

## Minutes

<b>Meeting name</b>	STC Committee Meeting
<b>Meeting number</b>	92
<b>Date of meeting</b>	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> July 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>
Tom Derry	TD	Committee Chair (NGET)
Lucy Hudson	LH	Committee Secretary (NGET)
Robyn Jenkins	RJ	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Audrey Ramsay	AR	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Damien McCluskey	DM	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Steve Dugmore (part)	SD	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Neil Sandison	NS	Scottish Hydro-Electric Transmission Limited (SHETL)
Alan Kelly	AK	Scottish Power Transmission Limited (SPT)
Mike Lee	ML	Transmission Capital (TC)
Geoff Singleton	GS	Blue Transmission (BT)
Abid Sheikh	AS	Ofgem
Chiara Redaelli	CR	Ofgem

## Apologies

<b>Name</b>	<b>Initials</b>	<b>Company</b>
Deborah MacPherson	DMcP	Scottish Power Transmission Limited (SPT)
Kenny Stott	KS	Scottish Hydro-Electric Transmission Limited (SHETL)
Allan MacLeod	AMc	Scottish Power Transmission Limited (SPT)

## 1 Introductions/Apologies for Absence

2641. Apologies were received from Deborah MacPherson (SPT), Allan MacLeod (SPT) and Kenny Stott (SHETL).

## 2 Approval of Minutes from the last meeting

2642. The minutes from the last STC Committee meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2012 were approved. NGET to arrange publication of the minutes on the National Grid website.

**Action: NGET (LH)**

## 3 Review of Actions

2643. **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. TD will keep the Committee updated with any developments.

**Action: NGET (TD)**

2644. **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. TD advised that the recent teleconference arranged to discuss the Workgroup report was unable to take place due to availability and that a new date is being planned.

**Action: NGET (TD)**

2645. **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.

**Action: NGET (TD)**

2646. ML asked for STC Committee meeting appointments to be sent from NGET by Outlook and TD agreed that this would be looked into.

**Action: NGET (LH)**

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

## 4 Papers for Consideration

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

2647. AR introduced CA049, explaining that the proposal is being raised as a consequence to PA065 'Timescales for providing Transmission Services as defined in the STC' to modify STCP01-1. It

seeks to amend Section K to oblige offshore transmission systems to provide OFTOs with the capability to change the reactive output at the Interface Point in accordance with an instruction given by NGET within 2 minutes of receiving that instruction.

2648. AS queried how this may impact Offshore projects due for, or already under, construction. AR confirmed that Section 7 of the Amendment Proposal identifies that projects under these circumstances may require a derogation.

2649. The Committee agreed that the proposal should go straight to Assessment and Report phase and that the initial Amendment Report will be submitted to the August 2012 STC Committee meeting.

**Action: NGET (AR)**

## **5 New Amendment Proposals**

2650. There were no new Amendment Proposals.

## **6 Amendment Proposals**

2651. There were no Amendment Proposals.

## **7 Evaluation Phase/Workgroup Updates**

2652. There were no Evaluation Phase/Workgroup Updates.

## **8 Evaluation Phase Reports**

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

2653. TD confirmed that the draft Workgroup report had been submitted to the July 2012 Committee meeting. TD advised that through discussions, it was unclear how this modification could best be progressed due to the volume of issues currently unable to be resolved by the group. NGET proposed that CA046 is withdrawn and submitted at a later date as a more robust proposal.

2654. The Committee agreed this was a sensible way forward and reiterated that further detail and robustness was required.

2655. AS expressed concern regarding the withdrawal of CA046 at this stage, as the STC has not been aligned with the changes made to the CUSC and Grid Code. This leaves the STC inconsistent with the other codes. It was noted that the proposed withdrawal would be discussed further at the meeting between NGET and Ofgem on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2012.

## **9 Initial Amendment Reports**

2656. There were no Initial Amendment Reports.

## **10 Proposed Amendment Reports**

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

2657. RJ confirmed that the Proposed Amendment Report had been circulated to the Committee on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2012 and asked for comments prior to the Proposed Amendment Report being issued out to Industry Consultation.

2658. AS queried the position of SHETL's issues relating to the legal text and RJ confirmed that these were minor clarification points. For transparency reasons, AS would like a paragraph included in the report to reflect the issues and NGET agreed to circulate this to the Committee for approval prior to issuing to Industry Consultation.

**Action: NGET (RJ)**

2659. Subject to the inclusion of the paragraph identified in minute 2658, the Committee approved CA045 for issue to Industry Consultation for a period of 20 working days.

**Action: NGET (RJ)**

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

2660. LH confirmed that CA048 had been issued out to Industry Consultation on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2012 for a period of 5 working days. It was noted that, following concerns, the consultation period had been extended for a further 5 days until 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2012.

### **11 Amendment Reports**

2661. There were no Amendment Reports.

### **12 Pending Authority Decisions**

#### **CA047 'Consequential Changes to Section K following implementation of Grid Code D/10 Frequency & Voltage Operating Range'**

2662. RJ confirmed that the Amendment Report had been submitted to the Authority for a decision on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2012. AS advised that an Authority Decision is expected within the 25 day KPI.

### **13 Authority Decisions**

2663. There were no Authority Decisions.

### **14 STC Procedures**

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

2664. AR confirmed that a further meeting between NGET, TOs and OFTOs took place on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2012 to finalise the amendments to STCP01-1 and that a draft of STCP01-1 had been submitted to the July 2012 Committee.

2665. The Committee confirmed their approval of the amendments and NGET agreed to arrange a date for sign off.

**Action: NGET (LH)**

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

2666. SD presented PA066 advising that the amendment is a minor non-technical clarification within STCP19-3 relating to Elexon Boundary Point registration. SD advised that discussions with SHETL and SPT had already taken place and both were supportive of the changes. AS queried whether there would be related BSC changes but SD confirmed that PA066 had been raised in order to bring STCP19-3 in line with the process already in the BSC.

2667. SD noted that, in conjunction with SHETL and SPT, it would be useful to take this opportunity to refresh the Compliance Checklist.

2668. It was also noted by SD that work to offshore STCP19-3 is required, although it was planned to keep this as a separate change. NGET agreed to assess the extent of the offshore changes and decide whether to incorporate into PA066.

**Action: NGET (SD)**

## 15 Offshore Regime

2669. AS advised that an Ofgem consultation has been published regarding changes to the Walney 2 OFTO licence. The closing date is 8<sup>th</sup> August 2012 and AS agreed to circulate a link to the Committee.

**Action: Ofgem (AS)**

## 16 European Developments

2670. AS confirmed that an email had been circulated by LH on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2012 on behalf of Ofgem regarding the latest European developments.

2671. AS advised of two additional European updates as follows:

- An ACER workshop on Requirement for Generators Network Code is being held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2012 in Slovenia.
- ENTSO-E are looking for volunteers to participate in Forward Markets and Balancing Network Code Advisory Groups and any interest should be registered by 20<sup>th</sup> August 2012.

2672. In relation to European updates going forward, AS suggested that Ofgem should provide ACER related updates and that ENTSO-E updates should be provided by NGET.

## 17 Impact of Other Code Modifications

2673. RJ advised the Committee that the Workgroup consultation for CMP207, raised by Haven Power, had been published on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2012 and is due to close on 14<sup>th</sup> August 2012. NGET agreed to circulate a link to the consultation. RJ noted that the equivalent DCUSA modification has been withdrawn.

**Action: NGET (RJ)**

2674. TD advised the Committee that the Grid Code modification C/12 industry consultation closed on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2012. In addition to proposing changes to OC8A in relation to safety management of GIS switchgear, the modification also sought the industry view on whether the changes should be mirrored in OC8B to apply to Scotland. TD confirmed the consultation had concluded that OC8B ought to also be amended.

## 18 Reports from Sub Committees

2675. It was confirmed that no ChUG minutes had been received.

2676. 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)**

## 19 AOB

2677. NS noted that to ensure the STC Committee remained private, it would be sensible to remove the teleconference access numbers from the agenda as they are currently available publically on the National Grid website.

**Action: NGET (LH)**

## 20 Publications

2678. No publications were discussed.

## 21 Date of Next Meeting

2679. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2012 at 10am.**