

Minutes

Meeting name	STC Modification Panel Meeting
Meeting number	130
Date of meeting	Wednesday 25 November 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 Krajniewski	MK	National Grid (NGET)
Mark O'Connor	MO	National Grid (NGET)
Antony Johnson (presenting)	AJ	National Grid (NGET)
Neil Sandison	NS	Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission (SHET)
Kenny Stott	KS	Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission (SHET)
Milorad Dobrijevic	MD	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
Julian Leslie	JL	National Grid (NGET)
Alan Kelly	AK	Scottish Power Transmission plc (SPT)
Deborah MacPherson	DM	Scottish Power Transmission plc (SPT)
Ryan Place	RP	National Grid (NGET)

1 Introductions and Apologies for Absence

3696. Apologies were received from Julian Leslie (NGET), Ryan Place (NGET), Alan Kelly (SPT) and Deborah MacPherson (SPT).

2 Approval of Minutes from the last meeting

3697. The minutes from the STC Modification Panel held on 5 November 2015 were approved subject to a number of minor amendments from Ofgem. The STC Modification Panel Secretary is to arrange publication of the final minutes.

Action: NGET (LH)

3 Review of Actions

3698. **Minute 3116: Workplan for Review of STCPs.** It has been identified that a review of some STCPs is required. It is recognised that a number of STCPs will be affected by ITPR, although not all will be affected. Reviews of the STCPs impacted by ITPR will be carried out in line with the ITPR timetable and a document review plan for remaining documents is to be developed. HKW asked the Panel to provide their views on the priority of STCPs for review. KS queried whether the Statement of Works Workgroup being run by ENA has been considered as part of the review schedule. HKW confirmed it hadn't been to date and asked KS to send details to LH. The Panel all agreed to send any thoughts regarding priority to LH by Friday 11 December 2015.

Action: NGET/ALL

3699. **Minute 3690/91/92: Flexibility of OFTO Panel representation.** DL raised a question in relation to OFTO Panel representation and whether representatives may be nominated at a company rather than individual level, to allow for more flexibility. As OFTOs have limited resources, it is sometimes difficult to manage both operational issues and attend the STC Modification Panel. ML advised that David Phillips is no longer working at Balfour Beatty and therefore there are only 2 representatives remaining. LH confirmed the STC states the position of alternate should be left vacant until the next election, as there are less than 6 months remaining before these take place. AS confirmed that Ofgem has no strong views on whether the OFTOs should adopt company level representation to ensure that an OFTO representative attends the STC Panel to achieve a quorum. In Ofgem's view, whatever approach the OFTOs decide to adopt in ensuring that an OFTO representative attends, that person should be aware that they represent OFTOs as a whole and not the company for whom the person works and should act accordingly. The Panel agreed but reiterated the importance of an alternate being sufficiently briefed ahead of the meeting.

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

4 Discussion Items

STCP04-3 Power Available Signal

3700. AJ provided an overview of the issue to include a Power Available signal in Appendix B4.1 of STCP04-3, which has been raised as a result of the implementation of Grid Code modification GC0063 Power Available in January 2015.
3701. KS highlighted that the signal exists and queried whether the proposed modification was being proposed to ensure passing on the information to NGET was created as an obligation. AJ confirmed this was the case and the proposed change is purely to provide clarity, following a challenge from Scottish Power.
3702. The Panel agreed the modification should proceed and AJ agreed to submit the Modification Proposal and draft STCP to the December 2015 STC Modification Panel.

Action: NGET (AJ)

5 New Modification Proposals

3703. There were no new Modification Proposals.

6 Evaluation Phase/Workgroup Updates

3704. There were no Evaluation Phase/Workgroup Updates.

7 Evaluation Phase Reports

3705. There were no Evaluation Phase Reports.

8 Initial Modification Reports

3706. There were no Initial Modification Reports.

9 Proposed Modification Reports

3707. There were no proposed Modification Reports.

10 Modification Reports

3708. There were no Modification Reports

11 Pending Authority Decisions

3709. There were no pending Authority Decisions.

12 Authority Decisions

3710. There were no Authority Decisions.

13 STC Procedures

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

3711. At the July 2015 Modification Panel, ML advised that there is an issue regarding whether the proposed wording in the revised STCP accurately reflects the OTSDUW process. ML noted that the relevant part of the process is currently being gone through with Westermost Rough and that this may help in establishing a way forward/appropriate wording by the December 2015 STC Modification Panel.

Action: TI (ML)

14 European Developments

ENTSO-E update

3712. HKW confirmed that the ENTSO-E update regarding the latest European developments had been circulated to the Modification Panel.

Joint European Stakeholder Group (JESG)

3713. There was no update on JESG.

TSO Issues

3714. AS noted that Ofgem is asking stakeholders to comment on the allocations of TSO responsibilities under the European Grid Connection Codes. A first draft has been circulated to the JESG and this should be picked up by all relevant stakeholders. AS asked the Panel to engage in the workgroups and respond to Ofgem by the end of the year.

15 Offshore Regime

3715. AS confirmed that the latest Offshore update had been circulated to the Modification Panel and that this included reference to Ofgem published guidance on the Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) style contract between OFTOs and generators involved in OFTO build tenders. The document was issued on 17 November 2015 and the link to the guidance is included below

<https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/epc-contract-principles-of-to-build-tenders>

16 Impact of Other Code Modifications

3716. No new impacts were noted.

17 Reports from Sub Committees

Joint Planning Committee

3717. The last JPC meeting was held in October 2015 and the minutes will be circulated to the Modification Panel once agreed.

Charging User Group

3718. The last ChUG meeting was held in October 2015 and the minutes will be circulated to the Modification Panel once agreed.

18 Any Other Business

SO/TO incentive meetings

3719. MOC advised that SO/TO incentive meetings are taking place and that the outcome may impact STCP11-3.

2016 STC Modification Panel Dates

3720. LH confirmed that the proposed dates for 2016 had been circulated to the Modification Panel and the Panel confirmed that they were happy.

Ofgem Publishing Moratorium

3721. AS advised that the dates of Ofgem publishing moratorium over the Christmas period runs from 18 December 2015 – 4 January 2016. Code Panels are being made aware that Ofgem will take into account the days that fall during the moratorium period when calculating the KPI/indicative decision date for any modification proposals submitted for decision, although it was noted that this was unlikely to affect the STC due to no current live modifications.

19 Publications

3722. No publications were discussed.

20 Date of Next Meeting

3723. The date of the next meeting is **Wednesday 27 January at 10am.**