

Minutes

Meeting name	STC Committee Meeting
Meeting number	84
Date of meeting	Tuesday 25 th October 2011
Location	National Grid House, Warwick and Teleconference

Attendees

Name	Initials	Position
Tom Ireland	TI	Committee Chair (NGET)
Bali Virk	BV	Committee Secretary (NGET)
Tom Derry	TD	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Emma Clark	EC	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Mike Lee	ML	Transmission Capital (TC)
Abid Sheikh	AS	Ofgem
David Osborne	DO	Scottish Hydro-Electric Transmission Limited (SHETL)
Deborah MacPherson	DMcP	Scottish Power Transmission Limited (SPT)
Allan MacLeod	AMc	Scottish Power Transmission Limited (SPT)

Apologies

Name	Initials	Position
Lucy Hudson	LH	Committee Secretary (NGET)
Audrey Ramsay	AR	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Alec Morrison	AM	Scottish Hydro-Electric Transmission Limited (SHETL)
Neil Sandison	NS	Scottish Hydro-Electric Transmission Limited (SHETL)

1 Introductions/Apologies for Absence

2421. Apologies were received from Lucy Hudson (NGET), Audrey Ramsay (NGET), Alec Morrison (SHETL) and Neil Sandison (SHETL).
2422. TI confirmed that he had contacted the OFTO representative, Iain Cameron from Frontier Power, regarding his attendance at future STC meetings to replace Sean Kelly (Transmission Capital) and is awaiting a response.

Action: NGET (TI)

2 Approval of Minutes from the last meeting

2423. The minutes from the last STC Committee meeting held on 13th September 2011 were approved subject to a minor amendment. NGET to arrange to publish the minutes on the National Grid website.

Action: NGET (LH)

3 Review of Actions

2424. **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.

Action: NGET (TD)

2425. **Minute 2397:** ML agreed to arrange a meeting regarding Site Safety Interfaces and TD agreed to forward a name of the National Grid safety representative. TI confirmed that Paul Capp will be the Safety rep from NGET and agreed to forward contact details to ML.

Action: TI (NGET)

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

4 Papers for Consideration

2427. There were no Papers for consideration.

5 New Amendment Proposals

2428. EC (NGET) presented STC Amendment Proposal CA045 'Arrangements for User Commitment'. EC explained that this proposal was being raised as a consequential change to CUSC Modification CMP192 'Arrangements for Enduring Generation User Commitment'. EC stated that CMP192 had twelve alternatives plus the original and these would be voted on at the CUSC Special meeting on 11th November 2011 and the Final Amendment Report submitted to the Authority. It is expected that Ofgem will carry out an impact assessment. The anticipated implementation date for CMP192 is April 2012, with a subsequent transition to 2013.
2429. EC explained the change to the User Commitment regime would result in the need to share more information with the TOs which would include the requirement for the TO's to provide capital expenditure data to NGET. AM stated that this currently does not happen, EC agreed to find out what information is currently reported to NGET.

Action: EC (NGET)

6 Amendment Proposals

2430. TD confirmed that CA044 'Clarification of Party and Party Representatives Responsibilities' legal text had been circulated to the STC Committee members. The Amendment Report will be tabled at the November STC Meeting and circulated for industry consultation on the 23rd November for five days with a view to submitting it to the Authority for decision in December. TD to circulate the current timetable.

26 th July 2011	Amendment Proposal referred to Assessment & Report Phase by STC Committee
18 th Oct 2011	NGET to circulate legal text to STC Committee for review and comment
25 th Oct 2011	STC Committee to provide comments at Committee meeting
15 th Nov 2011	NGET to submit draft Initial Amendment Report to STC Committee for Parties to provide their Assessment
22 nd Nov 2011	STC Committee to confirm Assessment and provide approval for Proposed Amendment Report to be circulated for 5 day consultation, at Committee meeting
23 rd Nov 2011	NGET to issue out for 5 day consultation
30 th Nov 2011	5 day consultation closes
13 th Dec 2011	NGET to submit Proposed Amendment Report to STC Committee to consider representations made
20 th Dec 2011	STC Committee to approve Amendment Report for submission to the Authority at Committee meeting
20 th Dec 2011	NGET to submit Amendment Report to the Authority

Action: TD (NGET)

2431. TI asked AS to confirm the moratorium dates for Christmas period at Ofgem. **Post meeting Note:** the publishing moratorium starts on 20th December and ends on 2nd January 2012.

7 Evaluation Phase Reports

2432. There were no Evaluation Phase Reports.

8 Proposed Amendment Reports

2433. There were no Proposed Amendment Reports.

9 Draft Amendment Reports

2434. TD confirmed that one response had been received from EDF to Section 4 of the Draft Amendment Report CA043 'Clarification of Workgroups within the Evaluation Phase' and advised that the Amendment Report will be sent to Authority for decision w/c 31st October 2011.

Action: TD (NGET)

10 Amendment Reports

2435. There were no Amendment Reports.

11 Pending Authority Decisions

2436. There were no pending Authority decisions.

12 Authority Decisions

2437. There were no Authority decisions.

13 STC Procedures

2438. **PA060 – STCP11-3** Amendment of process for the outage changes costing.

TD confirmed that there has been no progress with this STCP to date and will update STC Committee members at the November STC meeting.

14 Offshore Regime

2439. AS confirmed there was no further update available on this item.

15 Offshore Generator build

2440. TD confirmed that a consistency check was being carried out on the CUSC and Grid Code. NGET was still on track to raise the new Amendment Proposals and will bring these to the November STC Committee meeting.

16 Code Governance Review and STC

2441. TD confirmed the Code Governance Review paper discussed in June 2011 had been updated and as a result of this, NGET will raise an STC Amendment Proposal to change some STC terminology to ensure consistency with the other Codes.

17 Impact of Other Code Modifications

2442. TI confirmed that as a result of Grid Code D/10 - Frequency and Voltage Operating Ranges, a consequential STC Amendment Proposal will need to be raised to make changes to section K of the STC.

2443. TI confirmed that no nominations had been received from STC Parties for the Grid Code BMU Configurations Diagram Working Group. TI agreed to circulate the concluding report to the STC Committee for information, to allow STC consideration of the findings.

Action: TI (NGET)

18 Reports from Sub Committees

2444. TD confirmed that the minutes from the May JPC meeting are currently awaiting sign off and have yet to be circulated. NGET will forward a copy to the STC Committee once they have

been signed off.

Action: NGET (LH)

19 Any other business

2445. AMc had circulated an email regarding STCP01-1 highlighting it makes references to Section 0 which is incorrect. TD took an action to have a look at the STCP and report his findings to the STC Committee.

Action: NGET (TD)

2446. ML informed STC Committee members that a Continuous Voltage Control paper was circulated to the Grid Code Review Panel which was informative. TI agreed to produce a summary paper and circulate to STC Committee members.

Action: NGET (TI)

2447. TI informed members that there was a recent outage at SSE Generation Wind Farm to enable them to do their regular maintenance. This highlighted an issue with notifications. DO state that there was not enough information to determine if this was a Grid Code or an STC issue.

2448. AS highlighted the standing agenda item 'European Developments' was missing from the STC Agenda and asked if this could be reinstated for future STC Committee meetings.

Action: NGET (LH)

2449. AS confirmed that the Draft Framework Guidelines on Electricity System Operation have now been published on ACER's website and the final guidelines will be published by the end of the year.

2450. AS noted that ACER will be hosting a stakeholder event by the end of the year on the Regulation on Energy Market Integrity and Transparency (REMIT). DECC will also be holding a REMIT stakeholder event by the end of the year with the participation of Ofgem.

2451. AS advised that the EU Third Package unbundling of TOs is due to come into force in March 2012. A letter published in July by Ofgem details the process of applying and how Ofgem will judge each case.

2452. AS informed STC Committee members that the Statutory Instrument (SI) implementing the EU Third Package includes an additional "applicable objective" for the CUSC, BSC and Grid Code in relation to compliance with any legally binding decisions of the European Commission and ACER. The SI also allows the Authority to raise modifications to the BSC, CUSC and Grid Code only where necessary in order to comply with European Legislation. AS confirmed that there is no similar change made to the licence for the STC and Ofgem have highlighted this to DECC as an omission. There may be a new STC objective included through a further licence change made by Ofgem in due course.

2453. TD informed STC members that the Offshore Transmission website page had been updated and the look of the page had changed. New draft STCPs will no longer be published on the page, although all previously uploaded STCPs will be available via the archive section.

2454. TD confirmed that an email had been circulated to AS and the STC Committee regarding rectification of error as a result of CA042 implementation. It was intended to amend via the consent to modify route.

20 Publications

2455. No publications were discussed.

21 Next meeting

2456. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on **Tuesday 22nd November 2011 at 10am.**