

# STC Committee Meeting

## Minutes and Actions Arising from Meeting No. 80 Held on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2011 Via Teleconference

### Present:

Bec Thornton (BT)	Committee Chair (NGET)
Lucy Hudson (LH)	Committee Secretary (NGET)
Neil Sandison (NS)	Scottish Hydro-Electric Transmission Limited (SHETL)
Alec Morrison (AM)	Scottish Hydro-Electric Transmission Limited (SHETL)
Allan MacLeod (AMc)	Scottish Power Transmission Limited (SPT)
Sean Kelly (SK)	Transmission Capital (TC)
Abid Sheikh (AS)	Authority Representative (Ofgem)
Tom Derry (TD)	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Audrey Ramsay (AR)	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)

### 1. Introductions/Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from David Osborne (SHETL), Deborah MacPherson (SPT) and Tom Ireland (TI). It was noted that Bec Thornton (BT) would act as Chair in the absence of Tom Ireland.

### 2. Minutes of Last Meeting

2284. The minutes from the last STC Committee Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2011 are to be updated with revised wordings below and uploaded on the STC website.

**Action: NGET (LH)**

- **Minute 2271**  
'NGET to arrange the meeting as noted in minute' to be removed.
- **Minute 2280**  
Should read 'It was suggested that an indicative timescale.....'

### 3. Review of Actions

2285. The outstanding actions were reviewed as follows:

- **Minute 1596** – Confidentiality issue, regarding manufacturing data to improve transparency, ongoing due to low priority. NGET will continue to report back to the STC Committee on progress.
- **Minute 2272** – TD confirmed that an Amendment Proposal on Party Representation Clarification is being developed in preparation for submission at either the May or June Committee meeting.

**Action: NGET (TD)**

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

### 4. New Amendment Proposals

2286. CA043 – Clarification of Workgroups within the Evaluation Phase. BT provided the background of the proposal, highlighting that when CA039 went into the evaluation phase, it was identified that the process was unclear and there was a lack of information around the role of the working group. The Proposal therefore seeks to add a framework detailing the responsibilities of the working group.

2287. AS has some queries regarding 7.2.4.1 of the legal text in respect of 'x' months and also questioned whether 2 months for the Evaluation Phase was an appropriate timescale. It was confirmed that LM would address and provide a response to these comments.

**Action: NGET (LM)**

2288. The STC Committee was asked to consider whether this Amendment Proposal should proceed to the Evaluation Phase or directly to the Assessment and Report Phase.

**Action: All**

2289. Any further queries relating to the Amendment Proposal should be directed to Louise McGoldrick (Louise.McGoldrick@uk.ngrid.com).

### 5. Amendment Proposals

2290. There were no Amendment Proposals.

### 6. Evaluation Phase Reports

2291. There were no Evaluation Phase reports.

### 7. Proposed Amendment Reports

2292. There were no Proposed Amendments

### 8. Amendment Reports

#### Amendment Report CA039

2293. BT advised the Committee that further comments had been received from Ofgem seeking additional evidence on the materiality of the change. In order to be able to respond fully to the comments, NGET formally requested an extension from the Authority until the end of June, which was authorised by Ofgem.

2294. It was confirmed that AR and Ian Gilbert would discuss further amendments to the wording of the report, taking into account Ofgem's comments.

**Action: NGET (AR/Ian Gilbert)**

2295. It was noted that a collective OFTO view is required in Section 6 of the draft Amendment Report prior to its submission to the Authority and was agreed that Mike Lee would provide this by midday on 21<sup>st</sup> June.

**Action: OFTOs (Mike Lee)**

2296. LH to circulate revised draft Amendment Report to the STC Committee with papers for June STC Committee Meeting for approval at the June STC Committee Meeting.

**Action: NGET (LH)**

### Amendment Report CA042

2297. BT informed the Committee that further comments had been received from Ofgem, which would be circulated around the Committee. BT advised that NGET would consider the comments but due to availability, this would not be possible until w/c 13<sup>th</sup> June. In order to be able to respond fully to the comments, NGET formally requested an extension from the Authority until the end of June, which was authorised by Ofgem.

**Action: NGET (LH)**

2298. It was noted that a collective OFTO view is required in Section 6 of the report prior to its submission and was agreed that Mike Lee would provide this by midday on 21<sup>st</sup> June.

**Action: OFTOs (Mike Lee)**

2299. SK raised some concerns regarding the enduring process in relation to the testing of assets and in respect as OFTO's being treated as generators rather than ONTO's and it was agreed that Mark Horley would contact SK to discuss further.

**Action: NGET (Mark Horley)**

2300. LH to circulate revised draft Amendment Report to the STC Committee with papers for June STC Committee Meeting for approval at the June STC Committee Meeting.

**Action: NGET (LH)**

### 9. Pending Authority Decisions

2301. There were no Pending Authority Decisions.

### 10. Authority Decisions

2302. 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**

2303. TD advised that comments had been received from SPT on the drafts of STCP11-1 and 16-1 and that NGET are responding to the comments and will circulate a final draft. SHETL and the OFTOs had no comments.

**Action: NGET (LH)**

2304. BT confirmed that work on STCP11-3 will not commence until after the outcome of CA039 is known.

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

2305. BT confirmed that a teleconference is planned for 17<sup>th</sup> June to discuss STCP19-5 further. It was agreed that all Committee members would review the latest draft of STCP19-5 and provide comments before the teleconference.

**Action: All**

2306. SHETL advised they had not received the invite to the teleconference. LH to recirculate to all.

**Action: NGET (LH)**

### 12. Offshore Regime

2307. AS confirmed there was no update.
2308. BT asked the Authority for the latest situation in respect of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tender Round. AS agreed to circulate the latest information.

**Action: Authority (AS)**

### 13. Offshore Generator Build

2309. TD advised the Committee that discussions between NGET and Ofgem were continuing. A further meeting was being planned with Ofgem to discuss the best way forward regarding due diligence on Grid Code and CUSC, in order that the STC changes may meet the December 2011 timescale.

### 14. Code Governance Review and STC

2310. TD advised that LM is developing a paper on the impacts of the Code Governance Review, specifically in relation to the following 4 areas, which will be presented at the next STC Committee meeting:
- Send Back
  - Significant Code Review
  - Self Governance
  - Role of Code Administrators and Code of Practice

### 15. European Developments

2311. AS confirmed there was no update.
2312. TD gave a brief overview of Joint Workgroup (CMP191, P721 and Grid Code Signatories) and advised that discussions are continuing on whether it is NGET's (as NETSO) responsibility to ensure that GB stakeholders are consulted in relation to any potential changes to the codes relating to the development of the European Network Codes, which take place in forums other than the Panels and their associated groups. The Joint Workgroup consultation is due to be published for industry comments shortly.
2313. SK questioned the Authority about the status of OFTOs being designated TSOs, as there appears to be no final decision paper. AS agreed to obtain a response to clarify the interpretation and what the latest situation is.

**Action: Authority (AS)**

### 16. Impact of Other Code Modifications

2314. BT advised that Grid Code amendments A/10 'Compliance' and D/10 'Frequency and Voltage Operating Ranges' and CUSC modification CMP192 'Enduring User Commitment' will have an impact on the STC but is not known yet.

### 17. Reports from Sub Committees

2315. BT confirmed that a JPC meeting took place at the beginning of May and NGET will circulate the minutes as soon as they are available.

**Action: NGET**

2316. SK confirmed that a ChUG meeting took place w/c 9 May.

### 19. Any Other Business

2317. There was no further business.

### 20. Publications

2318. None

### 21. Next Meeting

2319. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June at 10am