

## Minutes and Actions Arising from Meeting No. 77 Held on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2011 Via Teleconference

### Present:

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| Deborah MacPherson (DMcP) | Committee Chair (SPT)                                |
| Lucy Hudson (LH)          | Committee Secretary (NGET)                           |
| Alec Morrison (AMo)       | Scottish Hydro-Electric Transmission Limited (SHETL) |
| Neil Sandison (NS)        | Scottish Hydro-Electric Transmission Limited (SHETL) |
| Allan MacLeod (AMc)       | Scottish Power Transmission Limited (SPT)            |
| Mike Lee (ML)             | Transmission Capital (TC)                            |
| Geoff Singleton (GS)      | Blue Transmission Walney 1 (BTW1)                    |
| Abid Sheikh (AS)          | Authority Representative (Ofgem)                     |
| Tom Ireland (TI)          | National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)        |
| Kathryn Sorrell (KS)      | National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)        |
| Amanda May (ACM)          | National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)        |
| Thomas Derry (TD)         | National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)        |
| Lilian Macleod (LM)       | National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)        |

### 1. Introductions/Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from David Osborne (SHETL) and Bec Thornton (NGET).

### 2. Minutes of Last Meeting

2190. The minutes from the last STC Committee Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2011 are to be updated with revised wordings below and uploaded on the STC website.

**Action: NGET (LH)**

- Abid Sheikh, Authority Representative (Ofgem) to be included as attendee.
- **Minute 2158**  
Reference to 'AM' should read 'ACM'
- **Minute 2182**  
The action should read 'CUSC amendment CAP189 is due to be sent out to consultation shortly and the impacts on the STC will begin to be considered by NGET following the conclusion of CAP189. This relates to Gas Insulated Switchgear.'

### 3. Review of Actions

2191. The outstanding actions were reviewed as follows:

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

**Action: NGET (TI)**

- **Minute 2068** – The Charging User Group (ChUG) meeting minutes and last JPC meeting minutes are to be approved and circulated. ACM advised the group that the December Joint Planning Committee (JPC) meeting was cancelled and are awaiting a new date. DMcP confirmed that a ChUG meeting has recently taken place and the minutes are due to be circulated shortly.

**Action: NGET (ACM)**

- **Minute 2073** – TD informed the group that the designated Offshore Generator Build text for CUSC and Grid Code was implemented on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010. It was noted changes to the STC are being looked at and following a discussion with Ofgem, their guidance was to progress changes via the normal STC modification process. The next

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steps are currently being determined ahead of the March/April Committee meeting.

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

- **Minute 2152** - Action 2059 still stands, AS to speak to Ofgem's technical team to identify the correct measure going forward. AS indicated that there should be no difference in the treatment of Connection points in terms of onshore/offshore. TI to determine if this issue needs to continue to be considered and will feed back to group.

**Action: NGET (TI)**

- **Minute 2158** - At the November STC Committee meeting ACM noted that NGET are looking at Statements of Works again. ACM confirmed that discussions are ongoing and advised that Ivo Spreeuwenberg (National Grid) is leading this work. TI informed the group that a CUSC paper was going to the CUSC Panel on 25<sup>th</sup> February, and that he would circulate the paper to the STC Committee.

**Action: NGET (TI)**

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

### 4. New Amendment Proposals

2192. There were no new Amendment Proposals.

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2193. There were no Amendment Proposals.

### 6. Evaluation Phase Reports

2194. There were no Evaluation Phase reports.

### 7. Proposed Amendment Reports

#### Proposed Amendment Report CA041

2195. TD confirmed that the Proposed Amendment Report for CA041 and the accompanying STCP 18-1 had been circulated and that comments had been received from the OFTOs, specifically in relation to a more thorough definition of a TORI and what it contains. TD to propose wording to be included in Section J for agreement by the Committee. The Proposed Amendment Report will then be sent out for consultation on 28<sup>th</sup> February for 10 days.

**Action: NGET (TD)**

### 8. Amendment Reports

#### Amendment Report CA039

2196. In respect of materiality issues, KS advised that it would be difficult to include definitive figures in the report. AS noted that the Authority would like to see more evidence of the benefits of the change in the Amendment Report. KS to speak to Tim Truscott and Ian Gilbert regarding updating of the wording in the Amendment Report, for approval at the March Committee meeting.

**Action: NGET (KS)**

2197. AS confirmed to the group that in order to meet the 6 month timeframe for the Assessment and Report phase, the Amendment Report needs to be approved for submission to the Authority at the March Committee meeting.

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### Amendment Report CA042

2198. TD confirmed that following the consultation period, four responses had been received and asked the Committee for their views on the next steps.

2199. The OFTO reps expressed concern that although they had spoken with Mark Horley, further discussion about the change was required. It was agreed that TI would arrange a face to face meeting between the OFTOs and Mark Horley prior to the next STC Committee Meeting.

**Action: NGET (TI)**

2200. It was noted that the response from EDF questioned whether there should be some inclusion of Nuclear Site Licence Provisions Agreements (NSLPAs) within Section K of the STC. TD noted that Section K is quite specific towards compliance and that NSLPAs should be satisfied through the connections offer process. It was also noted that the new nuclear framework is still to be decided upon and these elements are likely to be encompassed in those discussions.

2201. The Committee noted that CA042 may be coming to the end of its allowed assessment time. TD to confirm submission dates.

**Action: NGET (TD)**

### 9. Pending Authority Decisions

2202. There were no Pending Authority Decisions.

### 10. Authority Decisions

2203. There were no Authority Decisions.

### 11. STC Procedures

2204. ACM confirmed the below STCP Amendment Proposals are still being developed by National Grid and it is planned to circulate the drafts prior to the next Committee Meeting.

**Action: NGET (TI)**

- **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**

2205. **Offshore STCP 19-5 – Transmission Offshore System Compliance Process & Testing**

Dependent on CA042. NGET to arrange the meeting as noted in minute 2060. BT emailed SPT and SHETL asking for attendees for a meeting in January 2011. NGET and SPT have provided names. TI asked SHETL to confirm attendee and AM nominated himself in lieu of another attendee. GS also confirmed he would be happy to attend for the OFTOs.

**Action: NGET (BT)**

2206. **PA062 – STCP18-1 Connection and Modification Application**

SPT and SHETL confirmed they have no comments. TD advised the group that the draft STCP had been circulated along with CA041. The Committee had no further comments and are happy for it to proceed to sign off.

2207. **PA063 – STCP 21-1 – Offshore Development Information Statement**

LM advised the group that the STCP had been drafted as a result of the implementation of CA036 in October 2010 and it outlines who is responsible for what

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in relation to ODIS. LM also highlighted that the procedure had been to JPC and there were no comments.

2208. Due to the delay in issue of the procedure, SPT and SHETL requested additional time to allow the draft to be internally circulated for comment with a view to it being approved at the next Committee meeting.

### 12. Templates

2209. TD gave a brief overview of the proposed 'industry standard' templates. AS highlighted that there was an omission of the 'Connect and Manage' Applicable Objective. TD to update the relevant documentation to reflect omission. There were no further comments and the Committee agreed for the templates to start being used.  
**Action: NGET (TD)**

### 13. Party Representation Clarification

2210. TD gave an overview of the issues regarding the use of the term 'party' in the STC. The Committee agreed they were happy for TD to develop a paper in preparation for the next meeting.

**Action: NGET (TD)**

### 14. Offshore Regime

2211. AS confirmed that Ofgem had circulated a note regarding the latest Offshore update. There were no further comments from the Committee.

### 15. Code Governance Review and STC

2212. TI advised that in respect of impacts of the Code Governance Review on the STC, there were 4 proposals being developed as follows:

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

### 16. European Third Package

2213. AS confirmed that Ofgem had circulated a note on the latest European Development. This was issued in response to questions and concerns raised at the various code panels at which Ofgem presented on the EU code development process last month. There were no further comments from the Committee.

### 17. Impact of Other Code Modifications

2214. TI highlighted an issue which had been raised at the GCRP regarding Maintenance Standards Connection Condition 7.7, which may have consequential changes for the STC. TI to circulate original paper to Committee.

**Action: NGET (TI)**

### 18. Reports from Sub Committees

2215. None

### 19. Any Other Business

2216. KS informed the group that, due to going on maternity leave, March would be her last month as STC Rep, and advised that Audrey Ramsey would be taking over this role. KS suggested that both she and Audrey attend the March STC Committee meeting and from April, Audrey would take over. The Committee agreed.

2217. TI mentioned that the next meeting was being held at 9am in Warwick to coincide with the bilateral meeting and asked if anyone would like to attend in person.

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Anyone who wishes to should let LH know and advise if car parking is required.

**Action: ALL**

2218. TI noted that from April 2011, there will be a change of Committee chair in accordance with Section B of the STC. TI offered to chair and the Committee asked for this to be put in writing for them to respond.

**Action: NGET (TI)**

2219. TD proposed that the monthly Progress Report be submitted to the Authority on a 3 monthly basis due to the minimal change from month to month. All agreed this was acceptable.

### **20. Publications**

2220. None

### **21. Next Meeting**

2221. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 9am