives*	Amanda May Ian Gilbert Kathryn Sorrell (first meeting only) Tim Truscott
SHETL representative*	David Osborne
SPT representative*	Allan Macleod
Authority representative	Anthony Mungall
Technical Secretary	Tariq Hakeem

NB: A working group must comprise at least 3 Members (who may be STC Committee Members). The roles identified with an asterisk in the table above contribute toward the required quorum.

10. The Technical Secretary will keep an attendance record for the working group meetings and circulate the attendance record with the action notes after each meeting.
11. The membership can be amended from time to time by the STC Committee.

MEETINGS

12. The working group shall, unless determined otherwise by the STC Committee, develop and adopt its own internal working procedures.

REPORTING

13. The working group Chairman shall prepare a final report by way of a draft Proposed Amendment Report to the September 2010 STC Committee, responding to the matter set out in the Terms of Reference.
14. The draft Proposed Working group Report must be circulated to working group members with not less than five business days given for comments.

Appendix 1: Indicative working group timeline

Activity	Deadline/Date	Notes
Review and agree working group terms of reference	9 th August 2010	
First working group meeting	9 th August 2010	
Circulate draft minutes of meeting	18 th August 2010	
Circulate any revised text for review at 2 nd meeting	23 rd August 2010	
Second working group meeting	31 st August 2010	Agree 1 st meeting minutes
Circulate draft minutes of meeting	7 th September 2010	
Circulate any revised text for review at 3 rd meeting	10 th September 2010	Agree 2 nd meeting minutes
Third working group meeting	13 th September 2010	
Circulate draft Proposed Amendment Report for comment	17 th September 2010	
Present draft Proposed Amendment Report to STC Committee	28 th September 2010	