

Minutes

Meeting name	STC Modification Panel Meeting
Meeting number	113
Date of meeting	Wednesday 28 May 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)
Emma Radley	ER	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
David Gregory	DG	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Alan Kelly	AK	Scottish Power Transmission Limited (SPT)
David Lyon	DL	Blue Transmission (BT)
Mike Lee	ML	Transmission Capital (TC)
David Phillips	DP	Balfour Beatty (BB)

Apologies

Name	Initials	Company
Andy Hiorns	AH	Modification Panel Chair (NGET)
Lucy Hudson	LH	Modification Panel Secretary (NGET)
Mark O'Connor	MOC	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Milorad Dobrijevic	MD	Scottish Power Transmission Limited (SPT)
Kenny Stott	KS	Scottish Hydro-Electric Transmission (SHET)
Neil Sandison	NS	Scottish Hydro-Electric Transmission (SHET)
Abid Sheikh	AS	Ofgem

1 Introductions/Apologies for Absence

3249. The Chair and members welcomed David Phillips to the STC Panel meeting.
3250. It was noted that there was no representation from SHET. The Chair and Panel members agreed for the meeting to go ahead to review the outstanding actions, and that any decisions to be made would be via correspondence.
3251. Apologies were received from the Panel members listed above.

2 Approval of Minutes from the last meeting

3252. The minutes from the STC Modification Panel held on 30 April 2014 were approved, subject to some minor changes. STC Modification Panel Secretary to arrange publication of the final minutes.

Action: NGET (LH)

3 Review of Actions

3253. **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. **This action is ongoing.**

Action: NGET (AH)

3254. **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. Once the document has been finalised, a copy will be shared with the STC Panel. **This action is ongoing.**

Action: NGET (LH)

3255. **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 (AT/LH)

3256. **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. **This action is ongoing.**

Action: NGET (AH/LH)

3257. **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. The Panel requested that this meeting is arranged as soon as possible. BV to speak AHa to arrange a teleconference.

Action: NGET (BV)

3258. **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. **This action is ongoing.**

Action NGET (AHa)

3259. **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.

Action: NGET (HKW)

3260. **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. **This action is ongoing.**

Action: Ofgem (AS)

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

4 Discussion Items

3261. There were no discussion items.

5 Modification Proposals

3262. No new Modification Proposals were raised.

6 Evaluation Phase/Workgroup Updates

3263. There were no Evaluation Phase/Workgroup Updates.

7 Evaluation Phase Reports

3264. There were no Evaluation Phase Reports.

8 Initial Modification Reports

3265. There were no Initial Modification Reports.

9 Proposed Modification Reports

3266. There were no Proposed Modification Reports.

10 Modification Reports

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

3267. ER advised that the draft CM055 Final Modification Report had been circulated on 16 May 2014 to reflect some minor changes to the report and to the legal text following some comments from Ofgem. ER noted that no comments were received following this.

3268. ER explained that there had been an ongoing issue between NGET and Ofgem with regard to the use of the term 'Party' in the legal drafting. ER advised that Ofgem had a concern that the Licence Condition refers to STC Code Owners (namely the Onshore TOs), and that OFTOs have an obligation to be a party to the Framework Agreement and shall comply with the STC, which is different to the responsibility of the onshore TOs. Ofgem believe that it would be inappropriate to place an obligation on the OFTOs in this regard in the CM055 legal text as it does not reflect what is in the Licence. ER explained that NGET's response to this was that the general governance provisions that are set out in the Licence impacts all parties, not just STC Code owners, and noted that OFTOs were not separated out in the SCR legal text, and the same principles were applied in the CM055 legal text as for the SCR text. ER added that NGET felt that this is incidental since the Licence states that the provisions of the applicable paragraphs shall not limit the matters which may be provided for the STC, so therefore NGET feel that it would not be in the best interests of maintaining the clarity of the STC to have different governance provisions for OFTOs in respect of modifications which relate to EU regulations.

3269. The Panel did not have any further comments and agreed they were happy for CM055 to progress. Due to the absence of any representation from SHET, ER agreed to circulate the report via email to the Panel for 1 week's comment, after which the report will be submitted to the Authority.

Action NGET (ER)

11 Pending Authority Decisions

3270. There were no pending Authority Decisions.

12 Authority Decisions

3271. There were no Authority Decisions.

13 STC Procedures

STCP 19-4 Offshore Transmission System Compliance Process and Testing

3272. HK advised the Panel that Mark O'Connor is looking to set up a working group to review STCP 19-4 processes and working practices. Mark O'Connor can be contacted for further information and will give an update the next STC Modification Panel.

14 Offshore Regime

3273. BV confirmed that an Offshore update had been circulated to the Panel on behalf of Ofgem, prior to the meeting.

15 European Developments

ENTSO-E and ACER updates

3274. BV confirmed that the ENTSO-E and ACER updates regarding the latest European developments had been circulated to the Panel.

TSO Issues

3275. No TSO Issues were raised.

European Code Coordination Application Forum (ECCAF)

3276. The Panel were reminded that there is currently no representation from the STC Modification Panel on the ECCAF group. It was agreed representation for ECCAF would be discussed at the next STC Modification Panel.

16 Impact of Other Code Modifications

3277. No new impacts were noted.

17 Reports from Sub Committees

Joint Planning Committee

3278. The last JPC meeting took place on 29 April 2014 and the minutes will be circulated once they are available.

Charging User Group

3279. The last meeting CHuG meeting took place on 7 May 2014 and the minutes will be circulated once they are available.

18 Any Other Business

3280. There was no other business.

19 Publications

3281. No publications were discussed.

20 Date of Next Meeting

3282. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on **Wednesday 25 June 2014 at 10am.**