

# STC Committee Meeting

## Minutes and Actions Arising from Meeting No. 76 Held on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2011 Via Teleconference

### Present:

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

### 1. Introductions/Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Allan MacLeod (SPT), Bec Thornton (NGET), David Osborne (SHETL) and Iain Cameron (BTW1). TI is fulfilling the role of Committee Chair as DMcP needed to cover the role of SPT Representative. Lucy Hudson was introduced as Committee Secretary.

### 2. Minutes of Last Meeting

2163. The minutes from the last STC Committee Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2010 are to be updated with revised wordings below and uploaded on the STC website.

**Action: NGET (LH)**

Page 2, Amendment Proposals – delete “Amendment Proposal CA041” heading  
Minute 2146 – add “SPT” as action owner

### 3. Review of Actions

2164. The outstanding actions were reviewed as follows:

- **Minute 1596** – Confidentiality issue, regarding manufacturing data to improve transparency, ongoing due to low priority. Action owner to be amended from BT to TI. 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. The next ChUG meeting is planned for the next couple of months.

**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. Changes to the STC are being looked at and a meeting has been planned with Ofgem. Update to be emailed by TD

**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 asked to carry this action forward and provide update at the next meeting.

**Action: Ofgem (AS)**

- **Minute 2153** – TI confirmed that an email had been circulated within National Grid regarding the decision letter from Ofgem on CAP161-166, CAP167, CAP168 and CAP148. TI confirmed an email regarding Transmission Access had been circulated by BT on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2011.

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

- **Minute 2158** - At the November STC Committee meeting ACM noted that NGET are looking at Statements of Works again. TI updated the group on the history of Statement of Works amendments. ACM confirmed that discussions are ongoing and advised that Ivo Spreeuwenberg (National Grid) is leading this work.

**Action: NGET**

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

#### **4. New Amendment Proposals**

2165. There were no new Amendment Proposals.

#### **5. Amendment Proposals**

2166. There were no Amendment Proposals.

#### **6. Evaluation Phase Reports**

2167. There were no Evaluation Phase reports.

#### **7. Proposed Amendment Reports**

##### **Proposed Amendment Report CA041**

2168. AM confirmed there were no further comments from SHETL. It is proposed to publish the Proposed Amendment Report on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2011. The final version of the Proposed Amendment Report is to be circulated for any final comments to be received by 28<sup>th</sup> January 2011.

**Action: NGET (TD)**

#### **8. Amendment Reports**

##### **Amendment Report CA039**

2169. AS commented that paragraph 8.3 indicates requirement for a licence change. Conversations between NGET and Ofgem took place to determine an informal legal view. Following those discussions, it was determined that no change to the Transmission Licence was required.

2170. AS also queried whether materiality issues had been considered. ACM confirmed that discussions had taken place. KS to speak to Tim Truscott to circulate outcome of discussions by early w/c 31<sup>st</sup> January 2011.

**Action: NGET (KS)**

2171. It was noted that subject to agreement of the above, the Committee were happy for the Amendment Report to be submitted to the Authority.

##### **Amendment Report CA042**

2172. TD confirmed the consultation closes on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2011. It was noted that AS had requested an extension to the consultation period to allow OFTOs time to comment. The report not been circulated earlier by Ofgem due to IT issues. AS asked to

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amend his request such that late responses may be accepted a couple of days after the closing date.

2173. The Committee determined that no extension to the consultation period was required as any comments made in the consultation would have to be considered by the Committee prior to the submission of the Final Amendment Report to Ofgem anyway. OFTO reps noted however, that further understanding of the proposal would be beneficial to allow them to further understand the amendments impact and it was agreed they would contact Mark Horley to provide further information regarding the proposed changes. The OFTO reps also suggested that they may request a further consultation.

**Action: OFTOs**

### 9. Pending Authority Decisions

2174. There were no Pending Authority Decisions.

### 10. Authority Decisions

2175. There were no Authority Decisions.

### 11. STC Procedures

2176. The below STCP Amendment Proposals are still being developed by National Grid and PA060 (STCP11-3) amendments could result in a Licence Amendment and possible a further STC amendment for outage change costing. These STCP Amendment Proposals should be developed by early to mid February 2011. TI confirmed that work is still ongoing and that the action owner should be amended to TI.

**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**

2177. **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. SHETL to confirm attendee and email BT by 28<sup>th</sup> January 2011. It was noted that the OFTOs could also provide reps.

**Action: SHETL (AMo/DO)**

2178. **PA062 – STCP18-1 Connection and Modification Application**

SPT confirm that they have no comments. SHETL will review and provide any comments alongside CA041. AM confirmed there were no further comments from SHETL. NGET to check draft of STCP18-1 has been circulated to SHETL/STP and recirculate as appropriate.

**Action: NGET (TD)**

### 12. Offshore Regime

2179. There was no update from Ofgem.

### 13. Code Governance

2180. It was noted, by Ofgem, that all Code and Licence changes came into effect on 31<sup>st</sup>

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December 2010. TI confirmed that BT had started to look at the impacts of the Code Governance Review on the STC.

### 14. European Third Package

2181. Ofgem gave a presentation regarding the process that applies to the development of EU network codes. TI noted that a workshop on European network codes is being held by NG on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2011.

### 15. Impact of Other Code Modifications

2182. 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.
2183. Grid Code amendment, D10 – the Final Report is due to be sent to the Authority in the next couple of weeks and it relates to Generator Frequency and Voltage Operating Range Obligations.
2184. Grid Code amendment, A10 is due to be sent out for consultation at the end of January 2011, which relates to Generator Compliance Assessments.
2185. It was noted that Charging Methodology now falls under the CUSC.

### 16. Reports from Sub Committees

2186. None

### 17. Any Other Business

2187. An item on the OFTO election timetable was discussed prior to Item 4. TD gave an overview of the timetable and dates as follows:

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| 27 <sup>th</sup> January 2011  | Invitation sent out to OFTOs to nominate candidates for election              |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2011 | Nominations are to be received by the STC Committee Secretary                 |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2011 | STC Committee Secretary will circulate a list of candidates and voting papers |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> March 2011    | Voting paper to be submitted to the STC Committee Secretary                   |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2011    | Results of the election will be made known                                    |

### 18. Publications

2188. None

### 19. Next Meeting

2189. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.