

Minutes

Meeting name	STC Modification Panel Meeting
Meeting number	123
Date of meeting	Wednesday 25 March 2015
Time	10:00am – 12:00pm
Location	National Grid House, Warwick and Teleconference

Attendees

Name	Initials	Company
Hannah Kirk-Wilson	HKW	Modification Panel Chair (NGET)
Lucy Hudson	LH	Modification Panel Secretary (NGET)
Mark O'Connor	MOC	National Grid (NGET)
Mark Krajinewski	MK	National Grid (NGET)
Keith Dan	KD	National Grid (NGET)
Kenny Stott	KS	Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission (SHET)
Milorad Dobrijevic	MD	Scottish Power Transmission plc (SPT)
Deborah MacPherson	DM	Scottish Power Transmission plc (SPT)
Mike Lee	ML	Transmission Investment (TI)
David Lyon	DL	Blue Transmission (BT)
Abid Sheikh	AS	Ofgem

Apologies

Name	Initials	Company
Ben Graff	BG	Modification Panel Chair (NGET)
Neil Sandison	NS	Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission (SHET)
David Phillips	DP	Balfour Beatty (BB)
Alan Kelly	AK	Scottish Power Transmission plc (SPT)
Alex Thomason	AT	National Grid (NGET)

1 Introductions and Apologies for Absence

3541. Apologies were received from Ben Graff (NGET), Neil Sandison (SHET), David Phillips (BB), Alan Kelly (SPT) and Alex Thomason (NGET).

2 Approval of Minutes from the last meeting

3542. The minutes from the STC Modification Panel held on 25 January 2015 were approved, subject to some minor amendments suggested by Ofgem. The STC Modification Panel Secretary is to arrange publication of the final minutes.

Action: NGET (LH)

3 Review of Actions

3543. **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. Although it was identified that this action may be superseded by ITPR, KS noted that not all STC documents would be affected by ITPR and could start being reviewed. KS and MOC agreed to establish which areas of the STC are unlikely to be affected by ITPR and to circulate a list to the Panel for agreement. KS circulated a list of STCPs which are unlikely to be affected by ITPR. BG suggested it would be useful to gain an understanding of the priority for reviewing each of these and it was agreed NGET would issue a note to all STCP document owners to obtain this information. BG noted that, due to resource constraints, NGET would not be in a position to lead all the STCP reviews. This action is ongoing.

Action: NGET (LH)

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

4 Discussion Items

3544. There were no Discussion Items.

5 Modification Proposals

3545. There were no new Modification Proposals.

6 Evaluation Phase/Workgroup Updates

3546. There were no Evaluation Phase/Workgroup Updates.

7 Evaluation Phase Reports

3547. There were no Evaluation Phase Reports.

8 Initial Modification Reports

3548. There were no Initial Modification Reports.

9 Proposed Modification Reports

3549. There were no proposed Modification Reports.

10 Modification Reports

3550. There were no Modification Reports.

11 Pending Authority Decisions

3551. There were no pending Authority Decisions.

12 Authority Decisions

3552. There were no Authority Decisions.

13 STC Procedures

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

KD confirmed that a workgroup meeting took place in March 2015 which was attended by all key parties. Discussions took place regarding configurations in which ANMs may be used and

it was agreed that currently the examples had reached a particular level of complexity where it is not practicable to proceed. The next step is to look at where ANMs can be applied in the future and it is thought that this may not be until 2020.

KS suggested that the workgroup need to consider how the progress on ANMs to date ie what has been learnt and next steps, is formally communicated. It was agreed that KD would draft a joint TO/SO communication which would be approved internally at NGET and by the workgroup prior to issue. AS also suggested that this could be communicated at joint forums, such as Customer Forums, to demonstrate that it is network wide, rather than just from NGET.

Action: NGET (KD)

KD agreed to further draft the STCP to demonstrate the different levels at which ANMs can be used, with the intention of then getting it formalised and approved.

Action: NGET (KD)

PM082: STCP19-4 Concerns raised by Generators over Commissioning and Decommissioning of Transmission Assets

3553. MOC confirmed that a further meeting had taken place on 4 March 2015 to consider the wording in STCP19-4, Appendix B. Appropriate wording was agreed and written confirmation has been received from all parties involved that they are happy with the final draft. MOC asked the STC Modification Panel for final approval of STCP19-4 and all parties agreed. LH to arrange for written sign off on 30 March 2015, ahead of implementation on 1 April 2015.

Action: NGET (LH)

PM083: STCP19-5 Update and clarification of process for issuing an Final Section K Notification (FSKN) to prospective OFTOs

3554. ML advised that a workgroup report, together with a revised procedure, is currently with the workgroup for review and will be submitted to the April 2015 STC Modification Panel.

14 Code Administrator Code of Practice – New principle

3555. LH provided an update on the recent CACOP review, noting that following feedback from code users and Ofgem regarding potential improvements in cross code coordination, the Code Administrators have drafted a new Principle 13 entitled 'Code Administrators will ensure cross Code coordination to progress changes efficiently where modifications impact multiple Codes'. AS reiterated that Ofgem are supportive of the work carried out to develop the new principle and noted the importance of the Panels being mindful of efficient and effective cross Code coordination as well as Code Administrators.

3556. LH confirmed that the new principle had been circulated to the Panel on Papers Day for review and it was agreed that any comments would be sent to LH by 10 April 2015. Comments will then be sent to ELEXON who are coordinating this year's CACOP process. ELEXON will then issue an industry consultation on the new Principle and, depending on consultation responses, an updated version of the CACOP will be sent to Ofgem for approval.

Action: ALL (SPT/SHET/OFTOs)

15 European Developments

ENTSO-E and ACER updates

3557. LH confirmed that the ENTSO-E and ACER updates regarding the latest European developments had been circulated to the Panel.

3558. AS noted that historically Ofgem have provided ACER updates however, following the implementation of the Joint European Stakeholder Group (JESG), STC Panel members were

encouraged to sign up for the weekly newsletter circulated by NGET. AS also encouraged DM to continue to act at the link between the STC Panel and the JESG. Ofgem will continue to provide specific Ofgem updates but not from an ACER perspective.

TSO Issues

3559. There were no TSO issues.

Joint European Stakeholder Group (JESG)

3560. DM confirmed that the first JESG meeting had taken place in March 2015 and that she would circulate the notes from the meeting.

Action: SPT (DM)

16 Offshore Regime

3561. LH confirmed that an Offshore update had been circulated to the Panel on behalf of Ofgem.

17 Impact of Other Code Modifications

3562. No new impacts were noted.

3563. LH confirmed that changes to the STC as a result of the implementation of Electricity Ten Year Statement (ETYS) licence changes had been put on hold until the ITPR licence changes had been formalised in Spring 2015 and therefore it is expected that work will recommence on this shortly. AS queried whether not making STC changes to accommodate the ETYS licence changes (in effect in December 2014) sooner would have a detrimental impact on the STC and HKW confirmed that the ETYS has been produced for a couple of years so a delay of a couple of months should not be an issue.

18 Reports from Sub Committees

Joint Planning Committee

3564. The last JPC meeting took place on 27 January 2015 and the minutes have been circulated to the STC Panel.

Charging User Group

3565. The last ChUG meeting took place on 15 January 2015 and the minutes have been circulated to the STC Panel.

19 Any Other Business

STC OFTO Elections

3566. LH confirmed that the results of the STC OFTO election had been announced on 11 March 2015 and that Mike Lee (TI) and David Lyon (BT) had been elected as Representatives with David Phillips (BB) and Sean Kelly (TI) elected as Alternates.

CMA Energy Market Investigation

3567. AS advised that Ofgem have made a working paper submission to the Competition and Markets' Authority's (CMA) Energy Market Investigation relating to Code governance arrangements potentially acting as a barrier to effective competition, particularly for new entrants, new business models and smaller suppliers. The CMA published their Issues Paper in February 2015. Ofgem are actively engaging in the process and expect to consult on a review of code governance arrangements with the industry in April – June 2015.

19 Publications

3568. No publications were discussed.

20 Date of Next Meeting

3569. The date of the next meeting is **29 April at 10am.**