

Minutes and Actions Arising from Meeting No. 78 Held on 22nd March 2011 Via Teleconference

Present:

Deborah MacPherson (DMcP)	Committee Chair (SPT)
Lucy Hudson (LH)	Committee Secretary (NGET)
Neil Sandison (NS)	Scottish Hydro-Electric Transmission Limited (SHETL)
David Osborne (DO)	Scottish Hydro-Electric Transmission Limited (SHETL)
Allan MacLeod (AMc)	Scottish Power Transmission Limited (SPT)
Mike Lee (ML)	Transmission Capital (TC)
Iain Cameron (IC)	Blue Transmission Walney 1 (BTW1)
Abid Sheikh (AS)	Authority Representative (Ofgem)
Bec Thornton (BT)	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Tom Ireland (TI)	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Amanda May (ACM)	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Kathryn Sorrell (KS)	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Audrey Ramsey (AR)	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Alex Thomason (AT)	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)

1. Introductions/Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Alec Morrison (SHETL).

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

2222. The minutes from the last STC Committee Meeting held on 22nd February 2011 are to be updated with revised wordings below and uploaded on the STC website.

Action: NGET (LH)

- **Minute 2198**
Should read '....in relation **to** a more thorough.....'
- **Minute 2182**
Should read '....to update **the** relevant.....'

3. Review of Actions

2223. 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 2073** – TD informed the group that the designated Offshore Generator Build text for CUSC and Grid Code was implemented on 31st 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. An internal meeting with Legal is planned w/c 28th March, with a view to submitting a Draft Amendment Proposal to the next 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 confirmed that this issue would be picked up as part of the teleconference being planned for STCP 19-5.
Action: NGET (TI)

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

items.

4. New Amendment Proposals

2224. There were no new Amendment Proposals.

5. Amendment Proposals

2225. There were no Amendment Proposals.

6. Evaluation Phase Reports

2226. There were no Evaluation Phase reports.

7. Proposed Amendment Reports

Proposed Amendment Report CA041

2227. BT advised that work to develop a more through definition of a TORI was continuing and proposed wording will be circulated by email shortly.

Action: NGET (TD)

2228. It was agreed that the Proposed Amendment Report will go out for consultation for 10 business days, prior to next meeting, with a view to agreeing the Proposed Amendment Report for submission to the Authority, at the May Committee meeting.

Action: NGET (TD)

2229. It was noted that the OFTOs need to agree wording for inclusion within Section 6 'STC Parties' Assessment' of the Proposed Amendment Report.

Action: OFTOs

8. Amendment Reports

Amendment Report CA039

2230. BT confirmed that the revised Draft Amendment Report had been circulated, including forecasted benefits within Section 6.4 to 6.8 because AS commented that Ofgem were looking for further information on the materiality of the change and whether there is a need for a licence change.

2231. AS also noted that Ofgem would find a change marked version of the Draft Amendment Report beneficial.

Action: NGET (BT)

2232. It was highlighted that the deadline for the Amendment Report to be submitted to the Authority was 28 March 2011. NGET formally requested a 1 month extension, to which Ofgem agreed.

Amendment Report CA042

2233. TI confirmed that a meeting had taken place between himself, Mark Horley and the OFTOs, where compliance, as a whole, had been discussed.

2234. In respect of the teleconference being arranged to discuss STCP 19-5, BT advised that 2 dates had been circulated and responses were awaited. It was noted that in addition to transitional arrangements with OFTOs, the enduring process would also need to be considered as part of the teleconference.

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9. Pending Authority Decisions

2236. There were no Pending Authority Decisions.

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2237. There were no Authority Decisions.

11. STC Procedures

2238. ACM confirmed that initial drafting of the STCPs was complete and awaiting NGET internal comments. 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**

2239. **Offshore STCP 19-5 – Transmission Offshore System Compliance Process & Testing**

Dependent on CA042. NGET to arrange the meeting as noted in minute 2060. Dates have been circulated in respect of arranging a teleconference. TOs and OFTOs to let LH know preferred dates..

Action: TOs/OFTOs

2240. **PA063 – STCP 21-1 – Offshore Development Information Statement**

Following comments being incorporated, the Committee approved STCP21-1. LH to arrange sign-off.

Action: NGET (LH)

12. STC Chair

2241. The Committee agreed that NGET (TI) would act as independent chair of the STC Committee from April, until such time as the STC provisions are reviewed and consequently amended in this respect.

13. Party Representation Clarification

2242. It was confirmed that a paper on Party Representation Clarification is being developed in preparation for the next Committee meeting.

Action: NGET (TD)

14. Offshore Regime

2243. There was no update.

15. Code Governance Review and STC

2244. TI 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 bring the Amendment Proposals to the next Committee Meeting:

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

2245. AS noted that Ofgem would find it beneficial to have early sight of the work being

carried out.

16. European Developments

2246. 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.

17. Consultation of GB Parties in relation to the European Network Codes

2247. AT gave the group a brief update on Europe and provided the following information:

European Commission weblinks

Link to Alerts and News from the European Commission about Energy Relevant Issues:

http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/energy/newsletter/index_en.htm

Link to current consultation on "Establishment of the priority list for the development of network codes for 2012 and beyond" (closes 10th April). This contains the proposed electricity 3 year workplan for developing European Network Codes.
http://ec.europa.eu/energy/international/consultations/20110410_external_dimension_en.htm

ACER weblinks

Link to newsletter subscription page (click on the "Subscribe to ACER News" button on the left-hand side of the page):

http://www.energy-regulator.eu/portal/page/portal/ACER_HOME

Link to consultation on the Connection Framework Guideline (closes 2nd May) with responses to be submitted online:

http://www.energy-regulator.eu/portal/page/portal/ACER_HOME/Stakeholder_involvement/Public_consultations/Open_Public_Consultations/PC-01_FG_EI_Grid_Connection/Background

ENTSO-e weblinks

Link to newsletter subscription page:

<https://www.entsoe.eu/media/news-subscription/>

GB Code Modifications

As highlighted at the STCC, SSE Generation has raised code modifications to the BSC and the CUSC and a paper to the GCRP; please see links below.

CUSC Modification Proposal 191: "NETSO Consultation in relation to any potential changes to the CUSC which takes place in forums other than the CUSC Modifications Panel"

<http://www.nationalgrid.com/uk/Electricity/Codes/systemcode/workingstandinggroups/wg/CMP191/index.htm>

"Grid Code Signatories" paper to GCRP:

http://www.nationalgrid.com/NR/rdonlyres/97D90274-0D98-4411-8A64-6AF44831B609/45278/pp11_19GridCodeSignatoriesConsultation.pdf

BSC Modification Proposal 271: "NETSO Consultation in relation to any potential changes to the BSC which takes place in forums other than the BSC Panel"

<http://www.elexon.co.uk/Pages/P271.aspx>

A joint workgroup across the three codes has been established to discuss the issues raised by the proposal. If any of the TOs wish to join the Workgroup, there are a number of options open. They can join the Workgroup as a CUSC Workgroup

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Member, which would allow them to influence the debate and the solutions proposed and to vote against the proposed solutions. To do this, they would need to be nominated by a CUSC Party, BSC Party or the National Consumer Council. Please fill in the attached form and send to cusc.team@uk.ngrid.com.



CUSC Workgroups
and Standing G...

Alternatively, they may wish to attend as observers at the Workgroup meetings (this means they would not have a vote), in which case they should contact us as Code Administrator and we will seek the Workgroup chairman's approval. For information, this Workgroup is being chaired by Barbara Vest of the AEP.

Grid Code governance is slightly different – there is less formality in the Workgroup meeting and no formal vote is undertaken. Therefore, they could just register as members of the Grid Code Working Group by emailing NGET.

The next meeting of the joint workgroup is scheduled for Thursday, 31st March 2011 at 1pm. Meeting arrangements are currently being finalised, but it is likely to be held by teleconference.

For any further information or queries, AT may be contacted on 01926 656379 or 07770 982225, or by email on alex.thomason@uk.ngrid.com

18. Impact of Other Code Modifications

2248. TI noted that the CUSC amendment (CAP 189) will have an impact on the STC and this will be progressed at the appropriate time. The modification relates to the ownership boundary for Gas Insulated Switchgear (GIS).

19. Reports from Sub Committees

2249. None

20. Any Other Business

2250. BT updated the group on the outcome of the OFTO elections, confirming that Mike Lee and Sean Kelly, Transmission Capital (TC Barrow, TC Robin Rigg and TC Gunfleet Sands) had been elected as the 2 representatives, with Iain Cameron, Blue Transmission Walney 1, as alternate.

2251. AS noted that an Ofgem Open Letter Consultation setting out proposed Ofgem guidance on the application of urgency criteria had been issued. The link is attached and comments are requested by 26 April.

<http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/Licensing/IndCodes/Governance/Documents1/Open%20letter%20consultation%20on%20Urgency.pdf>

2252. ML queried the current versions of the offshored STCP's on the website. It was confirmed that there were 3 STCPs (19-3, 20-1 and 22-1) still needed to be developed to incorporate the Offshore regime.

21. Publications

2253. None

22. Next Meeting

2254. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 4th May at 2pm

