

# STC Committee Meeting

## Minutes and Actions Arising from Meeting No. 81 Held on 28<sup>th</sup> June 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)
Neil Sandison (NS)	Scottish Hydro-Electric Transmission Limited (SHETL)
Deborah MacPherson (DMcP)	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)
Tim Truscott (TT)	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Louise McGoldrick (LM)	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)

### 1. Introductions/Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from David Osborne (SHETL), Allan MacLeod (SPT), Audrey Ramsay (NGET) and Sean Kelly (Transmission Capital). It was noted that Tim Truscott was attending in place of Audrey Ramsay.

### 2. Minutes of Last Meeting

2320. The minutes from the last STC Committee Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2011 are to be updated with revised wordings below and uploaded on the STC website.

**Action: NGET (LH)**

- **Minute 2294**  
'IG' should read 'Ian Gilbert'.
- **Minute 2295**  
'ML' should read 'Mike Lee'.
- **Minute 2298**  
'ML' should read 'Mike Lee'.

### 3. Review of Actions

2321. 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 2299** – Sean Kelly raised some concerns regarding the enduring process in relation to the testing of assets and in respect as OFTO's being treated as generators rather than ONTO's and it was agreed that Mark Horley would contact SK to discuss further.

**Action: NGET (Mark Horley)**

- **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.

**Action: Authority (AS)**

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

items.

#### 4. New Amendment Proposals

2322. CA044 – Clarification of Party and Party Representatives Responsibilities. LM gave an overview of the proposal, highlighting it is expected that legal text will be submitted at the July STC Committee meeting.

2323. The STC Committee was asked to provide comments on the Amendment Proposal to LH prior to the next STC Committee Meeting.

**Action: All**

2324. In respect of an OFTO view, ML asked how it is ensured this is collective. TD highlighted that in other Codes, the obligation is on the reps to ensure engagement takes place with all OFTOs.

2325. With regard to a new Amendment Proposal being raised, AS queried at what point it becomes a formally raised Proposal. TD confirmed it was at the point it is recorded in the minutes as being formally raised, and but that the clock does not start ticking until the Committee refer it to either the Evaluation or Assessment and Report phase. To avoid any future confusion, TD suggested that any Amendment Proposals being submitted the Committee Meetings for comment only should be included under a new heading on the agenda 'Papers for Consideration' rather than under 'New Amendment Proposals'

**Action: NGET (LH)**

#### 5. Amendment Proposals

2326. LM reminded the Committee of the content of CA043 – Clarification of Workgroups within the Evaluation Phase presented as last month's meeting and noted that revised legal text had been circulated. LM asked for a view on the next steps and the Committee agreed it should proceed to the Assessment and Report phase. AS asked for a timeline to be developed.

**Action: NGET (LM)**

#### 6. Evaluation Phase Reports

2327. There were no Evaluation Phase reports.

#### 7. Proposed Amendment Reports

2328. There were no Proposed Amendments

#### 8. Draft Amendment Reports

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

2329. TD advised the Committee that a revised version of CA039 had been circulated. The Committee confirmed there were no further comments and agreed for the submission of the Amendment Report to the Authority.

**Action: NGET (TD)**

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

2330. TD advised that a further meeting regarding CA042 and STCP 19-5 had taken place and subsequently a revised version of CA042 had been circulated.

2331. In respect of the OTFO view in Section 6.7 of the Amendment Report, AS suggested it would be useful to include the OFTO's concerns raised throughout the consultation and it was agreed that Mike Lee would provide this wording.

**Action: OFTOs (Mike Lee)**

2332. Subject to inclusion of further wording under Section 6.7, the Committee confirmed there were no further comments and agreed for the submission of the Amendment Report to the Authority.

### 9. Amendment Reports

2333. There were no Amendment Reports.

### 10. Pending Authority Decisions

2334. There were no Pending Authority Decisions.

### 11. Authority Decisions

2335. There were no Authority Decisions.

### 12. 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**

2336. TD advised that an updated version of STCP11-1 had been circulated. The Committee had no further comments and agreed for the procedure to be signed off, once the Authority decision on CA039 had been made.

2337. TD confirmed that work on STCP11-3 will commence once CA039 has been approved.

2338. TD advised that an updated version of STCP16-1 had been circulated. The Committee had no further comments and agreed for the procedure to be signed off, once the Authority decision on CA039 had been made.

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

2339. TD confirmed that the latest version of the STCP19-5 had been circulated. DMCP noted that SPT had submitted some further comments and TD confirmed NGET are considering the comments.

2340. Although SHETL were unable to attend the meeting, there are some comments they wish to be considered prior to the submission of CA042 Amendment Report. AM to arrange for SHETL's comments to be sent to NGET by 1 July.

**Action: SHETL (AM)**

2341. It was agreed that a further updated version of STCP 19-5 would be circulated and it is anticipated that sign off will take place once a decision is made on CA042.

**Action: NGET (LH)**

### 13. Offshore Regime

2342. AS confirmed there was no update further to that circulated by LH on 21<sup>st</sup> June, on behalf of Ofgem.

### 14. Offshore Generator Build

2343. TD advised the Committee that NGET are working through a number of comments received from Ofgem and that bi-weekly meetings with Ofgem are planned to take place. Due diligence of the CUSC and Grid Code will commence over the next month, with the Grid Code being first. The STC amendments will be progressed once due diligence has been completed.

### 15. Code Governance Review and STC

2344. LM provided the Committee with an overview of a paper detailing the impacts of the Code Governance Review on the STC. Comments are invited on the various options outlined in the paper to Louise McGoldrick ([louise.mcgoldrick@uk.ngrid.com](mailto:louise.mcgoldrick@uk.ngrid.com)) by 12<sup>th</sup> July. Any subsequent comments are to be submitted at the July STC Committee meeting.
2345. AS asked for the legal text to be made available as early as possible, ideally as part of the consultation.

### 16. European Developments

2346. AS confirmed there was no update further to that circulated by LH on behalf of Ofgem on 27<sup>th</sup> June.
2347. AS noted that there had been some new appointments at ACER and that he would circulate a note containing this information.

### 17. Impact of Other Code Modifications

2348. In respect of the Joint Workgroup (CMP191, P721 and Grid Code Signatories) regarding European Network Codes, TD advised that the consultation closes on 28<sup>th</sup> June and the next meeting is planned for 8 July to review the consultation responses.
2349. It was noted by TI that NGET have submitted the Report on Grid Code amendment D/10 and that a decision is expected in early July. There may be consequential amendments required to the STC.
2350. LH advised the Committee that the Charging section of the Code Summary was now included as part of the CUSC section.

### 18. Reports from Sub Committees

2351. TD confirmed that a JPC meeting took place at the beginning of May, although the minutes have yet to be circulated. Upon circulation, NGET will forward a copy to the STC Committee.
2352. There was no update regarding the ChUG meeting.

**Action: NGET [LH]**

### **19. Any Other Business**

2353. AS noted that Ofgem had published updated guidance on urgency criteria on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2011.
2354. Due to the holiday period, TD suggested moving the August STC Committee meeting to 6 September and the Committee agreed.
2355. LH asked the Committee whether they were happy to continue receiving the minutes on Papers Day 1 week prior to the meeting or whether earlier would be preferred. All agreed Papers Day was sufficient.

### **20. Publications**

2356. None

### **21. Next Meeting**

2357. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July at 10am