

## Minutes

<b>Meeting name</b>	STC Committee Meeting
<b>Meeting number</b>	90
<b>Date of meeting</b>	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2012
<b>Time</b>	10:00am – 12:00pm
<b>Location</b>	National Grid House, Warwick and Teleconference

## Attendees

Name	Initials	Company
Tom Derry	TD	Committee Chair (NGET)
Lucy Hudson	LH	Committee Secretary (NGET)
Audrey Ramsay	AR	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Neil Sandison	NS	Scottish Hydro-Electric Transmission Limited (SHETL)
Keiron Nicoll	KN	Scottish Hydro-Electric Transmission Limited (SHETL)
Alistair McVicar	AMcV	Scottish Power Transmission Limited (SPT)
Mike Lee	ML	Transmission Capital (TC)
Abid Sheikh	AS	Ofgem

## Apologies

Name	Initials	Company
Robyn Jenkins	RJ	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Deborah MacPherson	DMcP	Scottish Power Transmission Limited (SPT)
Allan MacLeod	AMc	Scottish Power Transmission Limited (SPT)
Kenny Stott	KS	Scottish Hydro-Electric Transmission Limited (SHETL)
Geoff Singleton	GS	Blue Transmission (BT)

## 1 Introductions/Apologies for Absence

2607. Apologies were received from Robyn Jenkins (NGET), Deborah MacPherson (SPT), Allan MacLeod (SPT), Kenny Stott (SHETL) and Geoff Singleton (BT).

## 2 Approval of Minutes from the last meeting

2608. The minutes from the last STC Committee meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2012 were approved. NGET to arrange to publish the minutes on the National Grid website.

**Action: NGET (LH)**

## 3 Review of Actions

2609. **Minute 1596:** Confidentiality issue, regarding manufacturing data to improve transparency, ongoing due to low priority. TD advised that this will be addressed by an amendment to Schedule 3 of the STC and that it is likely that an Amendment Proposal will be submitted by NGET to the STC Committee over the next couple of months. TD confirmed this is ongoing and will be picked up through the Generator Build work.

**Action: NGET (TD)**

2610. **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. TD 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.

**Action: NGET (TD)**

2611. **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. TI agreed to produce a summary paper and circulate to STC Committee members. TI updated the STC Committee that this has been raised with Asset Management for consideration. Graham Stein provided an overview of the issue at the January 2012 STC Committee meeting, highlighting that at the March 2011 GCRP, the panel had recommended some interim criteria should be worked to. There is an action on the GCRP regarding assessment of the technical evaluation against cost benefit analysis, the outcome of which will determine any actions required in respect of the STC. 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 May 2012 STC Committee meeting, TD confirmed that this will be progressed once the final GCRP paper is complete. ML queried the progress of the GCRP paper and TD agreed to obtain this from Graham Stein.

**Action: NGET (TD)**

2612. **Minutes 2555:** TD confirmed that CMP204 'Consequential to Grid Code Modification D/11 – System to Generator Operational Intertripping Schemes' may have an impact on the STC, specifically STCP01-1. At the May 2012 STC Committee meeting, TD advised that both CMP204 and D/11 had been approved by the Authority on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2012 and were due for implementation on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2012. Following implementation, NGET will review the STC and submit an Amendment Proposal if required.

**Action: NGET (TD)**

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

#### 4 Papers for Consideration

2613. There were no Papers for consideration.

#### 5 New Amendment Proposals

2614. There were no new Amendment Proposals.

#### 6 Amendment Proposals

2615. There were no Amendment Proposals.

#### 7 Evaluation Phase/Workgroup Updates

2616. TD confirmed that 2 Evaluation phase meetings in respect of CA046 'Inclusion of Generator build options within the STC' had taken place on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2012 and 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2012, where the legal drafting had been reviewed.

2617. The meetings concluded that amendments to STCP23-01 were also required and NGET will provide draft changes at the next Evaluation phase meeting due to take place on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2012.

2618. TD noted that CA046 had been referred to the Assessment and Report phase on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2012. As a result of Workgroup availability preventing a meeting taking place in the early months following referral, TD requested a 1 month extension. The extension was agreed by the Authority.

#### 8 Evaluation Phase Reports

2619. There were no Evaluation Phase Reports.

#### 9 Initial Amendment Reports

##### **CA045 'Arrangements for User Commitment'**

2620. AR confirmed that a teleconference had taken place between NGET, TOs and OFTOs on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2012 to discuss issues related to the legal drafting of CA045.

2621. KN advised that SHETL still have a couple of outstanding issues which are currently with their legal department. It is expected that contact with NGET's legal team will be made regarding the issues w/c 28<sup>th</sup> May 2012.

**Action: NGET/SHETL (TD/KN)**

2622. Dependant on the nature of SHETL's comments, a decision will then be made as to how CA045 should be progressed. If the comments are significant, it is proposed to withdraw the proposal and resubmit at a later date however if they are minor, impact assessments will be requested from the TOs prior to the next STC Committee meeting.

##### **CA048 'Alignment of Terminology with other industry codes'**

2623. LH advised that the draft Initial Amendment Report for CA048 had been circulated to the STC Committee on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2012 and that impact assessments are now being sought. It was noted that an OFTO impact assessment has been received.

2624. The TOs agreed to send their impact assessments by 25<sup>th</sup> May 2012.

**Action: SPT/SHETL (AMc/VKN)**

## **10 Proposed Amendment Reports**

2625. AR confirmed that CA047 'Consequential Changes for Section K following implementation of Grid Code D/10 Frequency & Voltage Operating Range' was issued out to industry consultation on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2012 and closes on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2012.

## **11 Amendment Reports**

2626. There were no Amendment Reports.

## **12 Pending Authority Decisions**

2627. There were no Pending Authority Reports.

## **13 Authority Decisions**

2628. There were no Authority Decisions.

## **14 STC Procedures**

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

2629. AR confirmed that two meetings between NGET, TOs and OFTOs had taken place on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2012 and 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2012 to discuss the timescales for providing Transmission Services in STCP01-1. ML advised that draft wording for STCP01-1 was available in respect of a single point of contact and that the principles had been agreed. It is expected that the draft wording will be submitted to June's STC Committee meeting.

2630. ML also advised that there may be a requirement for an amendment to Section K of the STC regarding obligations related to reactive output from reactive equipment. Since this requires some further consideration and a possible further meeting, it will be progressed separately to the STCP01-1 amendments. AS noted the Grid Code may also need to be looked for consequential changes in respect of generator build.

## **15 Offshore Regime**

2631. AS advised the Committee that an announcement had been published on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2012 regarding Transmission Capital Partners being appointed as preferred bidder for high voltage link to Lincs offshore wind farm.

## **16 European Developments**

2632. AS confirmed that an email had been circulated by LH on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2012 on behalf of Ofgem regarding the latest developments.

## **17 Impact of Other Code Modifications**

2633. TD confirmed that Grid Code Modification D/11 and the related CUSC Modification CMP204 had been approved by the Authority and the impacts on the STC would now need to be looked at.

## **18 Reports from Sub Committees**

2634. 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 STC Committee once they have been signed off.

**Action: NGET (LH)**

2635. TD advised that DMcP had circulated the latest ChUG meeting minutes to the STC Committee on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2012.

## **19 AOB**

2636. AS reminded the Committee that the Ofgem consultation regarding Code Governance Review 2 closes on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2012.

2637. TD raised the issue of the regularity of STC Committee meetings suggesting that, due to current industry workload and light STC workload, meetings could be held every other month.

ML had a concern that reporting back from Workgroups every two months may be too long and AS commented that, although Ofgem believe that holding less frequent STC Committee meetings is a sensible approach, it may have the effect of slowing the STC Governance process down even more.

2638. NS suggested that an interim/ad hoc STC Committee meeting could be held if required.

## **20 Publications**

2639. No publications were discussed.

## **21 Date of Next Meeting**

2640. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2012 at 10am.**