

STC Committee Meeting

Minutes and Actions Arising from Meeting No. 79 Held on 4th May 2011 Via Teleconference

Present:

Tom Ireland (TI)	Committee Chair (NGET)
Lucy Hudson (LH)	Committee Secretary (NGET)
Neil Sandison (NS)	Scottish Hydro-Electric Transmission Limited (SHETL)
Allan MacLeod (AMc)	Scottish Power Transmission Limited (SPT)
Deborah MacPherson (DMcP)	Scottish Power Transmission Limited (SPT)
Mike Lee (ML)	Transmission Capital (TC)
Abid Sheikh (AS)	Authority Representative (Ofgem)
Tom Derry (TD)	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Audrey Ramsey (AR)	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Mark Horley (MH)	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)

1. Introductions/Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Alec Morrison and David Osborne (SHETL). TI noted this was his first meeting as Chair. TI also asked if the Committee had any objections to Mark Horley attending for Agenda Item 8 to discuss CA042 and they did not.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

2255. The minutes from the last STC Committee Meeting held on 22nd March 2011 are to be updated with revised wordings below and uploaded on the STC website.

Action: NGET (LH)

- **Minute 2230**

Should read '.....Ofgem were looking for further information on the materiality of the change and whether there is a need for a licence change.'

- **Minute 2246**

Should read 'AS advised the Committee that a note from Ofgem had been circulated, drawing attention to a consultation by ACER on the draft Framework Guidelines on electricity Grid Connection which closes on 2 May 2011. In addition, a European Commission public consultation on the priorities for the development of the European framework guidelines (FGs) and network codes for 2012 and beyond was also highlighted. It was noted that there were only a couple of weeks remaining to respond to that consultation.'

- **Minute 2251**

Should read 'AS noted that an Ofgem Open Letter Consultation setting out proposed Ofgem guidance on the application of urgency criteria under the industry codes had been issued.'

3. Review of Actions

2256. The outstanding actions were reviewed as follows:

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

Action: NGET (TD)

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

4. New Amendment Proposals

2257. There were no new Amendment Proposals.

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6. Evaluation Phase Reports

2259. There were no Evaluation Phase reports.

7. Proposed Amendment Reports

Proposed Amendment Report CA041

2260. TD reported that the Proposed Amendment Report was almost ready to be issued out for consultation, however there were some concerns regarding the definition of a TORI.

2261. It was therefore proposed that CA041 is withdrawn and re-submitted once further work has been done. The Committee were happy with this, however there is the possibility that the Connect and Manage aspect may need to be separated out and dealt with independently.

8. Amendment Reports

Amendment Report CA039

2262. TD advised the Committee that further comments had been received from Ofgem seeking additional evidence on the materiality of the change and that, in order to be able to respond to the comments, NGET had formally requested an extension from the Authority until the end of May. It was confirmed that AR and IG were to discuss the comments.

Action: NGET (AR/IG)

2263. AS confirmed that Ofgem agreed to the extension however encouraged NGET to speak to Ofgem to discuss the timescales and next actions.

Amendment Report CA042

2264. MH advised that further work on STCP 19-5 is currently taking place to address issues raised by the OFTOs. NGET confirmed that the procedure would cover the enduring process only. The revised draft will be circulated to the STC Committee by w/e 13th May with comments to be sent back to TD.

Action: NGET (MH)

2265. TD informed that Committee that NGET had formally requested an extension to CA042 from the Authority until the end of May. AS confirmed that Ofgem agreed to the extension on the basis that sufficient work will be carried out to ensure the timescales are met.

2266. TD reported that, due to lack of availability, the teleconference to discuss STCP19-5 had been cancelled. The Committee agreed that a new date should be provisionally booked and circulated.

Action: NGET (LH)

9. Pending Authority Decisions

2267. There were no Pending Authority Decisions.

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2268. There were no Authority Decisions.

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**

2269. TD advised that comments had been received from SPT on the drafts of STCP 11-1 and 16-1 and that NGET will respond to the comments and circulate a final draft by email.

Action: NGET (TD)

2270. SHETL and the OFTOs confirmed they were happy with the drafts.

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

2271. Dependent on CA042.

12. Party Representation Clarification

2272. TD confirmed that a paper on Party Representation Clarification is being developed in preparation for submission at either the May or June Committee meeting.

Action: NGET (TD)

13. Offshore Regime

2273. AS drew the Committee's attention to the Press Release on Ofgem's website entitled 'Four bidders shortlisted in the second round of tenders for offshore transmission links', which explains who the bidders and the process which will take place.

14. Offshore Generator Build

2274. TD advised the group that a meeting had taken place with Ofgem to discuss the route by which the amendments should be progressed, either through the usual STC

governance process or via the Secretary of State powers. It was noted that due diligence was required and a decision on whether the changes are carried out in parallel with this or wait until it is complete, is to be made.

2275. TD also highlighted that an internal view is being taken on whether the usual STC governance route will allow the amendments to be completed by December 2011. AS noted that the Authority encourage the pre-work to be completed as soon as possible so the modification can be progressed quickly, once it is raised.

15. Code Governance Review and STC

2276. TD confirmed that in respect of impacts of the Code Governance Review on the STC, there were 4 proposals being developed, and it is planned to discuss the Amendment Proposals at the next Committee Meeting:

- Send Back
- Significant Code Review
- Self Governance
- Role of Code Administrators and Code of Practice

16. European Developments

2277. AS drew the Committee's attention to a new ACER consultation on the Draft Framework Guidelines on Electricity Capacity Allocation and Congestion Management, in addition, to an ENTSO-e document on the Process to Develop European Network Code on Capacity.

17. Impact of Other Code Modifications

2278. TI mentioned that there are 4 new Grid Code working groups due to commence shortly and nominations for membership are being sought.

18. Reports from Sub Committees

2279. TD advised that a JPC meeting is planned for May and it was confirmed that a CHuG meeting is taking place w/c 9 May.

19. Any Other Business

2280. AS raised concerns about the effectiveness of the governance process, for example, CA041. It was suggested that an indicative timescale, similar to the CUSC, should be composed at the start of the Amendment process. The Committee thought this may be a sensible idea.
2281. LH highlighted to the Authority that an Amendment Register had not been published for February, March and April, and asked if an amalgamated version would be acceptable. Ofgem agreed and confirmed they would like to continue with a monthly copy for the future.

Action: NGET (LH)

20. Publications

2282. None

21. Next Meeting

2283. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 24th May at 10am