

Minutes

Meeting name	STC Committee Meeting
Meeting number	93
Date of meeting	Wednesday 29 th August 2012
Time	10:00am – 12:00pm
Location	National Grid House, Warwick and Teleconference

Attendees

Name	Initials	Company
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)
Keiron Nicoll	KN	Scottish Hydro-Electric Transmission Limited (SHETL)
Allan MacLeod	AMc	Scottish Power Transmission Limited (SPT)
Tracey Joyce	TJ	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
Deborah MacPherson	DMcP	Scottish Power Transmission Limited (SPT)
Kenny Stott	KS	Scottish Hydro-Electric Transmission Limited (SHETL)
Neil Sandison	NS	Scottish Hydro-Electric Transmission Limited (SHETL)

1 Introductions/Apologies for Absence

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

2 Approval of Minutes from the last meeting

2642. The minutes from the last STC Committee meeting held on 26th July 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. **Minute 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. KN highlighted that it was difficult to locate the teleconference access number now that it was not on the agenda. NGET confirmed that it is contained within the email issued on Papers Day. LH to check that teleconference access number is also on the Outlook meeting appointment.

Action: NGET (LH)

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

4 Papers for Consideration

2647. There were no new Papers for Consideration.

5 New Amendment Proposals

2648. There were no new Amendment Proposals.

6 Amendment Proposals

2649. There were no Amendment Proposals.

7 Evaluation Phase/Workgroup Updates

2650. There were no Evaluation Phase/Workgroup Updates.

8 Evaluation Phase Reports

CA046 'Inclusion of Generator build options within the STC'

2651. TD confirmed that at the last meeting, it had been proposed to withdraw CA046 and resubmit it at a later date. Following recent discussions relating to the timetable, TD advised that should the Committee agree to refer CA046 to the Assessment and Report phase, this would allow 6 months to resolve the current issues, with a view to submitting the Amendment Report to the Authority by January 2013.

2652. The Committee agreed for CA046 to progress to the Assessment and Report phase.

2653. AS noted that it would be useful to have an indicative timetable available at the next Committee meeting, and NGET agreed to provide this.

Action: NGET (TD)

9 Initial Amendment Reports

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

2654. AR advised that the Initial Amendment Report for CA049 had been produced and circulated to the Committee. AS highlighted that Ofgem has concerns relating to the cost impacts on projects currently under construction or already completed. ML noted that these projects would either be compliant or would need to apply for a derogation. AS suggested that a number of questions be included in the Industry Consultation aimed at understanding the cost impacts on projects such as these.

Action: NGET (AR)

2655. AS also suggested it would be useful to introduce a Response Proforma for STC Industry Consultations, such as that already used for the Grid Code and CUSC.

Action: NGET (LH)

2656. TD noted that there may be a potential Grid Code change required which will ensure that developers are compliant with the requirements of CA049.

10 Proposed Amendment Reports

CA045 'Arrangements for User Commitment'

2657. RJ confirmed that CA045 had been issued out to Industry Consultation on 6th August 2012 and that the closing date is 4th September 2012. To date, no responses have been received.

11 Amendment Reports

CA048 'Alignment of Terminology with other industry codes'

2658. LH advised that the Industry Consultation for CA048 had closed on 2nd August 2012 and that no responses had been received. LH also advised that the Final Amendment Report had been drafted and circulated to the Committee and asked for the Committee's approval to submit the Report to the Authority.

2659. The Committee approved the Report for submission to the Authority.

Action: NGET (LH)

12 Pending Authority Decisions

2660. There were no Pending Authority Decisions.

13 Authority Decisions

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

2661. RJ confirmed that the Authority had approved CA047 on 8th August 2012 and that it had been implemented on 15th August 2012.

14 STC Procedures

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

2662. AR confirmed that some slight tweaks to the drafting of STCP01-1 were being made and the final draft will be submitted to the September 2012 Committee meeting for the Committee's approval.

Action: NGET (LH)

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

2663. RJ advised the Committee that, following assessment of the extent of offshore changes required to STCP19-3, it is planned that these amendments will not form part of PA066.

2664. It is expected that a draft of STCP19-3, addressing the Elexon Boundary Point registration and a review of the Compliance Checklist, will be submitted to the September 2012 Committee meeting.

Action: NGET (RJ)

15 Offshore Regime

2665. AS advised that there was no Offshore update.

16 European Developments

2666. TD confirmed that both an ENTSO-E and ACER update had been circulated by LH on 22nd August 2012 regarding the latest European developments.

17 Impact of Other Code Modifications

2667. The Committee were not aware of any Code Modifications which may have an impact on the STC.

18 Reports from Sub Committees

2668. It was confirmed that no ChUG minutes had been received.

2669. 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

2670. TD noted that NGET were looking for an OFTO representative to attend the JPC meetings, to which Mike Lee volunteered. LH to forward Mike's contact details to the relevant NGET contact.

Action: NGET (LH)

20 Publications

2671. No publications were discussed.

21 Date of Next Meeting

2672. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on **Wednesday 26th September 2012 at 10am.**

2673. TD gave his apologies for the next meeting and advised that Bec Thornton would attend as Chair.