

Minutes

Meeting name	STC Modification Panel Meeting
Meeting number	96
Date of meeting	Wednesday 19 th December 2012
Time	10:00am – 12:00pm
Location	National Grid House, Warwick and Teleconference

Attendees

Name	Initials	Company
Thomas Derry	TD	Committee Chair (NGET)
Lucy Hudson	LH	Committee Secretary (NGET)
Audrey Ramsay	AR	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Damien McCluskey	DM	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Kenny Stott	KS	Scottish Hydro-Electric Transmission Limited (SHETL)
Tracey Joyce	TJ	Scottish Power Transmission Limited (SPT)
Joe Dunn	JD	Scottish Power Transmission Limited (SPT)
Mike Lee	ML	Transmission Capital (TC)
Abid Sheikh	AS	Ofgem

Apologies

Name	Initials	Company
Neil Sandison	NS	Scottish Hydro-Electric Transmission Limited (SHETL)
Geoff Singleton	GS	Blue Transmission (BT)

1 Introductions/Apologies for Absence

2702. Apologies were received from Neil Sandison (SHETL) and Geoff Singleton (BT).

2 Approval of Minutes from the last meeting

2703. The minutes from the last STC Modification Panel held on 24th October 2012 were approved. NGET to arrange publication of the minutes on the National Grid website.

Action: NGET (LH)

3 Review of Actions

2704. **Minute 1596:** Confidentiality issue, regarding manufacturing data to improve transparency, ongoing due to low priority. TD advised that, whilst it was thought CA046 would address this issue, it is now being considered in other forums and once further work has been completed changes to the STC will be considered. DM will keep the Committee updated with any developments.

2705. AS queried whether this action could be removed and that once further information is available it is brought back to the Panel. The Panel agreed that this action should be removed and updates brought back as appropriate.

2706. **Minute 2443:** TI confirmed that no nominations had been received from STC Parties for the Grid Code Offshore BMU Configurations Working Group. NGET agreed to circulate the concluding report to the STC Committee for information, to allow STC consideration of the findings, when it is published. RJ confirmed that the draft Workgroup report has been circulated to the GCRP for comment and that once it has been finalised, a copy will be circulated to the STC Committee. DM confirmed that the Grid Code consultation relating to this modification is due to be published mid January.

Action: NGET (DM)

2707. **Minute 2446:** ML informed STC Committee members that a Continuous Voltage Control paper was circulated to the Grid Code Review Panel (GCRP) which was informative. TD agreed to keep the STC Committee updated on the progress of this issue. Once the necessary analysis has been undertaken and the position of the GCRP is clear, NGET will schedule a meeting with both internal and external attendance, to discuss the issue further. ML again highlighted that this is an urgent issue. At the June 2012 STC Committee meeting, TD confirmed that by September/October 2012, the assessment work should be completed and Offshore Networks will be included in that assessment. At the December 2012 STC Modification Panel meeting, DM confirmed that an update is due to be provided to the January 2013 GCRP and that following this, consequential changes to the STC will be considered.

Action: NGET (DM)

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

4 Modification Proposals

2708. There were no new Modification Proposals.

5 Evaluation Phase/Workgroup Updates

2709. There were no Evaluation Phase/Workgroup Updates.

6 Evaluation Phase Reports

2710. There were no Evaluation Phase Reports.

7 Initial Modification Reports

2711. There were no Initial Modification Reports.

8 Proposed Modification Reports

CA046 'Inclusion of Generator build options within the STC'

2712. DM confirmed that CA046 'Inclusion of Generator build options within the STC' was issued out to Industry Consultation on 30th November 2012 and closes on 4th January 2013. As per the agreed timetable, the Final Modification Report is due to be submitted to the January 2013 STC Modification Panel meeting.

CA049 'Amendment to Section K to provide OFTOs with the capability to respond to Reactive Power Instructions within 2 minutes'

2713. AR advised that CA049 'Amendments to Section K to provide OFTOs with the capability to respond to Reactive Power Instructions within 2 minutes' Industry Consultation closed on 13th December 2012 and that the 4 responses received are currently being reviewed.

9 Modification Reports

2714. There were no Modification Reports.

10 Pending Authority Decisions

2715. There were no pending Authority Decisions.

11 Authority Decisions

CA045 'Arrangements for User Commitment'

2716. DM confirmed the CA045 had been approved by the Authority on 23rd November 2012 and implemented on 30th November 2012.

12 STC Procedures

PA065 – STCP01-1 Timescales for providing Transmission Services as defined in the STC

2717. ML advised that as a result of the work undertaken to amend STCP01-01, an issue had been raised regarding the inclusion of guidance on how OFTOs respond to Reactive Power Instructions in 2 minutes. To address this, a further amendment to STCP01-1 is required in addition to an amendment to STCP04-6. ML confirmed that Brian Taylor is currently drafting a modification proposal which is planned to be submitted to the January 2013 Modification Panel meeting. AR agreed to speak to Brian Taylor regarding the progress of this.

Action: NGET (AR)

PA066 – STCP19-3 Clarification of Transmission System Boundary Point registration with Elexon

2718. DM confirmed that the latest draft of STCP19-3 is awaiting an internal review by NGET.

13 Offshore Regime

2719. AS advised of the following consultations which had recently been published by Ofgem:

- **Ofgem's policy proposals for updating the offshore transmission licence for future tenders, building on the current regime and taking into account experience gained from the initial tender rounds.** This was published on 30th November 2012 and closes on 22nd February 2013.
- **Ofgem's proposed framework to enable the investment needed for efficient coordination in offshore transmission development.** This was published on 7th December 2012 and closes on 22nd February 2013.

2720. LH to circulate a note to the Panel containing links to the consultations.

Action: NGET (LH)

14 European Developments

2721. TD confirmed that both ENTSO-E and ACER updates regarding the latest European developments had been circulated to the Panel by LH.

15 Impact of Other Code Modifications

2722. AS advised that the Ofgem consultation on Code Governance Review Phase 2 closed on 25th November 2012 and a wide range of responses had been received. AS thanked all those who had responded and confirmed that Ofgem are currently considering the responses.

16 Reports from Sub Committees

2723. TJ confirmed that the next ChUG is due to take place in March 2013.

2724. NGET confirmed that the minutes from the May 2011 JPC meeting are currently awaiting sign off and have yet to be circulated. NGET will forward a copy to the Panel once they have been signed off.

Action: NGET (LH)

17 AOB

2725. LH circulated the dates for 2013 meetings and confirmed that, unless the Panel had issues with any of the dates, Outlook calendar invites would be sent. AS noted that it would be useful for one meeting each year to be face to face, which LH agreed to look into.

Action: NGET (LH)

2726. LH reminded the Panel that the OFTO election process would be commencing at the start of 2013 and that a timetable of key dates would be circulated.

2727. LH informed the Panel that some of the other Codes hold photographs of their respective Panels on the NGET website. To ensure consistency, the STC Panel agreed that this was also sensible for the STC and for LH to request photos.

Action: NGET (LH)

2728. JD noted that SPT were planning to review STCP18-1 and 19-2 to ensure that they were still suitable and agreed to circulate a note to the Panel on the scope of the work they were looking to cover. Following this, JD proposed setting up a meeting with the TOs and SO.

Action: SHETL (JD)

2729. JD advised that in respect of the European Third Package, European legislation deems Scottish TOs as TSOs. This could lead to overlapping obligations with the SO and may require some changes. SHETL is expecting to provide an update on further thoughts regarding this at the January 2013 STC Modifications Panel.

18 Publications

2730. No publications were discussed.

19 Date of Next Meeting

2731. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on **Wednesday 30th January 2013 at 10am.**

2732. TD confirmed that, as per the meeting schedule, January 2013 was due to be an interim meeting but due to the submission of the CA046 Final Modification Report and other potential updates, it will be a full meeting.