

Minutes

Meeting name	STC Modification Panel Meeting
Meeting number	110
Date of meeting	Wednesday 26 February 2014
Time	10:00 – 12:00
Location	National Grid House, Warwick and Teleconference

Attendees

Name	Initials	Company
Andy Hiorns	AH	Modification Panel Chair (NGET)
Alex Thomason	AT	Modification Panel Secretary (Code Administrator)
Mark O'Connor	MO	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
David Gregory	DG	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Neil Sandison	NS	Scottish Hydro-Electric Transmission (SHET)
Joe Dunn	JD	Scottish Power Transmission Limited (SPT)
Milorad Dobrijevic	MD	Scottish Power Transmission Limited (SPT)
Sean Kelly	SK	Transmission Capital (TC)
David Lyon	DL	Blue Transmission (BT)
Abid Sheikh	AS	Ofgem
Hannah Kirk-Wilson	HK-W	NGET (Observer)

Apologies

Name	Initials	Company
Lucy Hudson	LH	Modification Panel Secretary (NGET)
Mike Lee	ML	Transmission Capital
Kenny Stott	KS	SHET

1 Introductions/Apologies for Absence

3148. Apologies were received from Lucy Hudson, Mike Lee and Kenny Stott. Sean Kelly attended on behalf of Mike Lee.
3149. Mark O'Connor and David Gregory were introduced as the National Grid representatives. Hannah Kirk-Wilson was introduced as an observer from National Grid.

2 Approval of Minutes from the last meeting

3150. The minutes from the last STC Modification Panel held on 29 January 2014 were approved, subject to clarifications to minutes 3116, 3117 and 3139. STC Modifications Panel Secretary to update and publish.

Action: NGET (AT)

3 Review of Actions

3151. **Minute 2727: STC Panel photos on the website.** SK noted that ML had provided a photograph for the website, fulfilling his action.
3152. **Minute 3112: Network Access Policies.** MD provided a paper for circulation in December 2013. MD's view is that there is no discrepancy between the NAP and STCPs. No comments were received from Panel Members at January 2014's STC Panel meeting; the Code Administrator has an outstanding action to recirculate MD's paper with deadline for comments.

Action: NGET (AT)

3153. **Minute 3113: Provisions for Interconnectors in the STC.** At January 2014's Panel meeting, the issue of where Interconnector provisions should sit within industry codes was raised, with a suggestion that the existing Section 9 of the CUSC could be expanded. AT took an action to raise this at the next CUSC Modifications Panel meeting. Action ongoing – to be raised at February's Panel meeting on Friday 28 February.

Action: NGET (AT)

3154. **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 and then table it at the March STC Panel meeting for sign-off.

Action: NGET (AH)

3155. **Minute 3116: Workplan for Review of STCPs.** Further to AS' 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.

Action: NGET (AH)

3156. **Minute 3084:** MD provided feedback from the Outage change management meeting, held on 17 January 2014. There have been issues with the TO outage plan within year. MD noted that there are a couple of actions arising from the meeting, which need to be confirmed, but include consulting generators to find out whether this is a complaint for all generators, or whether it is non-firm generators that have the issue. It was also agreed to invite generator representatives to a future meeting on 24 April to discuss their views. AS noted that Ofgem had been invited to attend the Workgroup but Ofgem feels that it is not appropriate at this stage for them to get involved.

3157. **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 signing-off processes.

Action: NGET (AT)

3158. **Minute 3120: JPC Minutes.** Minutes circulated to JPC members for final comments. AH to send to AT for circulation to the STC Modification Panel. AH noted that the minutes from the October 2013 JPC meeting were outstanding and that a further JPC meeting had taken place in January 2014. AH to circulate minutes as soon as they are available.

Action: NGET (AH)

3159. **Minute 3121:** LH send list of JPC members to MD. MD noted that he had not received the list of JPC members. AT agreed to send this. Action ongoing.

Action: NGET (AT)

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

4 Discussion Items

3160. There were no discussion items.

5 Modification Proposals

3161. No new Modification Proposals were raised.

6 Evaluation Phase/Workgroup Updates

3162. There were no Evaluation Phase/Workgroup Updates.

7 Evaluation Phase Reports

3163. There were no Evaluation Phase Reports.

8 Initial Modification Reports

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

3164. ER explained the background to CM055 which was raised at the January 2014 STC Modification Panel meeting. ER asked Panel Members to clarify their views in Section 3 of the Report: Impacts and Assessments, with a view to publishing the IMR for consultation on Monday 3 March, for a 4 week consultation.

3165. AS noted a typographical error in the document, as it consistently refers to CA055 rather than CM055. AS noted that Ofgem had some issues with the proposed legal drafting which was consistent across the BSC and CUSC modification proposals. Ofgem is still looking at the legal drafting and may have further comments. AT asked whether the time required for comments might delay the proposed publication date. AS responded that he hoped that would not be the case and that a discussion would be held in the next few days.

3166. AS explained that the key issue with the proposed drafting is in paragraph 7.1.10.6 and the views of any relevant Working Group or the rights of the Panel itself. BSC drafting is derived from SCR related code drafting and Ofgem's concern is that when an SCR is completed, the Authority publishing SCR conclusions and then may publish directions to the licensee to raise a Modification Proposal. Ofgem's concern is that these paragraphs talk about the Modification Proposal itself and not the SCR conclusions or directions. Ofgem would not seek to fetter the views of the Panel and/or Workgroup in terms of a Modification Proposal and it seems odd that this paragraph is required at all.

Action: Ofgem to provide comments on legal drafting to NGET (AS)

The Panel agreed for CM055 to be sent to consultation, subject to Ofgem's additional legal comments.

9 Proposed Modification Reports

3167. There were no Proposed Modification Reports.

10 Modification Reports

3168. There were no Modification Reports.

11 Pending Authority Decisions

3169. There were no pending Authority Decisions.

12 Authority Decisions

3170. There were no Authority Decisions.

13 STC Procedures

3171. **STCP04-1:** AH asked for comments on the draft circulated with the panel papers. NS confirmed that his initial concerns that the protocol mentioned was the only one that could be used had now been addressed. No further comments were received and STCP04-1 was therefore approved.
3172. **STCP04-2:** Panel Members had no comments on the proposed revisions. STCP04-2 was approved.

Action: Code Administrator to initiate sign-off process (AT)

14 Offshore Regime

3173. AS confirmed he had circulated an Offshore update that morning, which covered Ofgem's Offshore newsletter and an Investor perspective report. The report has been forwarded to Panel Members.

15 European Developments

ENTSO-E and ACER updates

3174. AT confirmed that the ENTSO-E and ACER updates regarding the latest European developments had been circulated to the Panel.

TSO Issues

3175. No TSO Issues were raised.

European Code Coordination Application Forum (ECCAF)

3176. JD presented a note from the ECCAF regarding implementation of the European codes within GB codes. JD noted that the ECCAF has spent some time talking about the different options for implementing European Requirements into the GB codes framework and that views varied among members of ECCAF from incremental implementation to a more radical approach. JD will send a short extract from the headline report which reflects discussions. The ECCAF discussions found that although two main approaches were proposed, the work required for them was broadly the same. The approach would be to review the new European Codes, see what needed to be implemented within the GB framework and then putting the new obligations somewhere. ECCAF's recommendation is that the existing GB code structures are appropriate to begin the GB application of the European Connection Codes which mainly impact the Grid and Distribution Codes. The European Connection Codes are the Requirements for Generators, Demand Connection and HVDC codes.
3177. JD confirmed that ECCAF has caveated this recommendation by stating that this approach does not preclude any later revisions to the recommendation. AS confirmed the approach and the caveat.

Action: JD to circulate extract from ECCAF headline report

16 Impact of Other Code Modifications

3178. No new impacts were noted.

17 Reports from Sub Committees

3179. **Joint Planning Committee:** The next proposed meeting is 22nd April 2014.

3180. **Charging Users Group:** The next proposed meeting is 23rd April 2014.

18 Any Other Business

3181. AH asked for an update on the OFTO Election process. AT noted that one OFTO was yet to vote and she would chase up following the meeting.

Action: Code Administrator (AT)

19 Publications

3182. No publications were discussed.

20 Date of Next Meeting

3183. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on **Wednesday 26 March 2014 at 10am.**