

Minutes

Meeting name	STC Modification Panel Meeting
Meeting number	115
Date of meeting	Wednesday 30 July 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)
David Gregory	DG	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Alex Haffner (part)	AHa	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Ivan Kileff (part)	IK	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Keith Dan (part)	KD	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Kenny Stott	KS	Scottish Hydro-Electric Transmission (SHET)
Neil Sandison	NS	Scottish Hydro-Electric Transmission (SHET)
Alan Kelly	AK	Scottish Power Transmission Limited (SPT)
Abid Sheikh	AS	Ofgem

Apologies

Name	Initials	Company
Mark O'Connor	MOC	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Milorad Dobrijevic	MD	Scottish Power Transmission Limited (SPT)
Mike Lee	ML	Transmission Capital (TC)
David Lyon	DL	Blue Transmission (BT)
David Phillips	DP	Balfour Beatty (BB)

1 Introductions/Apologies for Absence

3318. Apologies were received from Mark O'Connor (NGET), Milorad Dobrijevic (SPT), Mike Lee (TC), David Lyon (BT) and David Phillips (BB).

3319. It was highlighted that there was no OFTO representation at the meeting and therefore the Panel was not quorate. It was agreed to proceed with the meeting and any actions/approvals would require follow up in writing by all Parties after the meeting.

Action: NGET (LH)

3320. AH noted that David Gregory was moving roles within National Grid and thanked him for his involvement in the STC Modification Panel. From August 2014, Mark Krajniewski will take on the role of NGET representative on the Panel.

2 Approval of Minutes from the last meeting

3321. The minutes from the STC Modification Panel held on 25 June 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

3322. **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. **This action is ongoing.**

Action: AH

3323. **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 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)

3324. **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 sign off process. It was noted that the sign off process for STC procedures could be made more streamline. NGET confirmed this will be looked at as part of the next STC governance Modification. **Action complete.**

3325. **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. AH provided a verbal update at the July 2014 meeting confirming a number of actions which seek to address the concerns. An STC ownership document has been developed and will be circulated to the STC Panel once finalised. Also Mike Oxenham has been appointed as the Scottish Customer Manager with a team now in place. SPT were happy for the action to be closed following documentation of the discussion in the minutes. **Action complete.**

3326. **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 STCP to the July 2014 meeting. **Action complete.**

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

4 Discussion Items

Outage Change Workgroup

3327. IK advised that following 2 workgroup meetings taking place, a workgroup report has been drafted. IK confirmed that the workgroup report would shortly be shared with generators asking for their feedback. Dependant on the generator feedback, it may be possible to finalise the workgroup report or alternatively further workgroup meetings may be required. It is expected that the workgroup report will be submitted to the September 2014 STC Modification Panel meeting.

5 Modification Proposals

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

3328. AHa confirmed that, following presentation of the EU Transparency Regulation issue at the May 2014 STC Modification Panel, a Modification Proposal was now formally being submitted to the Panel. The proposal is accompanied by proposed legal text to Section C which the OFTOs have been involved in drafting and reviewing.
3329. As the Panel AHa confirmed that, following presentation of the EU Transparency Regulation issue at the May 2014 STC Modification Panel, a Modification Proposal was now formally being submitted to the Panel. The proposal is accompanied by proposed legal text to Section C which the OFTOs have been involved in drafting and reviewing.
3330. AHa presented a proposed timetable, reiterating that the timescales are reasonably tight in order to reflect the implementation of the European Transparency Regulation on 4 January 2015. AHa also noted it is proposed that circulation and approval of relevant documents is done via email to expedite the process further. AS noted that the Authority would aim to meet the Authority Decision timescales to assist in delivering the proposed timetable. AS queried the possibility of a 5 Business Day implementation rather than 10, following Authority Decision and LH agreed to confirm this.

Action: NGET (LH)

3331. AS queried whether the reporting requirement covers OTSUA prior to the OTSUA Transfer Time. AHa agreed to provide a written response following the meeting.

Action: NGET (AHa)

3332. The Panel agreed with all material presented and approved CM056 for progression to Industry Consultation in line with the proposed timetable. As the Panel meeting was not quorate, LH to send email seeking final written approval from all parties. **Post-meeting note:** All parties have confirmed their approval.

6 Evaluation Phase/Workgroup Updates

3333. There were no Evaluation Phase/Workgroup Updates.

7 Evaluation Phase Reports

3334. There were no Evaluation Phase Reports.

8 Initial Modification Reports

3335. There were no Initial Modification Reports.

9 Proposed Modification Reports

3336. There were no Proposed Modification Reports.

10 Modification Reports

3337. There were no Modification Reports.

11 Pending Authority Decisions

3338. There were no pending Authority Decisions.

12 Authority Decisions

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

3339. AS confirmed that the Authority had approved CM055 on 26 June 2014 and it was implemented on 3 July 2014.

13 STC Procedures

STCP19-4 Commissioning and Decommissioning

3340. LH confirmed that a workgroup meeting is planned for 19 August 2014 to discuss STCP19-4 process and working practice, with a view to carrying out a complete review of the STCP.

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

3341. DG presented the draft amendments made to STCP01-1 as a result of PM078 Modification Proposal. The Panel approved STCP01-1 and it will be progressed for formal sign off. As the Panel meeting was not quorate, LH to send email seeking final written approval from all parties. **Post-meeting note:** All parties have confirmed their approval.

PM079: Update of STCP18-1

3342. KD presented the draft amendments to STCP18-1 as a result of PM079, highlighting that the CION form has been updated to reflect good practice. The Panel approved STCP18-1 and it will be progressed for formal sign off. As the Panel meeting was not quorate, LH to send email seeking final written approval from all parties. **Post-meeting note:** All parties have confirmed their approval.

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

3343. KD advised that a workgroup meeting to discuss PM080 further is planned and representatives have been requested from the Scottish TOs. Nominations have now been confirmed and the Terms of Reference/timetable have been produced. KD agreed to circulate the Terms of Reference to the STC Modification Panel.

Action: NGET (KD)

3344. NS confirmed his interest as a member of this workgroup.

PM081: Detailed reporting requirements under Article 10.1c of EU Transparency Regulation (Commission Regulation No 543/2013)

3345. AHa presented the PM081 Modification Proposal which proposes changes to STCP02-1 in support of CM056. It was noted that OFTOs had been involved in drafting and reviewing the proposed amendments.
3346. For clarification, NS asked for the words 'for OFTOs' to be inserted after 'Requirement' in the title of paragraph 3.7, to which the Panel agreed.
3347. The Panel approved STCP02-1 and it will be progressed for formal sign off. As the Panel meeting was not quorate, LH to send email seeking final written approval from all parties. **Post-meeting note:** All parties have confirmed their approval.

14 Offshore Regime

3348. LH confirmed that an Offshore update had been circulated to the Panel on behalf of Ofgem.

15 European Developments

ENTSO-E and ACER updates

3349. LH confirmed that the ENTSO-E and ACER updates regarding the latest European developments had been circulated to the Panel.
3350. AS advised that ACER had published its opinion and recommendation to the European Commission on the adoption of the HVDC European Network Code on 29 July 2014. AS agreed to circulate a link to the relevant documents.

Action: Ofgem (AS)

TSO Issues

3351. No TSO Issues were raised.
3352. AK noted that Alan Michie had now retired and that the contact within SPT for European issues would be himself.

European Code Coordination Application Forum (ECCAF)

3353. AS stated that the next ECCAF meeting was taking place in September 2014. Meetings had been put on hold due to ongoing political developments in the EU affecting progress of European Network Codes.
3354. AK advised the Panel that SPT had nominated Deborah MacPherson to undertake the role of STC ECCAF representative. LH to advise ECCAF Technical Secretary.

Action: NGET (LH)

16 Impact of Other Code Modifications

3355. No new impacts were noted.
3356. AH advised that there were a couple of upcoming areas of work:
- Review of data transfers in light of Electricity Market Reform (EMR) which may impact some STCPs.
 - Introduction of Electricity Ten Year Statement (ETYS) which will affect the STC and STCPs.

17 Reports from Sub Committees

Joint Planning Committee

3357. 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

3358. The last CHuG meeting took place on 7 May 2014 and the minutes have been circulated to the STC Panel.

18 Any Other Business

3359. LH noted that a paper on consequential changes to the codes regarding EMR had been circulated to the Panel on Papers Day following publication of the Final Policy Decision on 23 June 2014. This includes some minor changes to the STC. LH advised that the changes are likely to be directed by the Secretary of State on 1 August 2014 and the codes will be updated

to implement the changes at the same time. An email to confirm the changes would be sent out after the Direction is made.

3360. Following discussion at last month's STC Panel regarding the Code Administration Code of Practice (CACOP), LH confirmed that Principle 4 states that the CACOP will be reviewed periodically. The Code Administrators have therefore recently been discussing how that review is carried out. Part of the process is to ask Code Panels for any input or concerns ahead of the review, which will be carried out in September this year and to seek opinions as to how industry is engaged with this process. LH advised it is planned to circulate an open letter to the industry in order to seek views on the CACOP. The STC Panel confirmed that they had no feedback on the CACOP to provide to the Code Administrators Review meeting in September 2014. As the Panel meeting was not quorate, LH to send email seeking written confirmation of any feedback from all parties. **Post-meeting note:** No feedback has been received from the STC Panel.

3361. AS advised that the ETYS statutory consultation on changes to NGET's licence was open and closes on 28 August 2014.

3362. AH confirmed that a Network Access Policy (NAP) meeting had taken place w/c 21 July 2014 at which discussion took place regarding the role of the NAP and STCP16-1. AH confirmed it has been proposed that the JPC carry out the review of STCP16-1 rather than the STC Panel and that progress would be reported back. AH to speak to JPC to ensure they are aware of this piece of work.

Action: NGET (AH)

19 Publications

3363. No publications were discussed.

20 Date of Next Meeting

3364. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on **Wednesday 27 August 2014 at 10am.**

3365. As the Panel meeting was not quorate, LH to send email seeking written confirmation that all parties are able to attend the next STC Modification Panel. **Post-meeting note:** All parties have confirmed their attendance.