

Minutes

Meeting name	STC Modification Panel Meeting
Meeting number	124
Date of meeting	Wednesday 29 April 2015
Time	10:00am – 12:00pm
Location	National Grid House, Warwick and Teleconference

Attendees

Name	Initials	Company
Julian Leslie	JL	Modification Panel Chair (NGET)
Lucy Hudson	LH	Modification Panel Secretary (NGET)
Mark O'Connor	MOC	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)
David Lyon	DL	Blue Transmission (BT)
Abid Sheikh	AS	Ofgem

Apologies

Name	Initials	Company
Mark Krajnewski	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)

1 Introductions and Apologies for Absence

3570. Apologies were received from Mark Krajnewski (NGET), Neil Sandison (SHET), David Phillips (BB), Alan Kelly (SPT) and Milorad Dobrijevic (SP).

3571. JL introduced himself as the new chair of the STC Modification Panel, taking over from Ben Graff.

2 Approval of Minutes from the last meeting

3572. The minutes from the STC Modification Panel held on 25 March 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

3573. **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. JL confirmed that reviews will not commence until the extent of ITPR changes are known. Until this time, it is suggested Panel members contact the identified document owners if they have any particular concerns relating to STCPs.

Action: All

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

4 Discussion Items

3574. There were no Discussion Items.

5 Modification Proposals

3575. There were no new Modification Proposals.

6 Evaluation Phase/Workgroup Updates

3576. There were no Evaluation Phase/Workgroup Updates.

7 Evaluation Phase Reports

3577. There were no Evaluation Phase Reports.

8 Initial Modification Reports

3578. There were no Initial Modification Reports.

9 Proposed Modification Reports

3579. There were no proposed Modification Reports.

10 Modification Reports

3580. There were no Modification Reports.

11 Pending Authority Decisions

3581. There were no pending Authority Decisions.

12 Authority Decisions

3582. There were no Authority Decisions.

13 STC Procedures

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

3583. BO advised that two internal meetings have been held with EBS personnel, control engineers, designers and other stakeholders to outline the key issues that the ANM workgroup need to consider. It has been agreed to limit the ANM complexity to that of Loch Luichart. Where there are more than two radial circuits, using ANM will be too complex and will require a load flow study so EBS should be used instead. The EBS communication links required for interactivity with ANM is not currently part of the functionality and the SO doesn't currently have the funding to do this. It is planned to write to OFGEM to consider funding options such as NIA funds. AS queried who NGET has been liaising with in Ofgem regarding this matter and BO agreed to find out.

Action: NGET (BO)

3584. BO noted that KD has drafted and circulated the draft STCP internally and will circulate externally once feedback has been incorporated.

3585. KS reminded the Panel it had been agreed to develop a communication plan and JL reiterated how important it is that the right message is given. BO confirmed that KD is currently drafting a joint TO/SO communication which would be approved internally at NGET and by the workgroup prior to issue.

Action: NGET (KD)

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

3586. ML provided the background as to why the modification to STCP19-5 has been raised, noting that the issue was identified as part of the closure of the Lincs project. It was noted that one workgroup meeting has taken place and 4 different options have been considered with option (c) being the favoured option.
3587. AS highlighted that consistency is required between STC Section D Part 2 and the proposed STCP19-5 wording. Section D Part 2 contains repeated reference, specifically regarding OTSDUW Build, to the Transmission Owner providing an OTSDUW Completion Report to NGET. The references in the current proposed STCP19-5 text in the Workgroup report are limited to where the Transmission Owner provides a TO Construction Offer to NGET to be accepted as a TOCA. ML agreed to obtain clarification from Angie Quinn/Richard Lavender (NGET) to ensure consistency and to capture all types of offshore build.

Action: TI (ML)

14 European Developments

ENTSO-E update

3588. LH confirmed that the ENTSO-E update regarding the latest European developments had been circulated to the Panel.

Joint European Stakeholder Group (JESG)

3589. DM confirmed that she had circulated the notes from the first JESG meeting which had taken place in March 2015.
3590. AS advised that Ofgem has published a consultation on a 'minded to' decision to assign TSO obligations under the Capacity Allocation and Congestion Management Regulation (CACM regulation) within GC and the closing date for responses is 24 April 2015.

TSO Issues

3591. There were no TSO issues.

15 Offshore Regime

3592. There was no new Offshore update, although AS highlighted that an Ofgem consultation on Draft Electricity (Competitive Tenders for Offshore Transmission Licences) Regulations 2015 had been published and the closing date is 12 May 2015.

16 Impact of Other Code Modifications

3593. KS noted that if CUSC modification CMP223 is approved, there may be some consequential changes required to the STC.

17 Reports from Sub Committees

Joint Planning Committee

3594. The JPC meeting is taking place on 29 April 2015 and the minutes will be circulated to the STC Panel once agreed.

Charging User Group

3595. 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

OFTO Alternate Representation

3596. LH advised that Sean Kelly had resigned as one of the OFTO Alternate Representatives on the STC Modification Panel and that an email had been circulated to the Panel to confirm this. Although the STC states that no replacement Alternate has to be appointed, LH asked the Panel if they had any views on this. The Panel agreed they were happy for a replacement not to be appointed.

TO Modification Panel Representation

3597. KS noted that he had received requests from SHET personnel involved in the STC on a working level, to sit on the Modification Panel. KS's view was that the Modification Panel was in place to ratify decisions rather than discuss the working practices of the STC and asked if anyone else on the Panel had had similar requests. JL supported the view that the Modification Panel should remain a tight membership.
3598. AS noted that the Grid Code Development Forum has been established for the discussion of issues before a modification is formally raised and suggested considering the creation of a similar forum for the STC. JL and KS agreed to discuss this proposal and also suggest who the target audience may be.

Action: NGET/SHET (JL/KS)

Consultation on licence changes to enhance the role of system operator

3599. AS advised that Ofgem have published a consultation on licence changes to enhance the role of the system operator and the closing date is 11 May 2015.

19 Publications

3600. No publications were discussed.

20 Date of Next Meeting

3601. The date of the next meeting is **27 May at 10am**