

Minutes

Meeting name	STC Modification Panel Meeting
Meeting number	97
Date of meeting	Wednesday 30 th January 2013
Time	09:30am – 11:30am
Location	National Grid House, Warwick and Teleconference

Attendees

Name	Initials	Company
Audrey Ramsay	AR	Committee Chair (NGET)
Lucy Hudson	LH	Committee Secretary (NGET)
Damien McCluskey	DM	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Dave Wagstaff	DW	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Kenny Stott	KS	Scottish Hydro-Electric Transmission Limited (SHETL)
Alan Kelly	AK	Scottish Power Transmission Limited (SPT)
Milorad Dobrijevic	MD	Scottish Power Transmission Limited (SPT)
Mike Lee	ML	Transmission Capital (TC)
Iain Cameron	IC	Blue Transmission (BT)
Abid Sheikh	AS	Ofgem

Apologies

Name	Initials	Company
Thomas Derry	TD	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Bec Thornton	BT	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Tracy Joyce	TJ	Scottish Power Transmission Limited (SPT)
Neil Sandison	NS	Scottish Hydro-Electric Transmission Limited (SHETL)
Geoff Singleton	GS	Blue Transmission (BT)

1 Introductions/Apologies for Absence

2733. Apologies were received from Tom Derry (NGET), Bec Thornton (BT), Tracy Joyce (SPT), Neil Sandison (SHETL) and Geoff Singleton (BT).
2734. AR advised the Panel that she would take the role of Chair at today's meeting as TD and BT were unable to attend.

2 Approval of Minutes from the last meeting

2735. The minutes from the last STC Modification Panel held on 19th December 2012 were approved. NGET to arrange publication of the minutes on the National Grid website.

Action: NGET (LH)

3 Review of Actions

2736. **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)

2737. **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 January 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)

2738. **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 and it has been suggested March 2013 may be suitable.

Action: NGET (LH)

2739. **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)

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

4 Modification Proposals

2740. There were no new Modification Proposals.

5 Evaluation Phase/Workgroup Updates

2741. There were no Evaluation Phase/Workgroup Updates.

6 Evaluation Phase Reports

2742. There were no Evaluation Phase Reports.

7 Initial Modification Reports

2743. There were no Initial Modification Reports.

8 Proposed Modification Reports

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

2744. AR advised that CA049 'Amendments to Section K to provide OFTOs with the capability to respond to Reactive Power Instructions within 2 minutes' Industry Consultation closed on 13th December 2012 and that draft responses to the 4 representations received have been drafted and are awaiting review.

2745. AS noted that the representations highlighted some useful points and it would be useful for these to be outlined in the Final Modification Report. AR agreed to speak to Brian Taylor to arrange a teleconference to agree the responses in order that the Final Modification Report may be progressed.

Action: NGET (AR)

2746. IC queried, if OFTOs are required to make retrospective changes as a result of CA049, would Ofgem be looking to make licence changes to allow OFTOs to be remunerated. AS confirmed that this would be dependant on an assessment of evidence provided by the OFTO on how the defect is proposed to be addressed.

9 Modification Reports

CA046 'Inclusion of Generator build options within the STC'

2747. DM advised that approval of the CA046 'Inclusion of Generator build options within the STC' Final Modification Report was being sought at today's Modification Panel. The Panel approved the Report for submission to the Authority however, MD and IC noted there were a couple of issues they would like clarified and agreed to email these to LH.

Action: SPT/BT (MD/IC)

2748. AS noted that it would be useful for further detail to be included under 'Assessment against STC Objectives' within Section 5 of the Report, in particular for this modification but also for all future modifications.

10 Pending Authority Decisions

2749. There were no pending Authority Decisions.

11 Authority Decisions

2750. There were no Authority Decisions.

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

2751. AR confirmed that the latest draft of STCP01-1 incorporating the timescales amendment had been circulated on Papers Day and asked the Panel for any final views. The OFTOs confirmed they were happy to approve the change and the TOs agreed to provide their approval via email.

Action: SPT/SHET (AK/KS)

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

2752. DM confirmed that the latest draft of STCP19-3 is awaiting an internal review by NGET.

PA067 – STCP24-1 Revenue Forecast Information Provision

2753. DW presented a new draft procedure STCP24-1 'Revenue Forecast Information Provision' which has been developed further to the implementation of CUSC Modification CMP206. DW highlighted that the Charging User Group had been involved in its development.
2754. Following clarification of various aspects and benefits of the procedure, the Panel were generally in favour but suggested that it would be beneficial to include a sentence within the scope clarifying that reporting of information by the TOs is to be by exception.

Action: NGET (DW)

2755. IC suggested that it would be useful for NGET to send a prompt email in early January which can be responded to with either a nil return or the data which has changed. IC also noted that since OFTO revenue calculations are not made until the end of December, it may be difficult to report adjustments by January.

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

2756. AR advised that as a result of CA049, a second change to STCP01-1 is being proposed. SHET and the OFTOs confirmed they were happy with the proposed change and SPT agreed to review and provide their approval/comments.

Action: SPT (AK)

2757. AS queried the impact on the management of existing and future Offshore generator build schemes. IC confirmed in terms of the more recent schemes, generators have designed and built the SCADA systems and that going forward, this would be the case. IC also confirmed that the party taking over the scheme would need to be happy with the design as part of the due diligence bidding process.

2758. AS noted an issue with the use of the defined term 'Alternative Point of Contact' in paragraph 3.1.5 which was due to a lack of capitalisation. LH agreed to amend and submit the revised draft to the February 2013 Panel meeting.

Action: NGET (LH)

2759. AS confirmed that LH had circulated a note to the Panel with the latest Offshore update.

14 European Developments

2760. AS confirmed that an ACER update regarding the latest European developments had been circulated to the Panel by LH.
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 European team to understand the implications of this.

Action: Ofgem (AS)

15 Impact of Other Code Modifications

2762. There were no impacts identified.

16 Reports from Sub Committees

2763. AK confirmed that the next ChUG meeting is due to take place in March 2013.
2764. 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)

17 AOB

2765. In respect of Code Governance Review 2, AS confirmed that responses had been received to the Consultation and that Ofgem hoped to issue a decision document mid/end of February 2013.
2766. AS noted that the Ofgem Consultation on Further Proposed Licence Changes following the implementation of the Third Package had closed with 6 responses being received. Responses are being assessed and appear favourable but it was noted there may be a possible overlap with the Code Governance Review 2 drafting.
2767. LH noted that due to a clash with the NGET Customer Seminars in Glasgow, a request had been received to change the date of the April 2013 Panel meeting. LH to circulate new proposed date.

Action: NGET (LH)

2768. Regarding the OFTO elections, LH advised the Panel that nominations had now been received and that voting papers are due to be circulated today.

18 Publications

2769. No publications were discussed.

19 Date of Next Meeting

2770. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on **Wednesday 27th February 2013 at 10am.**