

## Minutes

<b>Meeting name</b>	STC Committee Meeting
<b>Meeting number</b>	89
<b>Date of meeting</b>	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> April 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)
Tom Derry	TD	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Audrey Ramsay	AR	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Robyn Jenkins	RJ	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Kenny Stott	KS	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)
Geoff Singleton	GS	Blue Transmission (BT)
Abid Sheikh	AS	Ofgem

## Apologies

<b>Name</b>	<b>Initials</b>	<b>Company</b>
Allan MacLeod	AMc	Scottish Power Transmission Limited (SPT)

## 1 Introductions/Apologies for Absence

2565. Apologies were received from Allan MacLeod (SPT).

## 2 Approval of Minutes from the last meeting

2566. The minutes from the last STC Committee meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2012 were approved. NGET to arrange to publish the minutes on the National Grid website.

**Action: NGET (LH)**

## 3 Review of Actions

2567. **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)**

2568. **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 Workgroup report will be circulated to the Committee once it has been finalised.

**Action: NGET (TD)**

2569. **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 April 2012 STC Committee meeting, TD confirmed that this will be progressed once the final GCRP paper is complete.

**Action: NGET (TD)**

2570. **Minute 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 advised that discussions had taken place with SHETL and that the issue had been taken back to the March GCRP. There are still some concerns regarding outage co-ordination and whether, in this instance, it was undertaken in line with the appropriate STCP. RJ advised that STCP11-1 Outage Planning had been reviewed and confirmed that the Sloy outage had taken place in accordance with this procedure. A meeting has been arranged w/c 30<sup>th</sup> April 2012 between SHETL and Customer Services to further discuss the Sloy outage and other similar instances. Action closed.

2571. **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 and advised that they have both been submitted to the Authority. Following the decision, NGET will review the STC and submit an Amendment Proposal if required.

**Action: NGET (TD)**

2572. **Minute 2559:** AM queried whether either the STC Committee or JPC would be responding to the open letter on Integrated Transmission Planning. It was agreed that the STC Committee would each approach their JPC representatives with this suggestion. The Committee confirmed that each party would respond on their own behalf. Action closed.

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

#### **4 Papers for Consideration**

2573. There were no Papers for consideration.

#### **5 New Amendment Proposals**

2574. There were no new Amendment Proposals.

#### **6 Amendment Proposals**

2575. BT explained that a couple of issues had been raised by Ofgem regarding CA048 'Alignment of terminology with other industry codes' specifically a potential discrepancy between terminology in the STC and in NGET's Electricity Transmission Licence, and the reference to the term 'STC Committee' detailed in the Licence.
2576. BT highlighted that an email had been circulated to the Committee on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2012 outlining the situation and possible options available to deal with these issues:
- a. Retain the term 'Committee' within the STC;
  - b. Within Section J, Definitions – amend the defined term from STC Committee to Modification Panel but leave the actual definition as it currently is; or
  - c. Within Section J, Definitions – amend the defined term from STC Committee to Modification Panel and also amend the actual definition to include a reference to the 'Committee for the purposes of Licence Condition B12

The Committee agreed with National Grid's preferred option of c. and agreed for CA048 to progress to the Assessment and Report Phase. NGET will draft and circulate the Initial Amendment Report by 9<sup>th</sup> May 2012.

**Action: NGET (TD)**

2577. Following circulation of the draft Initial Amendment Report, the Committee agreed to provide impact assessments by the May 2012 STC Committee meeting.

**Action: TOs/OFTOs (ALL)**

2578. KS queried why the term 'modification' was being introduced and TD confirmed it was to align with the terminology in the CUSC amended as a result of the Code Governance Review.

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

2579. TD confirmed that the first Evaluation phase meeting in respect of CA046 'Inclusion of Generator build options within the STC' took place on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2012, where the legal drafting was reviewed.
2580. The meeting concluded that a couple of sections of the drafting needed to be reviewed further and will be discussed at the next Evaluation phase meeting planned for 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2012. The next step is to submit a Workgroup report to the STC Committee in mid May.

## 8 Evaluation Phase Reports

2581. There were no Evaluation Phase Reports.

## 9 Initial Amendment Reports

### CA045 'Arrangements for User Commitment'

2582. BT confirmed that the legal text to accompany the draft Initial Amendment Report for CA045 'Arrangements for User Commitment' had been circulated shortly after the March 2012 STC Committee meeting.

2583. It was noted that SHETL and SPT had some issues with the legal drafting in terms of expecting a more collaborative approach to the provision of information, and also lack of visibility of the form that is intended to be used. It was also highlighted that until further detail around the CMP192 implementation is defined, it would be difficult to clearly identify the implications on the STC.

2584. BT suggested that a telecon be arranged between NGET, TOs and OFTOs to discuss the issues further. Dependant on CMP192 progress, a decision will then be made at the May 2012 STC Committee meeting on whether to withdraw CA045, with a view to resubmitting in the future.

**Action: NGET (TD)**

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

2585. TD confirmed that an OFTO impact assessment for CA047 'Consequential Changes to Section K following implementation of Grid Code D/10 Frequency and Voltage Operating Range' had been received, however assessments from the TOs were still awaited. AS reminded the Committee about the running of an efficient and effective STC governance process.

**Action: SHETL/SPT (KS/DMcP)**

2586. The Committee agreed that, following inclusion of all impact assessments, CA047 should go out to industry consultation for 10 days.

**Action: NGET (TD)**

## 10 Proposed Amendment Reports

2587. There were no Proposed Amendment Reports.

## 11 Amendment Reports

2588. There were no Amendment Reports.

## 12 Pending Authority Decisions

2589. There were no Pending Authority Reports.

## 13 Authority Decisions

2590. There were no Authority Decisions.

## 14 STC Procedures

2591. PA065 – STCP01-1 Timescales for providing Transmission Services as defined in the STC

2592. AR confirmed that a meeting between NGET, TOs and OFTOs had taken place on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2012 to discuss the timescales for providing Transmission Services in STCP01-1. ML explained that 4 items had been proposed for inclusion in STCP01-1 but that there was an issue relating to the provision of reactive power which may require an amendment to Section K of the STC.

2593. It was noted that Brian Taylor (NGET) is currently arranging draft legal text for the proposed changes to be put forward to the next STC Committee meeting.

**Action: NGET (TD)**

2594. AS queried what the potential impact on current projects may be, in addition to the possible generator build impacts. TD confirmed that a note had been sent to Brian Taylor regarding these issues.

## 15 Offshore Regime

2595. AS advised there were no current updates and reminded the Committee of the link to the Ofgem Offshore newsletter:

<http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/Networks/offtrans/newsletter/Pages/newsletter.aspx>

## 16 European Developments

2596. AS confirmed that an email had been circulated by TD on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2012 on behalf of Ofgem regarding the latest developments.

2597. In respect of the Electricity EU Target Model in Great Britain, AS reiterated that a consultation had been published on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2012 and will close on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2012. A stakeholder workshop is being held on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2012 to which AS encouraged the Committee to attend.

## 17 Impact of Other Code Modifications

2598. BT confirmed that there were no upcoming modifications, other than those previously identified, which may impact the STC.

## 18 Reports from Sub Committees

2599. 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)**

2600. BT advised that DMcP had circulated the latest ChUG meeting minutes to the STC Committee on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2012. DMcP mentioned it had been proposed to put in an annual rotation of the ChUG chair but SHETL and SPT are not in favour of this.

## 19 AOB

2601. KS asked for notification of the dates of future STC Committee meetings.

**Action: NGET (LH)**

2602. AS advised the Committee that an open letter had been published on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2012 regarding Competition in Onshore Transmission, which outlines the expected next steps. AS highlighted that changes to the STC are likely, but NGET's view is that these will not be raised until further detail is known regarding the roles and responsibilities. Link to letter: <http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/NETWORKS/TRANS/PRICECONTROLS/RIIO-T1/CONRES/Documents1/Compupdate.pdf>

2603. AS confirmed that an Ofgem stakeholder survey on the Code Governance Review had been carried out and that the outcome together with further actions will be published on the Ofgem website.

2604. BT noted that Tom Derry, on behalf of NGET, will undertake the role of Chair of the STC Committee from May 2012 and that Robyn Jenkins will replace him as one of the NGET representatives. LH to update Committee contact details on the STC website.

**Action: NGET (LH)**

## 20 Publications

2605. No publications were discussed.

## 21 Date of Next Meeting

2606. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2012 at 10am.**