

Minutes

Meeting name	STC Modification Panel Meeting
Meeting number	98
Date of meeting	Wednesday 27 th February 2013
Time	10:00am – 12:00pm
Location	National Grid House, Warwick and Teleconference

Attendees

Name	Initials	Company
Thomas Derry	TD	Modification Panel Chair (NGET)
Lucy Hudson	LH	Modification Panel Secretary (NGET)
Audrey Ramsay	AR	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Damien McCluskey	DM	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Adrian Lewis (part)	AL	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Kenny Stott (part)	KS	Scottish Hydro-Electric Transmission (SHET)
Neil Sandison	NS	Scottish Hydro-Electric Transmission (SHET)
Tracy Joyce	TJ	Scottish Power Transmission Limited (SPT)
Milorad Dobrijevic	MD	Scottish Power Transmission Limited (SPT)
Mike Lee	ML	Transmission Capital (TC)
Geoff Singleton	GS	Blue Transmission (BT)
Abid Sheikh	AS	Ofgem
Yvonne Naughton (part)	YN	Ofgem
Liz MacLeod (part)	LM	Ofgem

Apologies

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1 Introductions/Apologies for Absence

2771. There were no apologies for absence.

2 Approval of Minutes from the last meeting

2772. The minutes from the last STC Modification Panel held on 30th January 2012 were approved. NGET to arrange publication of the minutes on the National Grid website.

Action: NGET (LH)

3 Review of Actions

2773. **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. RJ 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. DM confirmed that the Grid Code consultation relating to this modification is awaiting final approval to go out to Industry Consultation.

Action: NGET (DM)

2774. **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. At the February 2013 STC Modification Panel meeting, DM confirmed that an update is due to be provided to the May 2013 GCRP and that following this, consequential changes to the STC will be considered.

Action: NGET (DM)

2775. **Minute 2725:** AS noted that it would be useful for one STC Modification Panel meeting each year to be face to face. LH agreed to look into this and advised that April 2013 may be suitable to coordinate with the next JPC meeting.

Action: NGET (LH)

2776. **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 to arrange photos at face to face Panel meeting.

Action: NGET (LH)

2777. **Minute 2761:** AK asked for the Authority's view on the issue raised by SPT at December 2012's Panel meeting regarding European legislation deeming Scottish TOs (and OFTOs) as TSOs. AS agreed to speak to Ofgem's European team to understand the implications of this.

Action: Ofgem (AS)

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

4 Modification Proposals

2778. There were no new Modification Proposals.

5 Evaluation Phase/Workgroup Updates

2779. There were no Evaluation Phase/Workgroup Updates.

6 Evaluation Phase Reports

2780. There were no Evaluation Phase Reports.

7 Initial Modification Reports

2781. There were no Initial Modification Reports.

8 Proposed Modification Reports

2782. There were no Proposed Modification Reports.

9 Modification Reports

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

2783. TD confirmed that the draft Final Modification Report for CA049 'Amendments to Section K to provide OFTOs with the capability to respond to Reactive Power Instructions within 2 minutes' had been circulated and asked the Panel for any comments.

2784. Ofgem (YN) advised the Panel that they had raised some queries on CA049 which had already been circulated. In respect of the query asking where the obligation on a generator to respond within 2 minutes is provided for in the Grid Code, TD confirmed that this was contained within BC2 6.1 and BC2 8.4.

2785. YN also asked the Panel to consider the potential impact on heavily embedded connections if they were asked to comply with the requirements of CA049, and highlighted that it would be useful if this was captured in the report.

2786. AR suggested a further meeting was required to discuss these issues and agreed to speak to Brian Taylor to arrange.

Action: NGET (AR)

2787. A one month extension to the Assessment and Report phase was requested to allow for the issues to be resolved. The Authority approved an extension until the end of March 2013.

10 Pending Authority Decisions

CA046 'Inclusion of Generator build options within the STC'

2788. AS confirmed that the Authority are expecting to make a decision on CA046 'Inclusion of Generator build options within the STC' within the 25 day KPI.

11 Authority Decisions

2789. There were no Authority Decisions.

12 STC Procedures

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

PM068 – STCP01-1 Direct Operation of Offshore Transmission Owner (OFTO) Assets by NGET

2790. TD confirmed that the latest draft of STCP01-1 had been circulated and asked the Panel for any final views.

2791. NS asked for clarification on the Operational Switching programme process (paragraph 3.1.5 and 3.1.6) and whether this was introducing a new process for the Onshore TOs. AR confirmed that there was no intention to change the way things are currently done.

2792. The Panel approved STCP01-1 for sign off.

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

2793. DM confirmed that the latest draft of STCP19-3 is awaiting an internal review by NGET.

PA067 – STCP24-1 Revenue Forecast Information Provision

2794. TD advised that the draft procedure STCP24-1 'Revenue Forecast Information Provision' presented at last month's Modification Panel meeting had been updated with the suggested amendment and that approval of the STCP was now being sought. The Panel approved the procedure for sign off.

13 Proposal for a European Issues Group

2795. AL provided a comprehensive presentation proposing the introduction of a European Issues Group (EIG).

2796. AS queried why the EIG could not sit as a subgroup of the Joint European Standing Group (JESG) and AL confirmed that introducing a separate group was in recognition that TSOs are certified as unbundled and as such, confidentiality issues may exist.

2797. AS asked what the Terms of Reference for the group would be and AL confirmed that, in addition to covering the development and implementation of the European Network Codes, it would also provide an opportunity for TSOs to discuss wider issues. AS noted that duplication with the JESG would need to be avoided as much as possible and also queried how the new EIG may be perceived by JESG stakeholders in terms of being a 'TO only' group.

2798. The Panel agreed to consider the proposal and provide further views and thoughts direct to AL Adrian.Lewis@nationalgrid.com or 01926 655145.

Action: ALL

14 Code Governance Review 2

2799. AS confirmed that Ofgem are still considering the responses from the consultation and plan to issue the decision document at the end of March 2013.

2800. DMc advised the Panel that STC Modification Proposals in respect of CGR2 are likely to be submitted to the April 2013 Modification Panel.

15 Offshore Regime

2801. AS confirmed that LH had circulated a note to the Panel with the latest Offshore update.

16 European Developments

2802. AS confirmed that an ACER update regarding the latest European developments had been circulated to the Panel by LH.

17 Impact of Other Code Modifications

2803. TJ advised that a workshop had been held between SP, SHET and NGET to review STCP18-1 in terms of housekeeping and to ensure that the procedure reflects current practice. A further meeting is planned for March, and subsequently a Modification Proposal is likely to be submitted to the April 2013 Modification Panel.

18 Reports from Sub Committees

2804. TJ confirmed that the next ChUG meeting is due to take place in March 2013.

2805. 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 Panel once they have been signed off.

Action: NGET (LH)

19 AOB

2806. There was no AOB.

20 Publications

2807. No publications were discussed.

21 Date of Next Meeting

2808. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on **Wednesday 27th March 2013 at 10am.**