

Minutes

Meeting name	STC Modification Panel Meeting
Meeting number	117
Date of meeting	Wednesday 24 September 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 Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Kenny Stott	KS	Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission (SHET)
Milorad Dobrijevic	MD	Scottish Power Transmission Limited (SPT)
Alan Kelly	AK	Scottish Power Transmission Limited (SPT)
Deborah MacPherson	DM	Scottish Power Transmission Limited (SPT)
Neil Sandison	NS	Scottish Hydro-Electric Transmission (SHET)
Mike Lee	ML	Transmission Capital (TC)
Abid Sheikh	AS	Ofgem

Apologies

Name	Initials	Company
Mark Krajniewski	MK	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
David Phillips	DP	Balfour Beatty (BB)
David Lyon	DL	Blue Transmission (BT)

1 Introductions/Apologies for Absence

3366. Apologies were received from Mark Krajniewski (NGET), David Phillips (Balfour Beatty) and David Lyon (Blue Transmission).

2 Approval of Minutes from the last meeting

3367. The minutes from the STC Modification Panel held on 27 August 2014 were approved. STC Modification Panel Secretary to arrange publication of the final minutes.

Action: NGET (LH)

3 Review of Actions

3368. **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 and the Panel were asked to provide any comments. At the July 2014 STC Modification Panel meeting, AH noted that a number of comments had been received from ML and that AH would provide a written response, with a copy to the Panel. At August's STC Modification Panel, in response to ML's first query, AH confirmed that where OFTOs are physically present ie in the South, representation is mandatory however, in the North, it is not as they are covered by the boundary of influence. AH confirmed he had provided a written response to ML's queries. In response to ML's second query, AH advised that OFTO engagement at the Data Modelling sub-group would be valued however the chair is looking to make OFTO attendance mandatory at 2 meetings per year rather than at every 2 monthly meeting. **This action is complete.**

3369. **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.**

Action: NGET (LH)

3370. **Minute 3392: CUSC and SQSS Headline Reports.** AH suggested it may be useful for the CUSC and SQSS Headline Reports to start being circulated to the STC Modification Panel going forward. The next CUSC Panel meeting is taking place on 26 September 2014 and the next SQSS Panel meeting is taking place on 1 October 2014 therefore Headline Reports will be circulated following these. **This action is ongoing.**

Action: NGET (LH)

3371. **Minute 3396: Integrated Transmission Planning and Regulation (ITPR).** AH asked for clarification regarding Ofgem issuing their minded to position on Integrated Transmission Planning and Regulation (ITPR) and any potential consequential changes to the STC. AS confirmed that Ofgem are hoping to publish their ITPR draft conclusions document towards the end of September 2014. **This action is complete.**

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

4 Discussion Items

Outage Change Update

3372. MOC advised the Panel that this piece of work has been progressing since December 2013. Two face to face meetings have taken place with representatives from SPT, SHE-T and NGET. Following the first meeting, a survey was sent out to generators, to which 6 responses were received. At the second meeting, the responses were reviewed and a report was drafted. It is planned to ask survey respondees whether their concerns have been addressed via the report and once it has been finalised, to then circulate the report to the Panel at October's STC Modification Panel meeting.

3373. MOC noted that some identified improvements have already been implemented by NGET, SPT and SHE-T. AH queried whether there are likely to be any amendments to STCPs as a result of the work undertaken and MOC confirmed this is unlikely.

3374. AS asked for assurance that the report would be comprehensive in terms of including the generator survey responses and the group's responses back. MOC confirmed that the survey questions and a high level summary of responses would be contained within the Annexes of the report.

3375. MOC noted that there may be some training required to address areas where generators understanding of the process/documentation is limited. MD reiterated stating there is a general lack of knowledge operationally from a generation company perspective.

5 Modification Proposals

3376. There were no Modification Proposals.

6 Evaluation Phase/Workgroup Updates

3377. There were no Evaluation Phase/Workgroup Updates.

7 Evaluation Phase Reports

3378. There were no Evaluation Phase Reports.

8 Initial Modification Reports

3379. There were no Initial Modification Reports.

9 Proposed Modification Reports

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

3380. LH confirmed that CM056 Industry Consultation had been sent out to consultation on 27 August 2014 with a closing date of 24 September 2014. As per the agreed timetable, the Final Modification Report will then be drafted and circulated for approval by the Panel on 1 October 2014.

10 Modification Reports

3381. There were no Modification Reports.

11 Pending Authority Decisions

3382. There were no pending Authority Decisions.

12 Authority Decisions

3383. There were no Authority Decisions.

13 STC Procedures

STCP19-4 Commissioning and Decommissioning

3384. MOC advised that at the meeting which took place on 19 August 2014, the group had reviewed STCP19-4 and agreed the timescales contained within it are appropriate. A further meeting is planned for 16 October where a page turn of the STCP is to be carried out. MOC advised that it is likely that a modification will be raised as a result of the review.

3385. ML said he would like to be involved in the next meeting and MOC agreed to send the invite.

Action: NGET (MOC)

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

3386. AH advised that the draft STCP had been circulated to the workgroup in August 2014 and following comments, had been recirculated on 12 September 2014. The next workgroup meeting is planned for 28 October 2014.

3387. AH highlighted this is a key piece of work which needs to be progressed as soon as possible. KS noted that the way in which STCPs have been created historically has not always been ideal. He highlighted that in this case, involvement from the Control Room in Wokingham has

been limited and suggested a more collaborative approach is essential. DM supported this view.

3388. It was proposed that at the next workgroup meeting, there is appropriate representation both from the Control Room to input relevant detail and also from other areas of NGET from a historic knowledge perspective. AH agreed to speak to Keith Dan and Mark O'Connor to ensure NGET is represented appropriately at the next workgroup meeting.

Action: NGET (AH)

14 Offshore Regime

3389. LH confirmed that an Offshore update had been circulated to the Panel on behalf of Ofgem.

15 European Developments

ENTSO-E and ACER updates

3390. LH confirmed that the ENTSO-E and ACER updates regarding the latest European developments had been circulated to the Panel.

TSO Issues

3391. No TSO Issues were raised.

European Code Coordination Application Forum (ECCAF)

3392. DM confirmed that ECCAF meetings had been put on hold due to ongoing political developments in the EU affecting progress of European Network Codes, and that she would circulate any future pertinent information to the Panel via email.

16 Impact of Other Code Modifications

3393. No new impacts were noted.

17 Reports from Sub Committees

Joint Planning Committee

3394. The last JPC meeting took place on 10 July 2014. The minutes are currently in draft and will be circulated to the STC Panel once approved.

Charging User Group

3395. The last CHuG meeting took place on 3 September 2014. The minutes will be circulated to the STC Panel once approved. The next meeting is taking place in mid January 2015.

18 Any Other Business

3396. AH noted that it is planned the next STC Modification Panel will be a face to face meeting in the Warwick area. The Panel confirmed they were available to attend.

3397. LH advised it had been identified that although a number of STCPs had been approved by the STC Panel earlier in the year, they had not been through the formal sign off process. LH confirmed she would be contacting all parties to arrange an appropriate date to carry this out.

19 Publications

3398. No publications were discussed.

3399. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on **Wednesday 29 October 2014 at 10am.**