

Minutes

Meeting name	STC Modification Panel Meeting
Meeting number	125
Date of meeting	Wednesday 27 May 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)
Chrissie Brown	CB	Modification Panel Secretary (NGET)
Muhammed Milhan	MM	National Grid (NGET)
Ben Obiri-Bonney	BO	National Grid (NGET)
Kenny Stott	KS	Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission (SHET)
Deborah MacPherson	DM	Scottish Power Transmission plc (SPT)
Mike Lee	ML	Transmission Investment (TI)
Abid Sheikh	AS	Ofgem

Apologies

Name	Initials	Company
Mark Krajinewski	MK	National Grid (NGET)
Neil Sandison	NS	Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission (SHET)
David Phillips	DP	Balfour Beatty (BB)
Alan Kelly	AK	Scottish Power Transmission plc (SPT)
Milorad Dobrijevic	MD	Scottish Power Transmission plc (SPT)
Keith Dan	KD	National Grid (NGET)
David Lyon	DL	Blue Transmission
Julian Leslie	JL	Modification Panel Chair (NGET)
Lucy Hudson	LH	Modification Panel Secretary (NGET)

1 Introductions and Apologies for Absence

3570. Apologies were received from Mark Krajinewski (NGET), Neil Sandison (SHET), David Phillips (BB), Alan Kelly (SPT), Milorad Dobrijevic (SP), Keith Dan (NGET), David Lyon (BT), Julian Leslie (Chair) and Lucy Hudson (NGET Panel secretary).

2 Approval of Minutes from the last meeting

3571. The minutes from the STC Modification Panel held on 29 April 2015 were approved. The STC Modification Panel Secretary is to arrange publication of the final minutes.

Action: NGET (CB)

3 Review of Actions

3572. **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 will not commence until the extent of ITPR changes are known. This action was noted and the Panel agreed that it was still ongoing.

Action: All - ongoing

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

4 Discussion Items

3573. There were no Discussion Items.

5 Modification Proposals

3574. There were no new Modification Proposals.

6 Evaluation Phase/Workgroup Updates

3575. There were no Evaluation Phase/Workgroup Updates.

7 Evaluation Phase Reports

3576. There were no Evaluation Phase Reports.

8 Initial Modification Reports

3577. There were no Initial Modification Reports.

9 Proposed Modification Reports

3578. There were no proposed Modification Reports.

10 Modification Reports

3579. There were no Modification Reports.

11 Pending Authority Decisions

3580. There were no pending Authority Decisions.

12 Authority Decisions

3581. There were no Authority Decisions.

13 STC Procedures

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

3582. BO stated that they had received some great feedback from the Industry and the Workgroup on the draft STCP. He confirmed that all the feedback received would be incorporated into the draft STCP and that it would be recirculated to the Workgroup and put onto the website for Industry members. BO advised the revised STCP would be submitted to the June 2015 Modification Panel for discussion.

3583. BO also noted that funding options are being considered, including the NIA, and the outcome will be communicated once the position on this is known. The general consensus is that it would be a good idea for the ANM to work in tandem with the EBS.

Action: NGET (BO/KD)

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

3584. Following the query raised by Ofgem, ML advised that he and Richard Lavender had had a discussion and that it is believed the issue is around the closing assets. He stated that the proposed wording still works and covers the issue that was raised by Ofgem at the April 2015 Modification Panel.

3585. HKW asked what the next steps are with regards to this. ML stated that the Workgroup Report stands as it is and sought guidance on getting it approved so that it can progress. CB stated that the Report would need to be approved by the Panel. The Panel decided that due to the lack of attendance by key members of the Panel that it should be approved by email following the Panel.

Action: NGET (CB)

14 European Developments

ENTSO-E update

3586. CB confirmed that the ENTSO-E update regarding the latest European developments had been circulated to the Panel.

Joint European Stakeholder Group (JESG)

3587. DM stated that it was quite quiet but that there had been a couple of CACM meetings since the last Panel meeting.

3588. AS advised that Ofgem had published two consultations on TSOs' obligations in respect of the CACM, one relating to TSOs' obligations excluding OFTOs and one relating to TSOs' obligations including the OFTOs (both closing on 9 June 2015). He welcomed any comments on these. ML advised that he had a small team of colleagues working on responses to these.

TSO Issues

3589. There were no TSO issues.

15 Offshore Regime

3590. There were no new Offshore updates.

16 Impact of Other Code Modifications

3591. It was noted that the CUSC Panel was to be held on 29 May 2015 and the outcome of Modification CMP223 could impact the STC.

17 Reports from Sub Committees

Joint Planning Committee

3592. The last JPC meeting took place on 29 April 2015 and the minutes will be circulated to the STC Panel once agreed.

Charging User Group

3593. The last ChUG meeting took place on 22 April 2015 and the minutes will be circulated to the STC Panel once agreed.

18 Any Other Business

Code Governance Open Letter

3594. AS stated that Ofgem had published a Code Governance open letter on 15 May 2015. He stated that the paper detailed further observations on governance procedures and areas that could be improved upon. He also stated that the CMA are also looking into this and that Ofgem are working closely with them on various areas as a result of the Market Reference to the CMA by Ofgem. AS also noted that the paper highlights areas where there could be further reforms and encouraged the Panel to respond by 26 June 2015.

STC Development Forum

3595. Further to the discussion around the Grid Code Development Forum under minute number 3598 at the April 2015 Modification Panel, KS confirmed that he and JL had discussed the potential for a similar forum for the STC. He noted that they felt that there were sufficient processes in place and that a Forum may not be needed. He also stated that as Ofgem had published their Open Letter on Code Governance that this review may supersede anything that the Panel decided to put in place. He said that they are happy with the way the governance currently works.

3596. AS noted that Principle 5 of the CACoP states that there should be a forum for pre modification work. AS also noted that all that can be done at the moment by a STC party is for it to raise a modification formally and that a party does not have a pre modification process to talk through an issue they may have prior to the formal process. AS noted that having a pre modification process would mean that issues could be tackled and dealt with ahead of a formal modification. He noted that the Grid Code Development Forum is a good development in that respect.

3597. KS advised that all TOs are represented on the Panel and stated that any parties who wished to raise an issue could speak to their representative. KS also questioned who would raise a modification other than the TOs and if so, how this would happen. AS stated that he would take the comments on board and appreciated that the discussion had happened. KS stated that the Grid Code Development Forum would work for a much wider group but that the STC is a much smaller focused group. The Panel decided that this action could be closed after the June Panel meeting once JL has expressed his views.

Action: NGET (JL)

Code Administrator Code of Practice

3598. CB stated that the latest version of Principle 13 of the CACoP was circulated with the Panel papers. She advised that National Grid had taken on board all comments received from when it was circulated to the Panels originally and that they had been incorporated. CB asked the Panel if they were happy with Principle 13 as circulated. The Panel agreed that they were happy and that it could be sent back to Elexon.

Action: NGET (CB)

19 Publications

3599. No publications were discussed.

20 Date of Next Meeting

3600. The date of the next meeting is **24 June at 10am**.