

## Minutes

<b>Meeting name</b>	STC Committee Meeting
<b>Meeting number</b>	86
<b>Date of meeting</b>	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> January 2012
<b>Time</b>	10:00am – 12:00pm
<b>Location</b>	National Grid House, Warwick and Teleconference

## Attendees

<b>Name</b>	<b>Initials</b>	<b>Company</b>
Bec Thornton	BT	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)
Allan MacLeod	AMc	Scottish Power Transmission Limited (SPT)
Mike Lee	ML	Transmission Capital (TC)
Abid Sheikh	AS	Ofgem
Graham Stein (part)	GS	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Brian Taylor (part)	BTa	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)

## Apologies

<b>Name</b>	<b>Initials</b>	<b>Company</b>
Sean Kelly	SK	Transmission Capital
Alec Morrison	AM	Scottish Hydro-Electric Transmission Limited (SHETL)
David Osborne	DO	Scottish Hydro-Electric Transmission Limited (SHETL)
Deborah MacPherson	DMcP	Scottish Power Transmission Limited (SPT)
Tom Derry	TD	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)

## 1 Introductions/Apologies for Absence

2488. Apologies were received from Alec Morrison (SHETL), David Osborne (SHETL), Deborah MacPherson (SPT), Tom Derry (National Grid) and Sean Kelly (Transmission Capital).

## 2 Approval of Minutes from the last meeting

2489. The minutes from the last STC Committee meeting held on 22nd November 2011 were approved. NGET to arrange to publish the minutes on the National Grid website.

**Action: NGET (LH)**

## 3 Review of Actions

2490. **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 to the STC Committee over the next couple of months.

**Action: NGET (TD)**

2491. **Minute 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). TI confirmed that Iain would be interested in attending, but on a more formal basis. It was agreed that Mike Lee would speak to Sean about the possibility of resigning to allow Iain to become a permanent OFTO representative. ML suggested that this issue is likely to resolve itself as part of the 2012 OFTO elections.

2492. **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 was published which is expected to be early 2012.

**Action: TD (NGET)**

2493. **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 the GCRP will determine any actions required in respect of the STC. ML again highlighted that this is an urgent issue and NGET agreed to hold a meeting, to include both internal and external attendance to further discuss the issue.

**Action: NGET (GS)**

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

## 4 Papers for Consideration

2494. There were no Papers for consideration.

## 5 New Amendment Proposals

2495. AR presented Amendment Proposal CA047 'Consequential Changes to Section K following implementation of Grid Code D/10 Frequency & Voltage Operating Range', highlighting that 2 sections of Section K of the STC would need to be modified. The Committee agreed for the proposal to progress directly to the Assessment and Report phase, and that NGET would draft the Initial Amendment Report and include a timetable of dates.

**Action: NGET (TD)**

2496. AS queried the wording in Section K 3.1.4 (d) of the draft legal text, highlighting that there is a slight difference in wording to the Grid Code regarding 'or above'/'is above'. NGET agreed to look into this and circulate a response to the Committee prior to the draft text being issued out to consultation.

**Action: NGET (TD)**

## 6 Amendment Proposals

### CA045 'Arrangements for User Commitment'

2497. AR have an overview of the current position of CA045 highlighting that for the associated CUSC modification CMP 192, it has been agreed to retain the concept of final sums between NG and the TO's and CA045 will essentially put in place the requirements from CMP192 to provide new data exchange obligations.

2498. AM confirmed there was still a concern regarding the TO requirement to provide capital expenditure data to NGET. It was therefore agreed that CA045 be progressed to the Evaluation Phase and a workgroup established to explore the issue further. NGET will request nominations and include an expected timetable.

**Action: NGET (TD)**

### CA046 'Inclusion of Generator build options within the STC'

2499. AR gave an update on the current position, explaining that comments on the amendment have been received from the Authority only. Due to the nature of the amendment and recognising that OFTOs are now part of the STC, it was proposed the amendment be progressed to the Evaluation Phase. This will allow examination in further detail and experience from OFTOs in the transitional regime to be considered.

2500. The Committee agreed for CA046 to be progressed to the Evaluation Phase. NGET will request nominations and include an expected timetable.

**Action: NGET (TD)**

## 7 Evaluation Phase Reports

2501. There were no Evaluation Phase Reports.

## 8 Initial Amendment Reports

2502. There were no Initial Amendment Reports.

## 9 Proposed Amendment Reports

2503. There were no Proposed Amendment Reports.

## 10 Amendment Reports

2504. LH advised the Committee that the draft Amendment Report for CA044 'Clarification of Workgroups within the Evaluation Phase' had been updated to reflect the implementation of CA043. The Committee agreed that reconsultation was not necessary and that the Amendment Report should be submitted to the Authority.

2505. NGET asked for a 2 week extension for submission of the Report, which the Authority were happy to agree to.

## 11 Pending Authority Decisions

2506. There were no Pending Authority Decisions.

## 12 Authority Decisions

2507. BT confirmed that the Authority had approved CA043 'Clarification of Workgroups within the Evaluation Phase' and it was implemented on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2011.

## 13 STC Procedures

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

2508. BT proposed to withdraw the Amendment Proposal and resubmit the relevant proposals at a later date. BT suggested that this may be a 2 stage process with the extension of the outage change period being 2 years, being given priority with the monetary aspect following after.

**STCP 20-1** Seven Year Statement

**STCP 22-1** Production of Models for GB System Planning

2509. LH confirmed that the Committee had all approved STCP20-1 but that approval was still awaited from all parties on STCP22-1. SPT and Transmission Capital confirmed their approval at the meeting and SHETL agreed to provide approval to LH as soon as possible, to enable sign-off to take place.

**Action: NS (SHETL)**

## 14 Competition in Onshore Electricity Transmission

2510. AR explained that a Consultation had been published by the Authority proposing to introduce a new framework which will allow third parties to build, own and operate elements of the electricity transmission network.

2511. AS highlighted that this is likely to take place on a phased basis with Phase 1 expected to progress some definitional changes to the STC identified through the consultation in December, and Phase 2 to consult on the roles and responsibilities of these new third parties.

## 15 Offshore Regime

2512. AS confirmed there was no new update on this item, and reiterated the link to an Ofgem Offshore newsletter which had been circulated to the STC Committee in December 2011.

## 16 European Developments

2513. AS confirmed that an email had been circulated by LH on 23<sup>rd</sup> January on behalf of Ofgem on the latest developments.
2514. BT raised the issue of Regulation on the Integrity and Transparency of the Energy Market (REMIT) explaining that NG's lawyers are intending to discuss the issue with the Toss lawyers shortly. AS mentioned Ofgem's lawyers had advised that further acts are likely to be introduced which may identify any STC changes.
2515. BT asked for the Authority's view on Interconnectors as TSOs and AS confirmed that this was currently under discussion by Ofgem, but that as a result of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Package implemented in November 2011, all TSOs need to be certified by March 2012. BT advised that the outcome of the issue may mean inclusion of TSOs under the STC.

## 17 Impact of Other Code Modifications

2516. BT advised that the following modifications may have an impact on the STC:
- CUSC CAP189 – GIS – this is to be looked at imminently with a view to submitting an Amendment Proposal to the Committee over the next couple of months
  - Grid Code CC7.7 – as a result of the CC7.7 workgroup, it is thought that some STCPs are possibly not being following correctly and that further investigation may result in changes to the STC

## 18 Reports from Sub Committees

2517. 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. DMcP to circulate ChUG minutes from the meeting held in November 2011.

**Action: NGET/SPT (LH/ DMcP)**

## 19 AOB

### **Seven Year Statement**

2518. BT advised the Committee that the Seven Year Statement is not expected to be published going forward but that is likely to be replaced by a Ten Year Statement. It was noted this may mean possible STC changes.
2519. AS confirmed that discussions regarding this issue were ongoing between NG and Ofgem.

### **Code Governance Review 'Code Administration Code of Practice' Questionnaire**

2520. BT confirmed that Ofgem had sent a questionnaire, which had been circulated to the STC Committee, requesting feedback on the above. Although the CACoP has not been adopted by the STC, any comments from the TSOs are requested to be forwarded to LH by 27<sup>th</sup> January.

**Action: SHETL/SPT (NS/AM)**

### **STCP01-1 and Guidance Document**

2521. BTa gave an overview regarding the Guidance Document that has been put into the dataroom at Wokingham to provide TOs and OFTOs with an understanding of expected service levels.
2522. The Committee debated whether the content of the Guidance Note should be included within STCP01-1 and if so, was the content acceptable.
2523. BT suggested that an Amendment Proposal be submitted by BTa to the February STC Committee meeting and a Workgroup established to discuss the issue further, to which the Committee agreed.

**Action: NGET (BTa)**

2524. To avoid further confusion, the Committee also agreed that in the interim, the Guidance Document should remain in use at the dataroom.

### **OFTO Elections**

2525. AS queried the latest position regarding the OFTO election process. LH confirmed that the process was progressing within the agreed timescales and that 4 nominations had been received, with voting papers due for issue on 30<sup>th</sup> January.

### **Quorate for STC Committee meetings**

2526. AS reminded the Committee of the need for a quorum at each monthly Committee meeting, particularly to prevent impacting on timescales for ongoing amendments. AS also noted that an efficient and effective governance process was expected to be run.

### **Sloy Busbar Outage**

2527. BT advised that an issue had been raised at the GCRP meeting regarding the Sloy Busbar outage, which highlighted users having issues with outage changes. TD will be in touch with the Committee directly to discuss the issue further.

**Action: NGET (TD)**

## **20 Publications**

2528. No publications were discussed.

## **21 Date of Next Meeting**

2529. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2012 at 10am.**