

Minutes

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| Meeting name | STC Committee Meeting |
| Meeting number | 91 |
| Date of meeting | Wednesday 27 th June 2012 |
| Time | 10:00am – 12:00pm |
| Location | National Grid House, Warwick and Teleconference |

Attendees

| Name | Initials | Company |
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| Tom Derry | TD | Committee Chair (NGET) |
| Robyn Jenkins | RJ | National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET) |
| Audrey Ramsay | AR | National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET) |
| Kenny Stott | KS | Scottish Hydro-Electric Transmission Limited (SHETL) |
| Neil Sandison | NS | Scottish Hydro-Electric Transmission Limited (SHETL) |
| Allan MacLeod | AMc | Scottish Power Transmission Limited (SPT) |
| Alistair McVicar | AMcV | Scottish Power Transmission Limited (SPT) |
| Mike Lee | ML | Transmission Capital (TC) |
| Geoff Singleton | GS | Blue Transmission (BT) |
| Abid Sheikh | AS | Ofgem |

Apologies

| Name | Initials | Company |
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| Deborah MacPherson | DMcP | Scottish Power Transmission Limited (SPT) |
| Lucy Hudson | LH | Committee Secretary (NGET) |

1 Introductions/Apologies for Absence

2641. Apologies were received from Lucy Hudson (NGET) and Deborah MacPherson (SPT).

2 Approval of Minutes from the last meeting

2642. The minutes from the last STC Committee meeting held on 23rd May 2012 were approved. NGET to arrange to publish 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 a teleconference has been arranged w/c 16th July 2012 to discuss the Workgroup report.

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)

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

4 Papers for Consideration

2646. There were no Papers for consideration.

5 New Amendment Proposals

2647. There were no new Amendment Proposals.

6 Amendment Proposals

2648. There were no Amendment Proposals.

7 Evaluation Phase/Workgroup Updates

CA046 'Inclusion of Generator build options within the STC'

2649. TD confirmed that a further Workgroup meeting had taken place on 13th June 2012. At this meeting the Workgroup discussed the recent Enduring Regime consultation that had been published by Ofgem and the recent draft Energy Bill. The Workgroup have recognised that there are a number of issues that cannot be resolved by the group, due to decisions needing to be made in other forums, but these would be highlighted in the Workgroup Report as areas that may need to be revised in the future once more progress has been made.
2650. TD advised that the Workgroup Report is currently being drafted and will be submitted to the July 2012 STC Committee meeting.
2651. Further to action 2643, TD noted that confidentiality is unlikely to cause an issue as the majority of the technical studies required to be carried out by the generator can be done using equivalency data and a sanitised network model. Although it was noted that this may be an area that needs to be revisited once further debates in other forums has been completed.

8 Evaluation Phase Reports

2652. There were no Evaluation Phase Reports.

9 Initial Amendment Reports

CA045 'Arrangements for User Commitment'

2653. In relation to SHETL's outstanding issues regarding CA045, KS confirmed that their legal team have been in contact with NGET's lawyers and work is still ongoing to resolve them. AS noted that he would like to see progress on CA045 by the July 2012 STC Committee meeting.
2654. RJ agreed to speak to NGET's legal team to determine if the outstanding issues can be addressed quickly, and if not, NGET will withdraw CA045 at the next STC Committee meeting.

Action: NGET (RJ)

CA048 'Alignment of Terminology with other industry codes'

2655. TD noted that all of the impact assessments had been received and sought the STC Committee's approval for CA048 to be issued out to Industry Consultation. The Committee agreed for an Industry Consultation to be published following the meeting.

Action: NGET (RJ)

10 Proposed Amendment Reports

2656. There were no Proposed Amendment Reports.

11 Amendment Reports

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

2657. RJ confirmed that the industry consultation closed on 29th May 2012 and that no responses had been received.
2658. It was noted that Ofgem has identified a number of minor errors with the legal text, and that once the errors have been addressed, NGET will submit the Amendment Report to the Authority for a decision.

Action: NGET (RJ)

12 Pending Authority Decisions

2659. There were no Pending Authority Reports.

13 Authority Decisions

2660. There were no Authority Decisions.

14 STC Procedures

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

2661. AR confirmed that a further meeting between NGET, TOs and OFTOs is scheduled to take place on 4th July 2012.

15 Offshore Regime

2662. AS confirmed that LH had circulated an email on 26th June 2012 containing a link to the latest Ofgem offshore newsletter to the Committee.

2663. AS also noted that the National Audit Office issued a report on the Offshore tender regime, a link to which will be circulated to the Committee.

Action: Ofgem/NGET (AS/RJ)

16 European Developments

2664. AS confirmed that an email had been circulated by LH on 18th June 2012 on behalf of Ofgem regarding the latest developments.

2665. AS advised that ACER had issued 2 infoflashes, links to which will be circulated to the Committee.

2666. AS also noted that a public workshop is being held on 2nd July 2012 in respect of the draft Operational Security Network Code <https://www.entsoe.eu/events/os-nc/>

17 Impact of Other Code Modifications

2667. TD advised the Committee that the Grid Code modification C/12 industry consultation closes on 4th July 2012 and that it is proposing changes to OC8A in relation to safety management of GIS switchgear. The modification is also seeking the view of industry parties on whether the changes should be mirrored in OC8B to apply to Scotland. TD noted that any responses on this element of the consultation would be welcomed.

2668. AS noted that the Authority had directed NGET to raise a CUSC modification for Transmit. This has been actioned under CMP213.

18 Reports from Sub Committees

2669. It was confirmed that no ChUG minutes had been received.

2670. 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

2671. 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.

The Committee were happy with this suggestion providing the interim meetings remain in the diary and are only cancelled if not required.

2672. It was agreed that full meetings would be held in February, April, June, August, October, and December, to fall between the GCRP meetings, and interim meetings would only be held during the alternate months if required.

2673. 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)

20 Publications

2674. No publications were discussed.

21 Date of Next Meeting

2675. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on **Wednesday 29th August 2012 at 10am.**