

Minutes

Meeting name	STC Modification Panel Meeting
Meeting number	120
Date of meeting	Wednesday 17 December 2014
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)
Mark O'Connor	MOC	National Grid (NGET)
Mark Krajinevski	MK	National Grid (NGET)
Keith Dan (part)	KD	National Grid (NGET)
Tom Ireland (part)	TI	National Grid (NGET)
Kenny Stott	KS	Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission (SHET)
Neil Sandison	NS	Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission (SHET)
Milorad Dobrijevic	MD	Scottish Power Transmission plc (SPT)
Deborah MacPherson	DM	Scottish Power Transmission plc (SPT)
Mike Lee	ML	Transmission Investment (TI)
David Lyon	DL	Blue Transmission (BT)
Abid Sheikh	AS	Ofgem

Apologies

Name	Initials	Company
Alan Kelly	AK	Scottish Power Transmission plc (SPT)
David Phillips	DP	Balfour Beatty (BB)
Alex Thomason	AT	National Grid (NGET)

3446. Apologies were received from Alan Kelly (SPT), David Phillips (BB) and Alex Thomason (NGET).

2 Approval of Minutes from the last meeting

3447. The minutes from the STC Modification Panel held on 26 November 2014 were approved, subject to some minor amendments suggested by Ofgem. STC Modification Panel Secretary to arrange publication of the final minutes.

Action: NGET (LH)

3 Review of Actions

3448. **Minute 3116: Workplan for Review of STCPs.** Further to AS's request for clarity on this minute from the January 2014 meeting, JD confirmed that the issue with STCP11-1 Outage Planning was that Project Listing Definitions (PLDs) are not necessarily being used as originally intended and that the STCP does not reflect the current working practice. The Panel agreed that the STCP should be updated to reflect the working practice. AH confirmed that a timetable for a draft workplan to review STCPs will be provided to the March 2014 meeting, once comments have been received on the draft. At the March 2014 meeting, AH confirmed that a timetable for the review of STCP11-1 had been established. AH also advised that a document has been produced which identifies NGET ownership for each section of the STC. LH confirmed that the document has been finalised and had been circulated to the STC Panel. A

review of STCPs is now to be established. **This action is ongoing but is likely to be superseded by ITPR.**

Action: NGET (LH)

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

4 Discussion Items

Regional Group GB

3449. TI gave an overview of a proposed new coordination group, GB TSO Regional Group, which is intended to enable GB TSOs to deal with issues arising from Europe in the most efficient and effective manner. An initial key focus will be how TSOs feed into the implementation of the European Network Codes, however the Group will also consider broader ENTSO-E and EU Legislative items. It was noted that this would not be a decision making body. It is the intention to establish a number of subgroups which TSOs are welcome to attend where relevant.
3450. AS noted that European TSO issues that are relevant to the STC are already a standing item on the STC Modification Panel agenda and asked whether this new group would be looking across codes. TI confirmed that the group would have a broader remit and would cover any relevant part of the TSO business from a European perspective. It is intended that the group complements the current STC GC process.
3451. AS also noted that the Joint European Standing Group (JESG) and European Codes Coordination Application Forum (ECCAF) are already in place and TI confirmed that the proposed group would be a wider stakeholder group and act as a pre-filter to JESG.
3452. A draft Terms of Reference has been produced and circulated to all certified GB TSOs and a workshop is planned for mid to late January 2015 to review these. TI agreed to send the invite and draft Terms of Reference to the OFTOs.

Action: NGET (TI)

5 Modification Proposals

3453. There were no new Modification Proposals.

6 Evaluation Phase/Workgroup Updates

3454. There were no Evaluation Phase/Workgroup Updates.

7 Evaluation Phase Reports

3455. There were no Evaluation Phase Reports.

8 Initial Modification Reports

3456. There were no Initial Modification Reports.

9 Proposed Modification Reports

3457. There were no proposed Modification Reports.

10 Modification Reports

3458. There were no Modification Reports.

11 Pending Authority Decisions

3459. There were no pending Authority Decisions.

12 Authority Decisions

CM056 – Reporting requirements under Article 10.1c of EU Transparency Regulation (Commission Regulation No 543/2013)

3460. AS confirmed that the Authority had approved CM056 on 26 November 2014. It was implemented on 3 December 2014.

13 STC Procedures

PM080: New STCP to cover the functional requirements of Active Network Management Schemes (AMNs)

3461. KD confirmed that the draft STCP was discussed at the workgroup meeting which took place on 3 December 2014. The workgroup agreed the procedure was fine as currently drafted however there were some comments provided by KS which are to be incorporated. The issue of NIC/NIA funding arose and this will be discussed in the future.

3462. A further meeting took place on 8 December 2014 with the TOs and EBS developers at which the practicalities were discussed and it has been decided to meet again in February 2015 to discuss some of the more detailed technical aspects.

3463. DL raised some concerns specifically related to OFTOs and KD agreed to set up a separate teleconference with the OFTOs to discuss these issues.

Action: NGET (KD)

PM082: STCP19-4 Concerns raised by Generators over Commissioning and Decommissioning of Transmission Assets

3464. MOC advised that work on the review of STCP19-4 was progressing well. A further meeting has taken place to address feedback received. Now that the workgroup have agreed the draft, it is planned to circulate it for Panel review ahead of the January STC Modification Panel. The aim is for the revised STCP to be approved by the end of February 2015 with a view to implementation prior to the start of the new outage year in April 2015.

PM083: STCP19-5 Update and clarification of process for issuing an Final Section K Notification (FSKN) to prospective OFTOs

3465. ML confirmed that the first workgroup meeting has been scheduled for 15 January 2015.

14 European Developments

ENTSO-E and ACER updates

3466. LH confirmed that the ENTSO-E and ACER updates regarding the latest European developments had been circulated to the Panel.

TSO Issues

3467. There were no TSO issues.

European Code Coordination Application Forum (ECCAF)

3468. AS advised that ECCAF meetings had been put on hold due to ongoing political developments in the EU affecting progress of European Network Codes and that the next planned meeting is on 3 February 2015.

15 Offshore Regime

3469. LH confirmed that an Offshore update had been circulated to the Panel on behalf of Ofgem.

16 Impact of Other Code Modifications

3470. No new impacts were noted.

17 Reports from Sub Committees

Joint Planning Committee

3471. The last JPC meeting took place on 25 November 2014. The minutes will be circulated to the STC Panel once approved. The next meeting is planned for 27 January 2015.

Charging User Group

3472. The next ChUG meeting is taking place in mid January 2015.

18 Any Other Business

Integrated Transmission Planning and Regulation (ITPR)

3473. AS commented that in the minutes from November 2014's STC Modification Panel, it is suggested that until the policy framework for ITPR is defined in Spring 2015, there will be no work undertaken to look at potential modifications to the STC/STCPs. Ofgem believe it may be more beneficial to start considering potential modifications as soon as possible.

3474. AH agreed that NGET would set up a workshop to take place on the afternoon of the January 2015 STC Modification Panel to commence discussion on how STC and STCP changes as a result of ITPR may be progressed.

Action: NGET (LH)

2015 OFTO Elections

3475. LH advised that the 2015 OFTO election process is due to commence in January 2015 and asked the Panel if there were any issues they wanted to raise ahead of the process starting, in light of the comments received during last year's elections. The Panel raised no concerns and it was suggested LH contacted DP to confirm if he wished to raise anything.

Action: NGET (LH)

Code Administrator Code of Practice (CACoP)

3476. LH noted that the draft Code Administrator Code of Practice (CACoP) had been circulated to the Panel and that no responses had been received. AS highlighted that Ofgem were concerned that the review process is carried out as transparently as possible. AS suggested that for future reviews, Code Administrators could consider how to facilitate wider industry engagement throughout the review.

Publication of STC Modification Panel minutes.

3477. LH asked the Panel whether they would like the draft minutes to be circulated any earlier than the current timescale of Papers Day, a week before the Panel. The Panel were all happy with the existing arrangements.

19 Publications

3405. No publications were discussed.

3406. The date of the next meeting is **28 January at 10am.**