

Minutes

Meeting name	STC Committee Meeting
Meeting number	94
Date of meeting	Wednesday 26 th September 2012
Time	10:00am – 12:00pm
Location	National Grid House, Warwick and Teleconference

Attendees

Name	Initials	Company
Bec Thornton	BT	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)
Neil Sandison	NS	Scottish Hydro-Electric Transmission Limited (SHETL)
Alec Morrison	AM	Scottish Hydro-Electric Transmission Limited (SHETL)
Tracey Joyce	TJ	Scottish Power Transmission Limited (SPT)
Mike Lee	ML	Transmission Capital (TC)
Abid Sheikh	AS	Ofgem

Apologies

Name	Initials	Company
Tom Derry	TD	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

2641. Apologies were received from Tom Derry (NGET), Deborah MacPherson (SPT), Allan MacLeod (SPT), Kenny Stott (SHETL) and Geoff Singleton (BT).

2 Approval of Minutes from the last meeting

2642. The minutes from the last STC Committee meeting held on 29th August 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 (RJ)

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. RJ confirmed that the Grid Code consultation relating to this modification is due to be published shortly.

Action: NGET (RJ)

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 (RJ)

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

4 Amendment Proposals

2646. There were no new Amendment Proposals.

5 Evaluation Phase/Workgroup Updates

2647. There were no Evaluation Phase/Workgroup Updates.

6 Evaluation Phase Reports

2648. There were no Evaluation Phase Reports.

7 Initial Amendment Reports

CA046 'Inclusion of Generator build options within the STC'

2649. RJ noted that there was an action for NGET to provide an indicative timetable in relation to CA046:

Draft Proposed Amendment Report circulated to STC Committee (including draft Impact Assessments)	20 November 2012
<i>November 2012 STC Committee meeting</i> Committee approve impact assessments and for CA046 to go out to consultation	28 November 2012
Consultation published	30 November 2012
Consultation closes (extended from 20 days due to Christmas period)	4 January 2013
NGET circulate responses to STC Committee for consideration	7 – 21 January 2013
Draft Amendment Report circulated to STC Committee	22 January 2013
<i>January 2013 STC Committee meeting</i> Committee approve CA046 for submission to the Authority	30 January 2013
Amendment Report submitted to the Authority	Post January 2013 meeting

2650. TJ queried impacts of the modification on the TOs. RJ confirmed that NGET will include draft impact assessment wording in the Proposed Amendment Report, which will need to be approved by all parties prior to issue of the Industry Consultation.

8 Proposed Amendment Reports

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

2651. AR advised that the Proposed Amendment Report for CA049 had been produced and circulated to the Committee. AR confirmed that questions addressing the cost impacts of this modification had also been included in the Consultation Response Pro-forma.

2652. AS noted that under Section 3.1.2 of the Proposed Amendment Report, it would be useful to amend the wording to reflect that the collection of information regarding costs, benefits all parties as opposed to just Ofgem. AS also suggested inclusion of an additional question aimed at establishing the likelihood of a derogation being required by parties unable to meet the requirements of CA049. NGET agreed to draft this and circulate to the Committee with a review period of a week.

Action: NGET (AR)

2653. The Committee agreed to review the draft impact assessment wording and confirm their approval/comments to LH by 28th September 2012.

Action: ALL (SPT, SHETL, OFTOs)

2654. The Committee agreed that, once approved, the Proposed Amendment Report should be issued out to Industry Consultation for a period of 20 days.

9 Amendment Reports

CA045 'Arrangements for User Commitment'

2655. RJ confirmed that the CA045 Industry Consultation had closed on 4th September 2012 with one supportive response received. Approval of the Amendment Report for submission to the Authority is now required as soon as possible. The Committee agreed to provide their approval/comments to LH by 28th September 2012.

Action: ALL (SPT, SHETL, OFTOs)

10 Pending Authority Decisions

CA048 'Alignment of Terminology with other industry codes'

2656. BT confirmed the CA048 Amendment Report had been submitted to the Authority on 10th September 2012 and AS advised that a decision is expected within the usual KPI timescales.

11 Authority Decisions

2657. There were no Authority Decisions.

12 STC Procedures

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

2658. AR confirmed that some slight tweaks to the drafting of STCP01-1 had been made. The Committee agreed to provide their approval/comments to LH by 28th September 2012.

Action: ALL (SPT, SHETL, OFTOs)

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

2659. RJ advised the Committee that, following further work, it is now intended to include the offshore changes required to STCP19-3 as part of PA066. The draft STCP is almost complete, subject to legal review, and is expected to be submitted to the October 2012 Committee meeting.
2660. RJ confirmed it is unlikely that the review of the TO checklist will be included as part of the draft for the October 2012 meeting, but that this would be commenced shortly after.

13 Offshore Regime

2661. AS confirmed that Ofgem had published an open letter on Draft Electricity (Competitive Tenders for Offshore Transmission Licences) Regulations 2012, for consultation on 10th September 2012. The consultation closes on 5th November 2012. AS agreed to circulate the link to the consultation.

Action: OFGEM (AS)

2662. BT asked the Authority if there was an update on the integrated offshore networks regime and AS agreed to provide a progress update at the next meeting.

Action: OFGEM (AS)

14 European Developments

2663. TD confirmed that both ENTSO-E and ACER updates had been circulated by LH regarding the latest European developments.

15 Impact of Other Code Modifications

2664. The Committee were not aware of any Code Modifications which may have an impact on the STC.
2665. BT noted that as a result of CA049, the GCRP had raised a query regarding whether the proposed 2 minutes is on top of the 2 minutes already in the Grid Code. BT confirmed that this would be addressed through the GCRP.

16 Reports from Sub Committees

2666. It was confirmed that no ChUG minutes had been received.
2667. 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)

17 AOB

2668. RJ advised the Committee that as a result of National Grid Customer research, a suggestion had been put forward to produce Headline Reports for all panels. RJ asked for views on whether it would be beneficial to produce a STC Headline Report. The Committee made the decision that, as the meeting minutes are produced in a timely manner, there would be no benefit in introducing an STC Headline Report.
2669. AS queried whether there should be user involvement in the STC Committee and BT agreed that this should be considered as part of the Code Governance Review 2 consultation. BT confirmed that Louise McGoldrick will be looking after the Code Governance Review work from an NGET perspective and suggested it be discussed at the next STC Committee meeting when Louise has had the opportunity to carry out initial reviews of the Codes.

Action: NGET (RJ)

18 Publications

2670. No publications were discussed.

19 Date of Next Meeting

2671. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on **Wednesday 24th October 2012 at 10am.**