

Minutes

Meeting name	STC Modification Panel Meeting
Meeting number	105
Date of meeting	Wednesday 25 September 2013
Time	10:00am – 12:00pm
Location	National Grid House, Warwick and Teleconference

Attendees

Name	Initials	Company
Andy Hiorns	AH	Modification Panel Chair (NGET)
Lucy Hudson	LH	Modification Panel Secretary (NGET)
Damien McCluskey	DM	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Kenny Stott	KS	Scottish Hydro-Electric Transmission (SHET)
Neil Sandison	NS	Scottish Hydro-Electric Transmission (SHET)
Tracy Joyce (part)	TJ	Scottish Power Transmission Limited (SPT)
Milorad Dobrijevic	MD	Scottish Power Transmission Limited (SPT)
Joe Dunn	JD	Scottish Power Transmission Limited (SPT)
Sean Kelly	SK	Transmission Capital (TC)
David Lyon	DL	Blue Transmission (BT)
Abid Sheikh	AS	Ofgem

Apologies

Name	Initials	Company
Audrey Ramsay	AR	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Nick Harvey	NH	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Mike Lee	ML	Transmission Capital (TC)

1 Introductions/Apologies for Absence

2958. Apologies were received from Audrey Ramsay (NGET), Nick Harvey (NGET) and Mike Lee (Transmission Capital).

2 Approval of Minutes from the last meeting

2959. The minutes from the last STC Modification Panel held on 28 August 2013 are to be updated with revised wording below. NGET to amend and arrange publication of the minutes on the National Grid website.

- **Minute 2953**

Should read '...not be...' instead of '...be not...'

Action: NGET (LH)

3 Review of Actions

2960. **Minute 2727:** LH informed the Panel that some of the other Codes hold photographs of their respective Panels on the NGET website. To ensure consistency, the STC Panel agreed that this was also sensible for the STC. LH arranged photos at face to face Panel meeting in April 2013 and Panel to ensure any outstanding photographs are sent electronically to LH by next STC Modification Panel on 23 October 2013.

Action: SP/TC/BT (TJ/ML/DL)

2961. **Minute 2824:** MD confirmed that the Network Access Policies (NAP) has been submitted to Ofgem and approval is likely in October 2013. MD agreed to circulate the final version once it is approved.

Action: SPT (MD)

2962. **Minute 2922:** In respect of the issue relating to STCP18-1/performance of delivery of connection offers, JD confirmed that a meeting had taken place with NGET on 28 August 2013 which identified that amendments will need to be made and that a further meeting on 1 November is planned with TOs to identify the proposed changes to STCP18-1.

Action: SPT (JD)

2963. **Minute 2923:** MD noted that there were inconsistencies between the NAP and STCP11-1 'Outage Planning' and asked for clarification on which should take precedence. AH agreed the position needs to be fully documented and any inconsistencies addressed. AH to ask Kelvin Lambert (NGET) to contact MD to progress.

Action: NGET (AH)

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

4 Modification Proposals

2964. There were no Modification Proposals.

5 Evaluation Phase/Workgroup Updates

2965. There were no Evaluation Phase/Workgroup Updates.

6 Evaluation Phase Reports

2966. There were no Evaluation Phase Reports.

7 Initial Modification Reports

2967. There were no Initial Modification Reports.

8 Proposed Modification Reports

2968. There were no Proposed Modification Reports.

9 Modification Reports

CM050 – CM054 ‘Code Governance Review Phase 2’

2969. DM confirmed that the Industry Consultation for the five Code Governance Review changes closed on 11 September 2013 and that no responses had been received. DM noted that some minor comments had been received from Ofgem but that they were not sufficient to require resubmission to the Panel. In particular, the comments were in relation to the treatment of Fast Track objections within CM054 ‘Fast Track Self-Governance and Objections’. The Modification Panel approved the Final Modification Reports for submission to the Authority for decision.

10 Pending Authority Decisions

2970. There were no pending Authority Decisions.

11 Authority Decisions

2971. There were no Authority Decisions.

12 STC Procedures

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

2972. LH confirmed that STCP19-3 is currently being finalised internally and it is expected that this will be submitted to the October 2013 STC Modification Panel.

2973. SK reiterated ML’s comments from the August 2013 Modification Panel regarding the volume of changes and it was agreed that the Elexon changes would be highlighted in a different colour to the Offshore changes which have been made at the same time.

PM070 – Update STCP04-6 to add IEC60870-5-101 Communication Protocol

2974. LH confirmed that due to internal NGET personnel changes, the amendments to STCP04-6 are expected to be submitted to the October 2013 Modification Panel.

PM071 - PM073 – Code Governance Review Phase 2

2975. DM advised that STCP25-1 ‘Significant Code Review Process’, STCP25-2 ‘Send Back Process’ and STCP25-3 ‘Fast Track Self-Governance Process’ had been developed in conjunction with the Code Governance Review Phase 2 modifications to the STC. It is anticipated that these will be implemented alongside CM050 – CM054 if they are approved by the Authority.

2976. DM asked for the Panel’s comments on the procedures and the Panel agreed they would like further time to review them. It was agreed that the procedures would be brought back to the October STC Modification Panel following review by the Panel.

13 Offshore Regime

2977. AS confirmed that an Offshore update had been circulated by LH on behalf of Ofgem on 23 September 2013.

14 European Developments

2978. It was confirmed that the ENTSO-E and ACER updates regarding the latest European developments had been circulated to the Panel by LH.

2979. AS advised that he would be representing Ofgem on the ECCAF (European Code Coordination Application Forum) Joint Standing Group. Discussions have taken place on how Ofgem intends to interface with ECCAF and it was noted that Ofgem had some concerns about the set up of the group and how stakeholders are involved in the process. JD highlighted that it was as a result of stakeholder's concerns that the Joint Standing Group had been formed. AH agreed to ensure Ian Pashley (Markets and Balancing Development) at NGET is aware of Ofgem's concerns.

Action: NGET (AH)

2980. In respect of TSO issues, JD noted that he had raised a query some time ago regarding TSO obligations that GB TOs would be unable to fulfil due to their Operator/Ownership boundaries. At the Public Information Session on Operational NCs held by ENTSO-E on 16 September 2013, a revision to the proposed Operational Security & Operational Planning and Security codes was proposed to address the case that not all TSOs operate the system.

'In Member States where more than one TSO exists, this Regulation shall apply to all TSOs within that Member State. Where a TSO does not have a function relevant to one or some obligations under this Network Code, Member States may under the national regulatory regime provide that the responsibility to comply with one or some obligations under this Network Code is assigned to one or more different transmission system operators. In case of such assignment, the Network Code shall apply accordingly to the transmission system operator(s) to which responsibilities have been assigned.'

It is thought this will mean that in relation to GB TSOs, subject to the Regulation, Ofgem will be able to assign obligations (relating to the operation of the network) to another TSOs (which in the case of the Scot TOs would be NGET). JD passed on his thanks to Ofgem in respect of this resolution.

15 Impact of Other Code Modifications

2981. **Minute 2443:** NGET agreed to circulate the Final Modification Report for Grid Code modification GC0037 'Offshore BMU Configurations' to the STC Modification Panel, following its publication. This will allow STC consideration of the findings. LH confirmed that the Grid Code Industry consultation closed on 24 October 2013.

Action: NGET (LH)

2982. **Minute 2446:** ML informed STC Modification Panel members that a Continuous Voltage Control paper was circulated to the Grid Code Review Panel (GCRP) which was informative. NGET agreed to keep the Modification Panel updated on the progress of the issue. At the May 2013 STC Modification Panel meeting, DM confirmed that an update was provided to the May 2013 GCRP and that following this, consequential changes to the STC are to be considered.

Action: NGET (LH)

2983. AS queried if there were likely to be any consequential changes to the STC as a result of CMP219 'CMP192 Post Implementation Clarifications'. JD confirmed that following a conversation with Andy Ford (NGET), it was not expected any STC changes would be required but JD agreed to confirm this in writing via Andy Ford.

Action: SPT (JD)

16 Reports from Sub Committees

2984. A JPC meeting was held on 16 April 2013 and a meeting of one of the JPC sub groups took place w/c 15 July 2013, the minutes of which will be circulated to the Panel.

Action: NGET (LH)

2985. AH presented a paper on the proposing a revised structure of the JPC, which splits meetings into North and South, together with the introduction of various sub groups. AH asked the Panel for agreement on the structure/membership and how to get appropriate representation.

2986. KS noted that STC Governance makes provision for the rotation of the chair, however the paper proposes an NGET chair. AH confirmed that rotation of the JPC chair would be acceptable AH suggested that it would be useful to circulate the dates of the forthcoming JPC meetings to the Panel and add them onto the STC Modification Panel agenda.

2987. SK queried the expectation of OFTO involvement in the JPC and AH suggested that this would be dependant on the meeting/sub group but that it is important that OFTOs requirements are represented correctly. DL suggested that OFTOs are invited to the initial meetings to assess the validity of their attendance going forward. It was also thought that OFTO representation on the JPC could follow the same form of election process as for the STC Modification Panel.

2988. AS queried if it is expected there will be a core membership list or will observers be able to attend to speak only, rather than also be entitled to a vote. AH agreed to look into this.

Action: NGET (AH)

2989. AH agreed to submit a final draft of the JPC proposed structure paper to the October 2013 STC Modification Panel, addressing the comments raised by the Panel.

Action: NGET (AH)

2990. AH suggested that it would be useful to circulate the dates of the forthcoming JPC meetings to the Panel and add them onto the STC Modification Panel agenda. This will be actioned following agreement of the paper on the proposed structure of the JPC.

Action: NGET (LH)

2991. The latest ChUG meeting took place on 13 June 2013, the minutes of which have been circulated to the Panel. The next meeting is due to take place on 26 September 2013.

17 AOB

2992. KS queried the governance of STC Modification Panel representatives and alternates. AH/LH agreed to compile the latest list of representatives for review.

Action: NGET (LH/AH)

2993. AS advised the Panel of the Ofgem Christmas publishing moratorium explaining that it is the intention to take account of the moratorium when calculating KPI dates over the Christmas 2013 period and this may therefore extend the decision timetable for some code modification decisions.

18 Publications

2994. No publications were discussed.

19 Date of Next Meeting

2995. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on **Wednesday 23 October 2013 at 10am.**