

STC Committee Meeting

Minutes and Actions Arising from Meeting No. 72 Held on 31st August 2010 Via Teleconference

Present:

Deborah MacPherson (DMcP)	Committee Chair (SPT)
Thomas Derry (TD)	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)
Kenny Stott (KS)	Scottish Hydro-Electric Transmission Limited (SHETL)
Allan MacLeod (AMc)	Scottish Power Transmission Limited (SPT)
Abid Sheikh (AS)	Authority Representative (Ofgem)
Yvonne Naughton (YN)	Ofgem

1. Introductions/Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Kabir Ali (NGET), Amanda May (NGET) and Alec Morrison (SHETL)

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

1995 The minutes from the last STC Committee Meeting held on 27th July 2010 were approved and will be uploaded on the STC website.

Action: NGET (TD)

3. Review of Actions

1996 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 26th 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 1910** - A CUSC panel member had raised the issue of derogation requests from Transmission Owners being published in the public domain, SPT/ SHETL both provided comments indicating that option three was their most desirable choice. BT to update CUSC Panel with the TOs comments.

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 (KA)

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

4. New Amendment Proposals

1997 There were no new Amendment Proposals.

5. Amendment Proposals

Amendment Proposal CA039

- 1998 BT updated the Committee on progress. There has been one meeting by teleconference since the July STC Committee meeting. In this meeting, proposed text amendments and Terms of Reference were discussed. Working group members have been actioned to comment on the proposed text and the Terms of Reference were to be slightly revised. The second meeting on 31st August was cancelled due to lack of members able to attend, but the communication via e-mail for first meeting actions will continue until the next meeting.
- 1999 The second meeting is organised for 13th September and a draft Amendment Proposal will be circulated prior to the September Committee meeting.
- 2000 It was noted for clarity that PA059, PA060, PA061 are not applicable to CA039 timescales and therefore the proposed text changes can continue being discussed and agreed following the Evaluation Phase for CA039.
- 2001 AS noted that the Evaluation Phase laid out in Section B of the STC is not very clear in its aim and usage. All to go away and consider the process and report back at September Committee meeting.

Action: All

6. Working Group Reports

2002 There were no Working Group reports.

7. Proposed Amendment Reports

Proposed Amendment Report CA035

- 2003 It was noted that there still appeared to be some work regarding justification of why CA035 was not going through the Evaluation phase and the format of the report. It was also stated that it was not clear if there is any linkage between compliance Grid Code changes and the STC. Under Section C of STC there does not appear to be a connection between testing and compliance.
- 2004 YN commented that Section K of STC holds most of the Grid Code requirements for compliance and that any decision the Authority makes regarding Grid Code Amendment A/10 would impact the STC. The report needs to clearly outline the difference between Section C and K of STC as well as the scope and time of the compliance process for OFTOs, along with the information that OFTOs have to provide.
- 2005 AMc noted that this increase of technical information within the STC may begin to change the structure of the document and it may be useful for a technical document to be created for the OFTOs to refer to.
- 2006 Ofgem (AS) and SPT to provide comments on CA035 to NGET (BT).

Action: Ofgem (AS), SPT

2007 Following comments NGET will redraft and circulate draft Proposed Amendment

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Report for comments ready to present at the September STC Committee meeting.

Action: NGET (BT)

8. Amendment Reports

Proposed Amendment Report CA036

2008 Following the closure of the consultation, two responses were received. It was noted for clarity within the group that ODIS data is not mentioned in the Grid Code and only applies to CUSC data. There is no need for a subsequent amendment to the Grid Code.

2009 AS asked NGET to clearly identify the reasons why this amendment better achieves each of the applicable objectives before the Amendment Report is submitted to the Authority. This will help to improve the clarity of the Amendment Reports and assessment by the Authority. Also noted that all reports should now have justification on why the Evaluation Phase is not necessary.

Action: NGET (BT)

Proposed Amendment Report CA038

2010 Following the closure of the consultation, four responses were received. The STC Committee went through the comments and agreed responses for those that made suggestions. On behalf of the STC Committee, the STC Committee secretary is to respond to the respondents by e-mail and add relevant responses to the Amendment Report.

Action: NGET (TD)

2011 AS asked NGET to clearly identify the reasons why this amendment better achieves each of the applicable objectives before the Amendment Report is submitted to the Authority. This will help to improve the clarity of the Amendment Reports and assessment by the Authority. Also noted that all reports should now have justification on why the Evaluation Phase is not necessary.

Action: NGET (TD)

9. Pending Authority Decisions

CA037 - Inclusion of list of parties to the STC

2012 The Authority is still considering the Amendment and aim to have a decision within the 25 working days target.

10. Authority Decisions

2013 None

11. STC Procedures

2014 **PA048 – Alignment of STC and STCP 16-1 Obligations Regarding Third Party Works** SPT has provided comments back to NGET and NGET now has an action to respond back.

Action: NGET (AM)

2015 **Offshore STCP 19-5 Transmission Compliance Process & Testing - SHETL** to provide comments to NGET, SPT have provided comments back to Mark Horley. Mark Horley to respond back to SPT. NGET will copy in Landel Johnson in comments back to AMc.

Action: NGET, SHETL

- 2016 **Offshore STCP 12-1 Data Exchange Mechanism** - NGET waiting on comments, Landel Johnson has been in contact with Paul Thompson (NGET) and next steps are to remove the data catalogue.

Action: (All)

- 2017 BT to liaise with Paul Thomson to arrange for a next draft to be circulated.

Action: NGET (BT)

- 2018 **STCP 01-1 (inc Offshore) Operational Switching** - The proposed STCP amendment will allow for the inclusion of the new category of Offshore Transmission Owner. Comments received from SHETL and SPT, NGET to coordinate sign off.

Action: NGET (KA)

- 2019 **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. Chris Whitley (NGET) to provide comments back to SHETL and SPT.

Action: NGET

- 2020 **STCP 06-1 (inc Offshore) Black Start** - The proposed STCP amendment will allow for the inclusion of the new category of Offshore Transmission Owner. NGET have incorporated the comments received from SHETL and SPT, NGET will now coordinate sign off.

Action: NGET (KA)

- 2021 **Offshore STCP 06-3 System Incident Management** - NGET to coordinate sign off of the proposed draft.

Action: NGET (KA)

12. Transmission Access

- 2022 DECC changes went live on 11th August and the Authority is talking to the proposers of the TAR modification to decide next steps as well as working with NGET to develop reporting for monitoring connect and manage.

- 2023 BT noted that 18-1 will need to be amended as a result of Transmission Access and an Amendment Proposal will be raised.

Action: NGET

13. Code Governance

- 2024 AS informed the Committee that a letter, dated 12th August, was published seeking views on issues that Ofgem consider should be addressed through the Significant Code Review (SCR) process. Industry comments are asked to be submitted by 27th September.

- 2025 On 11th August, Ofgem issued a guidance document on the launch and conduct of SCR's.

- 2026 It was also highlighted that there is a Licence obligation to highlight environmental impact of amendment proposals. Proposals to change the codes to include this obligation have been raised for CUSC, BSC and UNC, and there is a deadline for a code obligation to be in place by 31st December.

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- 2027 A change proposal is being drafted by NGET and, due to the nature of the amendment, it may be suitable for the urgent route. NGET to prepare Amendment Proposal.

Action: NGET (BT)

14. European Third Package

- 2028 None

15. Impact of Other Code Modifications

- 2029 CUSC modification, CAP189 - GIS Boundaries, may have an impact on what goes into a TOCA for connection schemes. This will be watched by BT and will update the group with any further developments.

Action: NGET (BT)

16. Reports from Sub Committees

- 2030 The Charging User Group (ChUG) will be held W/B 30th September. DMcP will report back at the September STC Committee meeting.

Action: SPT (DMcP)

17. Any Other Business

- 2031 BT informed the members that National Grid has received the first application for accession to the STC from one of the three recently selected Preferred Bidders.

18. Publications

- 2032 None

19. Next Meeting

- 2033 The next meeting is scheduled for 10am on 28th September 2010.