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Minutes

Meeting name	STC Modification Panel Meeting
Meeting number	104
Date of meeting	Wednesday 28 August 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)
Nick Harvey	NH	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Thomas Derry	TD	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Mary Owen (part)	TD	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)
Joe Dunn	JD	Scottish Power Transmission Limited (SPT)
Mike Lee	ML	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)

1 Introductions/Apologies for Absence

2925. Apologies were received from Audrey Ramsay (NGET).

2 Approval of Minutes from the last meeting

2926. The minutes from the last STC Modification Panel held on 24 July 2013 are to be updated with revised wording below. NGET to amend, recirculate to the Panel for approval and arrange publication of the minutes on the National Grid website.

- **Minute 2897**

Should read: '**Minute 2889:** In respect of the ongoing discussions regarding Compliance with Section K on Operational Timescales, ML confirmed that a teleconference had taken place on 9 July 2013 and the Panel were asked to note that the following had been agreed:

1. Shortfalls in Section K capability in operational timescales should be treated in the same way as other TO technical non conformances.

2. The OCLR process in STCP04-4 should be the process to manage such shortfalls.

3. If the OCLR process is subsequently found to be wanting, then any party may raise a modification through the normal industry processes.

The Panel agreed it would be useful to publish the papers produced as a result of these discussions on the National Grid website.'

- **Minute 2913**

Should read '…Joint Standing Group to be known as ECCAF (European Code Coordination Application Forum) which will discuss the coordination of application of European Network Codes across GB Codes. Comments are being sought ….'

Remove 'a' after '…useful for'

- **Minute 2921**

Should read '…were…' instead of '…ere…'

Should read '….from the web.' instead of '…from web.'

Action: NGET (LH)

3 Review of Actions

2927. **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 28 September 2013.

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

2928. **Minute 2824:** MD confirmed that the Network Access Policies (NAP) has been submitted to Ofgem and Ofgem have issued them out to consultation. MD agreed to circulate the final version once it is received.

Action: SPT (MD)

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

4 Modification Proposals

2929. There were no Modification Proposals.

5 Evaluation Phase/Workgroup Updates

2930. There were no Evaluation Phase/Workgroup Updates.

6 Evaluation Phase Reports

2931. There were no Evaluation Phase Reports.

7 Initial Modification Reports

2932. There were no Initial Modification Reports.

8 Proposed Modification Reports

CM050 – CM054 'Code Governance Review Phase 2'

2933. DM advised that the Proposed Modification Reports for the five Code Governance Review changes had been issued out to Industry Consultation for 30 days on 30 July 2013, closing on 11 September 2013.

2934. DM asked the Panel for any comments on the draft legal text and confirmed that Consultation Responses will be considered at the September 2013 STC Modification Panel.

9 Modification Reports

2935. There were no Modification Reports.

10 Pending Authority Decisions

2936. There were no pending Authority Decisions.

11 Authority Decisions

2937. There were no Authority Decisions.

12 STC Procedures

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

2938. DM confirmed that STCP19-3 is undergoing final legal review by NGET but that due to resources being focussed on the Energy Bill, this will not be complete until the September 2013 STC Modification Panel.

2939. ML noted that there appeared to be a lot of changes to STCP19-3 and TD advised that this was due to the procedure being amended to take into account the Offshore Regime. It was agreed that a summary of changes would be circulated with the final draft.

Action: NGET (LH)

PA069 – STCP13-1 & 14-1 OFTO Tariff Charging

2940. MO advised that comments had been received in relation to STCP13-1. These have been considered and, where appropriate, incorporated into a further draft which has been circulated to the Panel. The Panel had no further feedback and approved both procedures.

PA070 – Update STCP04-6 to add IEC60870-5-101 Communication Protocol

2941. DM confirmed that due to internal NGET personnel changes, the amendments to STCP04-6 are expected to be submitted to the September 2013 Modification Panel.

13 Offshore Regime

2942. AS advised that Ofgem are intending to publish a consultation on the implementation of the Generator Commissioning Clause, with respect to the current Energy Bill. It is expected to be published over the next few days and is likely to close in mid October 2013. A related stakeholder event is planned for 16 September 2013.

14 European Developments

2943. It was confirmed that the ENTSO-E and ACER updates regarding the latest European developments had been circulated to the Panel by LH.

2944. AH confirmed there were no TSO issues for discussion.

2945. TD advised that a further paper had been submitted to the STC Modification Panel which contained an amended Terms of Reference for the proposed ECCAF (European Code Coordination Application Forum) Joint Standing Group. A representative from the STC Modification Panel is being sought to sit on the group and JD agreed to take on this role.

15 Impact of Other Code Modifications

2946. **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. DM confirmed that the Grid Code consultation is awaiting final approval to go out to Industry Consultation.

Action: NGET (DM)

2947. **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 (DM)

2948. 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.

Action: SPT (JD)

16 Reports from Sub Committees

2949. 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 in September 2013.

2950. AH explained that the structure of the JPC has been reviewed and split into North and South meetings with some sub groups put in place. A paper is due to be submitted to the September STC Modification Panel.

Action: NGET (AH)

2951. 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)

2952. 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.

Action: NGET (LH)

2953. AS queried whether JPC documentation including minutes is available on the National Grid website and AH advised that going forward, the JPC meeting minutes will be published on the National Grid website but due to confidentiality issues, retrospective minutes will not be uploaded.

17 AOB

2954. JD raised an issue relating to STCP18-1 as summarised below:

Summary of LC and associated incentive (for current year)
By 1st Nov 2014, Ofgem will determine TO's performance of delivery of connection offers between 1st April 2013 and 31st March 2014.

For ScotTOs, timescales come from LC D4A through STC Section D Part 2 para 4.8. The black and white is delivery of offers to NGET within 3 months less 13 business days from 'go live'. STCP 18-1 goes into more detail and additionally requires a draft offer within 2 months of 'go live'.

Issue for TOs is in ability to provide 'Affected' offers where the host TO works are not confirmed in time to meet timescales above. An affected TO is determined where an application is within the boundary of influence of the adjacent TO. However, in terms of flows south (from SHE Transmission) through SPT's area, all offers require input from SPT. In order to facilitate this incongruity, the agreed working process currently employed is to allow the 'affected' TO two weeks from confirmation of the host TO construction works. This often falls outside the timescales underlined above.

Options available:
1. Change both STC and STCP 18-1 to allow for when relevant information is late,
2. Change STCP 18-1 to ensure process is managed within allowed timescales,
3. Ofgem derogate on a continuing/ enduring basis to allow for late delivery outwith affected TO's control, and
4. Change to contractual arrangements to account for late changes to Transmission Construction Works (although this fix will provide solution to majority but not all offers)

JD will report back at the September STC Modification Panel on the preferred method for progressing the issue.

Action: SPT (JD)

2955. 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 to summarise the position and circulate to the Panel.

Action: NGET (AH)

18 Publications

2956. No publications were discussed.

19 Date of Next Meeting

2957. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on **Wednesday 25 September 2013 at 10am.**