

STC Committee Meeting

Minutes and Actions Arising from Meeting No. 82 Held on 26th July 2011 Via Teleconference

Present:

Tom Ireland (TI)	Committee Chair (NGET)
Lucy Hudson (LH)	Committee Secretary (NGET)
Alec Morrison (AM)	Scottish Hydro-Electric Transmission Limited (SHETL)
Allan MacLeod (AMc)	Scottish Power Transmission Limited (SPT)
Mike Lee (ML)	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), Neil Sandison (SHETL), Deborah MacPherson (SPT) and Sean Kelly (Transmission Capital).

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

2358. The minutes from the last STC Committee Meeting held on 28th June 2011 are to be updated with revised wordings below and uploaded on the STC website.

Action: NGET (LH)

- **Attendees**

Neil Sandison (SHETL) to be added

3. Review of Actions

2359. 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.

Action: NGET (TD)

- **Minute 2313** – Sean Kelly 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. AS confirmed final confirmation on the issue is awaited.

Action: Authority (AS)

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

4. Papers for Consideration

2360. There were no Papers for Consideration.

5. New Amendment Proposals

2361. **CA044 – Clarification of Party and Party Representatives Responsibilities.** TD confirmed that this was presented for consideration at the last STC Committee meeting and was now being submitted formally to the Committee. The Committee had no comments and agreed that the Proposal should proceed to the Assessment

and Report phase. It is expected that an Initial Amendment Report and legal text will be submitted to the next STC Committee meeting.

6. Amendment Proposals

2362. There were no Amendment Proposals.

7. Evaluation Phase Reports

2363. There were no Evaluation Phase Reports.

8. Proposed Amendment Reports

2364. **CA043 - Clarification of Workgroups within the Evaluation Phase.**

TD confirmed that an Initial Amendment Report, including timeline, had been circulated following the Committee's recommendation for the Proposal to proceed to Assessment and Report.

2365. AM expressed concern about Section 2.2 (vii) of the Report, in that if the Workgroup Chair is from a party other than NGET, it may be harder to complete the duties detailed, such as preparing a Workgroup Report. TD and AS confirmed the aim of the Amendment Proposal is to define the Workgroup process and that NGET would continue to carry out the Code Administrator role, which the Workgroup Report would fall under. TD suggested rewording Section 2.2 (vii) and recirculating to the Committee for electronic approval prior to the next STC Committee meeting.

Action: NGET (TD)

Action: All

2366. AS asked the likely timescale for issue of the Consultation and TD suggested mid August with a 20 day Consultation period.

9. Draft Amendment Reports

2367. There were no Draft Amendment Reports.

10. Amendment Reports

2368. There were no Amendment Reports.

11. Pending Authority Decisions

2369. **Amendment Report CA039 & CA042**

AS thanked NGET for submitting the Amendment Reports for CA039 and CA042 and advised that Ofgem intends to meet the 25 day KPI in respect of their decision.

2370. TD noted that a subsequent comment regarding CA039 had been received from SPT regarding more realistic implementation timescales and that he was planning to advise Ofgem of this via email. The change would result in data starting to be submitted in Week 49 of 2011 rather than Week 28 2011. The Committee agreed this was the most appropriate course of action.

12. Authority Decisions

2371. There were no Authority Decisions.

13. 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**

2372. TD confirmed that sign off of STCP11-1 and 16-1 was awaiting the Authority Decision on CA039. Work on STCP11-3 will commence once the Authority Decision on CA039 has been received.

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

2373. TD confirmed that SPT had submitted some further comments which NGET have responded to. AM noted that SHETL may have some further comments on STCP19-5 and will forward these to TD by 29 July.

Action: SHETL (AM)

2374. Subject to the approval of CA042, the Committee agreed that STCP19-5 should be progressed for sign off.

14. Offshore Regime

2375. AS noted that a Press Release regarding Gunfleet Sands being granted an OFTO licence was available on the Ofgem website.

15. Offshore Generator Build

2376. TD updated the Committee that due diligence is continuing on the CUSC and Grid Code and to date, no major issues have been identified. It is expected that any 'housekeeping' issues will be fed into the relevant CUSC and Grid Code panels in October. STC amendments will be progressed once due diligence has been completed.

2377. ML queried where the technical detail is contained for a generator to reference in regards to the building of Offshore Transmission Network. ML noted that this was not contained within the OF Appendices or the Relevant Electrical Standards. TD agreed to circulate the issue within NGET and respond to ML.

Action: NGET (TD)

16. Code Governance Review and STC

2378. TD reminded the Committee about the Code Governance Review paper that LM presented at the last meeting. The Committee had no comments but if any are identified, they should be forwarded to Louise McGoldrick (louise.mcgoldrick@uk.ngrid.com) prior to the start of September when LM is planning to develop the relevant Amendment Proposals.

2379. ML requested the Code Governance paper to be recirculated.

Action: NGET (LH)

17. European Developments

2380. AS noted that the following documents have recently been issued by ACER (Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators):

1) Consultation paper (Framework Guidelines on System Operation)

http://www.acer.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/ACER_HOME/Stakeholder_involvement/Public_consultations/Open_Public_Consultations/PC-05%20-%20FG%20on%20System%20Operation

2) Framework Guidelines on Electricity Grid Connections

Framework Guidelines:

http://www.acer.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/ACER_HOME/Public_Docs/Acts%20of%20the%20Agency/Framework%20Guideline/Framework%20Guidelines%20On%20Electricity%20Grid%20Connections/110720_FGC_2011E001_FG_Elec_GrConn_FINAL.pdf

ACER's decision:

http://www.acer.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/ACER_HOME/Public_Docs/Acts%20of%20the%20Agency/Framework%20Guideline/Framework%20Guidelines%20On%20Electricity%20Grid%20Connections/ACER%20Decision%2001-2011.pdf

Evaluation of Consultation Responses:

http://www.acer.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/ACER_HOME/Stakeholder_involvement/Public_consultations/Closed_Public_Consultations/PC-01_FG_EI_Grid_Connection/Evaluation_of_responses

2381. TD advised the Committee that an invite to join the Joint European Standing Group (JESG) had been issued to the industry, with the first meeting taking place on 10 August 2011.

18. Impact of Other Code Modifications

2382. TD confirmed there were currently no CUSC or Charging Modifications which may have an STC impact.

2383. TI advised that Grid Code Modification D/10 – Frequency and Voltage Operating Ranges was implemented on 18th July and may have impacts on Section K of the STC as follows:

- 1) Change to frequency ranges for generators (Section 5.4.1)
- 2) Fault ride through (3.1.4)
- 3) Inclusion of a new table re: what “normal voltage” means for voltage ranges

18. Reports from Sub Committees

2384. TD confirmed that the minutes from the May JPC meeting are currently awaiting sign off and have yet to be circulated. Upon circulation, NGET will forward a copy to the STC Committee.

Action: NGET [LH]

2385. There was no update regarding the ChUG meeting.

19. Any Other Business

2386. AS highlighted that the first meeting of Project TransmiT Workgroup took place on 19 July and that it had now been formally launched as a significant code review.

20. Publications

2387. None

21. Next Meeting

2388. Due to the holiday period, it was proposed that a single Committee meeting takes place in mid September, in lieu of August's and September's. The Committee agreed this was appropriate.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 13th September at 2pm.