

Minutes

Meeting name STC Modification Panel Meeting

Meeting number 99

**Date of meeting** Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 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)
Kathryn Sorrell	KS	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Damien McCluskey	DM	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Brian Taylor	BT	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Kenny Stott	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)
Alan Kelly	AK	Scottish Power Transmission Limited (SPT)
Mike Lee	ML	Transmission Capital (TC)
Geoff Singleton	GS	Blue Transmission (BT)
Abid Sheikh	AS	Ofgem
Liz MacLeod	LM	Ofgem

Apologies			
Name	Initials	Company	

## 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 27<sup>th</sup> February 2013 are to be updated with revised wording below. NGET to arrange publication of the minutes on the National Grid website.
  - Minute 2791

Should read '....introducing a new process for the onshore TOs.'

Action: NGET (LH)

## 3 Review of Actions

2773. **Minute 2443:** NGET agreed to circulate the Final Modification Report for Grid Code modification 'Offshore BMU Configurations' to the STC Modification Panel, following its publication. This will allow STC consideration of the findings. DM confirmed that the Grid Code consultation is awaiting final approval to go out to Industry Consultation.

Action: NGET (DM)

2774. 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 March 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 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 in April 2013.

Action: NGET (LH)

2776. **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 asked the Panel for further clarity on what it requires to close the action as Ofgem has already confirmed that all Transmission Owners are designated in Great Britain as Transmission System Owners (TSOs) for the purpose of obligations placed on TSOs in European network codes and legislation. TSOs would be expected to comply through the relevant national code and AS considered that the STC parties could enter discussions, possibly through the proposed European Issues Group, to determine how best to deliver TSO compliance.

Action: Ofgem (AS)

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

### 4 Modification Proposals

2777. There were no new Modification Proposals.

## 5 Evaluation Phase/Workgroup Updates

2778. There were no Evaluation Phase/Workgroup Updates.

## **6** Evaluation Phase Reports

2779. There were no Evaluation Phase Reports.

### 7 Initial Modification Reports

2780. There were no Initial Modification Reports.

# 8 Proposed Modification Reports

2781. 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'

- 2782. TD confirmed that a draft copy of the 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 advised that BT was attending today's Panel meeting to respond to any queries regarding the Report.
- 2783. AS noted that although paragraph 2.7 had been included in the Report, Ofgem still had concerns regarding consideration of the impacts on heavily embedded connections. AS highlighted it would be useful for the report to capture a detailed explanation of the meeting discussions, including the issues considered but discarded.
- 2784. BT agreed to arrange a telecon to discuss proposed inclusions in the Report and to keep the Panel updated via email once the meeting has taken place.

Action: NGET (BT)

2785. In order that the Final Modification Report may be submitted to the Authority in a timely manner following its amendment, the Panel agreed to provide approval of the Report for submission to the Authority electronically.

Action: NGET/ALL (LH)

## 10 Pending Authority Decisions

2786. There were no Pending Authority Decisions.

#### 11 Authority Decisions

CA046 'Inclusion of Generator build options within the STC'

2787. AS confirmed the Authority approved CA046 on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2013 and that it was implemented on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2013.

### 12 STC Procedures

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

2788. DM confirmed that the latest draft of STCP19-3 is awaiting completion of an internal review by NGET and it is expected the revised draft will be submitted to the April 2013 Modification Panel.

## 13 Code Governance Review 2 (CGR2)

- 2789. AS confirmed that following the CGR2 consultation, Ofgem are expecting to issue their final proposals by the end of w/c 25<sup>th</sup> March 2013.
- 2790. DMc advised the Panel that STC Modification Proposals in respect of CGR2 are due to be presented for discussion at the April 2013 Modification Panel.

## 14 Offshore Regime

2791. AS confirmed there was no Offshore update for March 2013.

### 15 European Developments

- 2792. AS confirmed that an ACER update regarding the latest European developments had been circulated to the Panel by LH.
- 2793. With regard to the proposal at last month's Modification Panel to introduce a European Issues Group (EIG), TD noted that there had been some interest in the topic at the last meeting but a decision regarding how to progress the proposal had yet to be decided. TD reminded the Panel that any views should be fed directly to Adrian Lewis <a href="mailto:Adrian.Lewis@nationalgrid.com">Adrian.Lewis@nationalgrid.com</a> or 01926 655145.

Action: ALL

# 16 Impact of Other Code Modifications

2794. There were no impacts of Other Code Modifications identified.

## 17 Reports from Sub Committees

- 2795. TJ confirmed that the next ChUG meeting is due to take place on 28th March 2013.
- 2796. 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. The next JPC meeting is planned for 16<sup>th</sup> April and it is therefore expected that an update will be available at the May 2013 Modification Panel.

Action: NGET (LH)

### 18 AOB

2797. There was no AOB.

### 19 Publications

2798. No publications were discussed.

# 20 Date of Next Meeting

2799. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 17th April 2013 at 1pm.