

Minutes

Meeting name	STC Committee Meeting
Meeting number	87
Date of meeting	Wednesday 29 th February 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)
Tom Derry	TD	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Tim Truscott	TT	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Alec Morrison	AM	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)
Abid Sheikh	AS	Ofgem

Apologies

Name	Initials	Company
Sean Kelly	SK	Transmission Capital
Allan MacLeod	AMc	Scottish Power Transmission Limited (SPT)
Audrey Ramsay	AR	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)

1 Introductions/Apologies for Absence

2488. Apologies were received from Allan MacLeod (SPT), Audrey Ramsay (National Grid) and Sean Kelly (Transmission Capital).

2 Approval of Minutes from the last meeting

2489. The minutes from the last STC Committee meeting held on 25th January 2012 are to be updated with the revised wording below and published on the National Grid website:

- **Minute 2493**
Action should read TD rather than GS and words to be swapped over
- **Minute 2498**
Should read 'AMc....' instead of 'AM....'
- **Minute 2525**
Should read 'AS asked about....' instead of 'AS queried.....'
- **Minute 2527**
Final sentence should read '....NS confirmed that SHETL will assist in any way necessary.'

Action: NGET (LH)

3 Review of Actions

2490. **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 that this will be picked up through the ongoing Generator Build work.

Action: NGET (TD)

2491. **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 is currently being drafted.

Action: NGET (TD)

2492. **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 February 2012 STC Committee meeting, TD confirmed that this will be progressed once the final GCRP paper is complete.

Action: NGET (TD)

2493. **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 confirmed that a summary paper has been put together and he will be in touch with SHETL to discuss further.

Action: NGET (TD)

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

4 Papers for Consideration

2494. There were no Papers for consideration.

5 New Amendment Proposals

2495. There were no new Amendment Proposals.

6 Amendment Proposals

2496. There were no Amendment Proposals.

7 Evaluation Phase/Workgroup Updates

CA045 'Arrangements for User Commitment'

2497. BT confirmed that NGET had sent a request for Workgroup nominations but to date, only OFTO nominations had been received. Following discussion on the most appropriate way forward, the Committee agreed to progress the proposal to the Assessment and Report Phase and that NGET will draft the initial Amendment Report for submission at the March 2012 STC Committee meeting.

Action: NGET (TD)

CA046 'Inclusion of Generator build options within the STC'

2498. BT confirmed that NGET had sent a request for Workgroup nominations but to date, only OFTO nominations had been received. Following discussion, it was agreed that NGET would arrange a meeting to which all STC parties would be invited and if the Workgroup quorum is not met, then it would not be classed as a Workgroup meeting under the STC.

Action: NGET (TD)

8 Evaluation Phase Reports

2499. There were no Evaluation Phase Reports.

9 Initial Amendment Reports

2500. TD advised that the Initial Amendment Report for CA047 'Consequential Changes to Section K following implementation of Grid Code D/10 Frequency and Voltage Operating Range' had been drafted and impact assessments from all STC parties were being sought by the March 2012 STC Committee meeting. All parties to confirm to TD, by Friday 2nd March 2012, if impact assessments can be provided within requested timescale.

Action: TOs/OFTOs (ALL)

10 Proposed Amendment Reports

2501. There were no Proposed Amendment Reports.

11 Amendment Reports

2502. There were no Amendment Reports.

12 Pending Authority Decisions

2503. BT advised the Committee that since the submission of CA044 Amendment Report to the Authority, an error in the legal text (Section B 6.1.2) had been identified. BT detailed the options for rectifying this and asked for Ofgem's view on which to progress.

2504. AS advised that the most appropriate way forward would be for the Authority to include a comment in the decision letter highlighting that the error would need to be rectified in a future amendment.

2505. AS confirmed it was expected that an Authority decision would be made within the Authority's KPI timescales.

13 Authority Decisions

2506. There were no Authority Decisions.

14 STC Procedures

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

2507. BT advised that the Amendment Proposal submitted to the Committee, at this stage, had no proposed legal text due to NGET proposing to convene a meeting to initiate discussions. NS, AMc and ML were nominated as representatives for the meeting.

2508. BT confirmed that prior to a meeting being arranged, Brian Taylor was happy to be contacted if there were queries.

Action: NGET (TD)

15 Seven Year Statement & ODIS Consultation

2509. It was noted that due to agreement of timescales between the Authority and NGET, this would be discussed at next month's STC Committee meeting.

16 Offshore Regime

2510. AS confirmed that a consultation on 'Co-ordination' is expected to be published shortly.

2511. AS also advised that the consultation on 'Refinements to the Enduring Regime' had closed and that responses were currently being considered.

17 European Developments

2512. AS confirmed that an email had been circulated by LH on 20th February 2012 on behalf of Ofgem on the latest developments.
2513. AS added that since the above update, an additional item to note was that the scope of the Demand Connection Code had been published.
2514. The Committee agreed that going forward, they would like to receive a copy of the Joint European Standing Group (JESG) Headline Report.

Action: NGET (LH)

18 Impact of Other Code Modifications

2515. BT noted 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. NGET to review and submit an Amendment Proposal if required.

Action: NGET (TD)

19 Reports from Sub Committees

2516. 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. DMcP confirmed that the next ChUG is due to take place w/c 5 March 2012 and will forward the minutes from the meeting held in November 2011.

Action: NGET/SPT (LH/DMcP)

20 AOB

2517. LH provided an update on the results of the OFTO elections and advised that from 1st April 2012, the OFTO Party Representatives would be Mike Lee from Transmission Capital and Geoff Singleton from Blue Transmission and that the Alternate Representatives would be Sean Kelly from Transmission Capital and Iain Cameron from Blue Transmission.
2518. AS advised the Committee that survey responses in relation to the Code Governance Review 'Code Administration Code of Practice' Questionnaire had been received and that a meeting in early March is being held with Code Administrators initially to discuss the feedback.
2519. BT confirmed that NGET as STC Code Administrator would not be attending the meeting but would be represented by the CUSC Code Administrator who will be in attendance.

21 Publications

2520. No publications were discussed.

22 Date of Next Meeting

2521. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on **Wednesday 28th March 2012 at 10am.**