

Minutes

Meeting name	STC Modification Panel Meeting
Meeting number	114
Date of meeting	Wednesday 25 June 2014
Time	10:00am – 12:00pm
Location	National Grid House, Warwick and Teleconference

Attendees

Name	Initials	Company
Hannah Kirk-Wilson	HKW	Modification Panel Chair (NGET)
Bali Virk	BV	Modification Panel Secretary (NGET)
Mark O'Connor	MOC	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
David Gregory	DG	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
David Lyon	DL	Blue Transmission (BT)
Mike Lee	ML	Transmission Capital (TC)
Neil Sandison	NS	Scottish Hydro-Electric Transmission (SHET)
Milorad Dobrijevic	MD	Scottish Power Transmission Limited (SPT)
Alan Kelly	AK	Scottish Power Transmission Limited (SPT)
Abid Sheikh	AS	Ofgem

Apologies

Name	Initials	Company
Andy Hiorns	AH	Modification Panel Chair (NGET)
Lucy Hudson	LH	Modification Panel Secretary (NGET)
Kenny Stott	KS	Scottish Hydro-Electric Transmission (SHET)
David Phillips	DP	Balfour Beatty (BB)

1 Introductions/Apologies for Absence

3283. Apologies were received from Andy Hiorns (NGET), Lucy Hudson (NGET), Kenny Stott (SHET) and David Phillips (BB).

2 Approval of Minutes from the last meeting

3284. The minutes from the STC Modification Panel held on 28 May 2014 were approved, subject to a minor change. STC Modification Panel Secretary to arrange publication of the final minutes.

Action: NGET (LH)

3 Review of Actions

3285. **Minute 3115: OFTO representation at the JPC.** AH agreed with ML to update the paper on OFTO representation at the JPC, circulate it to ML and DL for comment. The updated paper was circulated to the Panel prior to the June STC Modification Panel. The Panel were asked to provide any comments and the paper would be discussed again at the next STC Modification Panel. **This action is ongoing.**

Action: ALL

3286. **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 STC Modification Panel meeting, once comments have been received on the draft. At the March STC Modification Panel, 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. BV confirmed that the document was being circulated internally for final review and once the document has been finalised, a copy will be shared with the STC Panel. **This action is ongoing.**

Action: NGET (LH)

3287. Minute 3093: STCP19-6 Application Fee. AT took an action to report back to the STC Modification Panel on progress with STCP19-6. **Post-meeting note:** STCP19-6 has been approved and now needs to be physically signed off by all parties. NGET to initiate the signing-off process. **Action: Look into alternative sign-off process.**

Action: NGET (LH)

3288. Minute 3211: NGET personnel continuity. JD raised a concern regarding the continuity of NGET personnel with the recent restructure and its impact on the relationship, particularly at a working level, with the Scottish TOs. It was noted that the development of the STC Ownership Document may assist with this issue, but there are also concerns over how the knowledge base is being transferred going forward. AH offered to arrange a meeting between NGET and the Scottish TOs to discuss this further. At the June 2014 meeting, the STC Modification Panel asked if National Grid could provide a summary paper of how this has been resolved and circulate to members.

Action: NGET (AH/LH)

3289. Minute 3221: European Transparency Regulations. AHa took an action to arrange a meeting with OFTOs to further discuss the detail around the Transparency Regulation and the reporting mechanism. A teleconference took place on 02 June to discuss the issue in more detail. **Action complete.**

3290. Minute 3222: European Transparency Regulations. AHa highlighted that the STC would need to be amended to capture the reporting requirement, with the lower level detail to be captured within STC04-4. The Panel agreed with this approach and a Modification Proposal is to be drafted. AS noted it would be useful to include the proposed legal changes within the Modification Proposal to clarify the STC changes required and also a proposed timescale for the modification. **Post meeting note:** The legal text is currently being drafted and National Grid will submit Modification Proposals for both the STC and STCPs to the July 2014 Modification Panel.

Action NGET (AHa)

3291. Minute 3244: Performance Excellence Process. HKW advised that Performance Excellence is being implemented within the Scottish Planning Team in AH's department and any constructive feedback is welcomed to ensure that the most efficient processes may be implemented as part of this. NS queried what type of feedback is expected and HKW agreed to ask AH to send an email to the Panel to clarify what he is hoping for. At the June Panel meeting, KD gave a brief overview of the Performance Excellence work undertaken to date and confirmed that NGET are keen to engage with Panel to discuss how things are currently working and understand areas which could be improved. AK informed members that NGET are currently engaging with SPT regarding the connection process. **Action closed.**

3292. Minute 3245: With respect to a potential interactive offer between England and Scotland, it is proposed to use the CION process rather than Licence Condition 2b in order to ensure a more co-ordinated approach. HKW asked whether Ofgem had any objections and AS agreed to obtain a response from Ofgem. AS confirmed that Ofgem are happy for the CION process to be used and would value some feedback on the use of the process. **Action closed.**

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

4 Discussion Items

3293. There were no discussion items.

5 Modification Proposals

3294. No new Modification Proposals were raised.

6 Evaluation Phase/Workgroup Updates

3295. There were no Evaluation Phase/Workgroup Updates.

7 Evaluation Phase Reports

3296. There were no Evaluation Phase Reports.

8 Initial Modification Reports

3297. There were no Initial Modification Reports.

9 Proposed Modification Reports

3298. There were no Proposed Modification Reports.

10 Modification Reports

3299. There were no Modification Reports.

11 Pending Authority Decisions

CM055: Consequential changes following implementation of the Third Package and other miscellaneous changes

3300. AS confirmed that Ofgem are currently considering the CM055 Report to the Authority and it is expected a decision will be published within Ofgem's 25 day KPI.

12 Authority Decisions

3301. There were no Authority Decisions.

13 STC Procedures

STCP19-4 Commissioning and Decommissioning

3302. MOC confirmed that further discussions had taken place with SSE and also SHET and it has been agreed that a wider meeting should take place in the form of a Workgroup to involve all parties. It is proposed to discuss the STCP19-4 process and working practice with a view to carrying out a complete review of the STCP.

Action: NGET (MOC)

PM078: Modification to STCP01-1 Appendix D provide a trigger phrase for controlling the power flow on a HVDC transmission line

3303. DG presented the PM078 Modification Proposal. The Panel approved for it to be progressed and for the amendments to STCP01-1 to be drafted.

PM079: Update of STCP18-1

3304. KD presented the PM079 Modification Proposal advising it is proposed that the CION form is refreshed. The Panel approved for it to be progressed and for the amendments to STCP18-1 to be drafted.

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

3305. KD presented the PM080 Modification Proposal. The Panel approved for it to be progressed and for the initial draft of the new STCP to be developed.

14 Offshore Regime

3306. BV confirmed that an Offshore update had been circulated to the Panel on behalf of Ofgem.

15 European Developments

ENTSO-E and ACER updates

3307. BV confirmed that the ENTSO-E and ACER updates regarding the latest European developments had been circulated to the Panel.

TSO Issues

3308. No TSO Issues were raised.

European Code Coordination Application Forum (ECCAF)

3309. AS stated that the next ECCAF meeting was taking place on 26 June via teleconference. AS informed members that some of the work on the European Codes had been delayed, due to current discussions around political issues.

3310. The Panel were reminded that there is currently no ECCAF representation from the STC Modification Panel. AS reinforced the importance of a representative from the STC Modification Panel on the forum as the European Codes will affect the TSOs. AK stated that SPT may be able to provide a representative for the meeting.

3311. It was agreed representation for ECCAF would be discussed further at the next STC Modification Panel.

16 Impact of Other Code Modifications

3312. No new impacts were noted.

17 Reports from Sub Committees

Joint Planning Committee

3313. The last JPC meeting took place on 29 April 2014 and the minutes have been circulated to the STC Panel.

Charging User Group

3314. The last CHuG meeting took place on 7 May 2014 and the minutes have been circulated to the STC Panel.

18 Any Other Business

3315. BV confirmed that the Code Administrator Code of Practice Annual Review would be taking place in September 2014, and the STC Panel can feed back into this process. It was agreed that the CACoP would be circulated to the STC members in preparation for feedback at the July STC Modification Panel.

Action: NGET (LH)

19 Publications

3316. No publications were discussed.

20 Date of Next Meeting

3317. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on **Wednesday 30 July 2014 at 10am.**