

## Minutes

<b>Meeting name</b>	STC Modification Panel Meeting
<b>Meeting number</b>	136
<b>Date of meeting</b>	Wednesday 25 May 2016
<b>Time</b>	10:00am – 12:00pm
<b>Location</b>	National Grid House, Warwick and Teleconference

## Attendees

<b>Name</b>	<b>Initials</b>	<b>Company</b>
Alex Thomason	AT	Chair, National Grid (NGET)
Lucy Hudson	LH	Modification Panel Secretary (NGET)
Mark O'Connor	MO	National Grid (NGET)
Mark Krajniewski	MK	National Grid (NGET)
Ryan Place	RP	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)
Mike Lee	ML	Transmission Investment (TI)
Abid Sheikh	AS	Ofgem

## Apologies

<b>Name</b>	<b>Initials</b>	<b>Company</b>
Alan Kelly	AK	Scottish Power Transmission plc (SPT)
Deborah MacPherson	DM	Scottish Power Transmission plc (SPT)
Neil Sandison	NS	Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission (SHET)
David Lyon	DL	Blue Transmission (BT)

## 1 Introductions and Apologies for Absence

3865. Apologies were received from Alan Kelly (SPT), Deborah MacPherson (SPT), Neil Sandison (SHET) and David Lyon (Blue Transmission).

## 2 Approval of Minutes from the last meeting

3866. The minutes from the STC Modification Panel held on 27 April 2016 were approved, subject to some minor amendments suggested by Ofgem and SHET. The STC Modification Panel Secretary will arrange publication of the final minutes.

**Action: NGET (LH)**

## 3 Review of Actions

3867. **Minute 3812: CMP242 consequential changes to STC.** It was noted that this action is still open. NGET to review whether there is a potential impact on the STC from CMP242. RP confirmed that there was no consequential impact on the STC as a result of CMP242. **Action complete.**
3868. **Minute 3816: ML to discuss with LH about email regarding STC and SQSS OFTO representatives.** It was noted that the OFTO elections for the STC Panel are continuing as planned. AT agreed to review the OFTO election process as set out within the SQSS, as this was flagged by the OFTO representatives as being a preferable process to the one currently set out in the STC. AT suggested she speak to the OFTO representatives outside of the STC Panel meeting to agree how to progress this governance issue. AT confirmed she had

spoken to the Code Governance team to progress this piece of work, and it was advised it would be completed in advance of the next STC OFTO election process. **Action complete.**

3869. **Minute 3851: PM088: Scottish Black Start Restoration Working Group – STCP06-1.** Following earlier clarification of Action 3804 in relation to the draft STCP06-1, MOC presented STCP06-1 for Panel approval. The Panel unanimously agreed that STCP06-1 should be approved and MO asked AT to start the formal approval process. LH confirmed the formal approval process had been completed and that the STCP would be uploaded once the National Grid website issues have been resolved. **Action complete.**

3870. **Minute 3853: European Developments: Transmission System Operation Guidelines (TSOG).** KS noted that there is a draft of the TSOG being circulated and questioned whether the Panel would be looking at this to see if there were any consequential changes to the STC. AT advised that nothing had been flagged to the Code Administrator on consequential code changes, however imagined this would fall out of code mapping. DM noted that there is a meeting on 11 April 2016 on code mapping. AT confirmed that during the code mapping process, potential impacts on the STC had been identified and there are further sessions on 26 May and 15 June 2016. Honor Hynes (NGET), who is leading the TSOG work, has asked for representatives from the STC to get involved. Further TSOG updates will continue via the JESG and the STC Panel.

3871. **Minute 3859: Joint Planning Committee (JPC) meeting – January 2016.** AT noted that she would update the Panel on the last JPC meeting and LH agreed to circulate minutes once they were available.

**Action: NGET (LH)**

3872. **Minute 3875: Ofgem's Code Governance Review (CGR) Phase 3 Final Proposals.** AS also noted that work is being undertaken by Code Administrators to standardise Code processes across all the Codes ie modification proposal templates. Where 'fast track' principles, such as the template and critical friend 'top 5', have no licence impact, the expectation is that they will be adopted/implemented as soon as possible. RP agreed to provide an update to the Panel on the 'fast track' items from an STC perspective. RP confirmed that John Martin (NGET) is attending a Code Administrators' workshop on 3 June 2016 and that following the meeting, it is expected that the 'fast track' aspects, such as the modification proposal templates, will be implemented. AS queried whether John Martin is developing a common implementation plan across all National Grid codes and RP confirmed that he was.

**Action: NGET (LH/RP)**

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

## **4 Discussion Items**

### **STCP09-1 Safety Co-ordination between Parties**

3873. MK highlighted an issue which has been raised by ML regarding STCP09-1 'Safety Co-ordination between Parties' and Section OC8 'Safety Co-ordination' of the Grid Code no longer aligning with each other. The requirements of 'Permit for Work for Proximity' do not exist in STCP09-01 and it is therefore proposed that a modification to STCP09-1 is made.

3874. The change was identified in relation to an outage on the Transmission Investment network but as a workaround was found in that instance, the change is not time critical. ML advised that the draft STCP would be submitted to the Panel in due course, following review by affected parties.

## **5 New Modification Proposals**

3875. There were no new Modification Proposals.

## 6 Evaluation Phase/Workgroup Updates

3876. There were no Evaluation Phase/Workgroup Updates.

## 7 Evaluation Phase Reports

3877. There were no Evaluation Phase Reports.

## 8 Initial Modification Reports

3878. There were no Initial Modification Reports.

## 9 Proposed Modification Reports

**CM058: Amendment of STC Schedule 3 to reflect the changes introduced by ITPR, namely the introduction of the Network Options Assessment.**

3879. LH confirmed that CM058 had been sent out to Industry Consultation on 4 May 2016 for a period of 15 working days and the deadline for responses was 25 May 2016. No responses have been received to date.

## 10 Modification Reports

**CM057: Proposal to amend Section D: Planning Co-ordination of the STC to reflect the changes due to the implementation of the Integrated Transmission Planning and Regulation (ITPR) project.**

3880. AT confirmed that no responses had been received to the CM057 Industry Consultation and that the Panel would now be making their first self-governance determination. AS noted that the Authority could at any point until the Panel makes its determination vote, direct that the modification should not be routed through self-governance.

3881. AT presented the CM057 voting presentation and the Panel agreed that the self-governance criteria had been met. Prior to the vote, AS noted that there were some minor typographical errors contained within the legal text to correct.

3882. The Panel voted by majority that CM057 better facilitates the relevant objectives. LH confirmed that the Final Modification Report would now be circulated advising that the appeals window is open, and that if any appeals were received, they should be sent to Ofgem. Subject to no appeals being received, CM057 will be implemented on 30 June 2016.

**Action: NGET (LH)**

## 11 Pending Authority Decisions

3883. There were no pending Authority Decisions.

## 12 Authority Decisions

3884. 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**

3885. AT advised that the final draft of STCP19-5 had been circulated to the STC Panel on Papers Day. ML confirmed that the draft had been reviewed by all affected parties and by the NGET Legal team and that he was now seeking approval from the STC Panel.

3886. The Panel approved STCP19-5 and LH will commence the formal approval process.

**Action: NGET (LH)**

**PM086: Difficulties in meeting the current year ahead data submission timelines as specified in STCP11-1**

3887. AT reminded the Panel that following submission of PM086 for approval to April's meeting, some outstanding issues remained and STCP11-1 had therefore not been approved.

3888. MOC confirmed that following discussions with all parties, it has been decided not to take forward the changes to STCP11-1 but to progress the associated change to Section C first. Due to the introduction of a more robust NGET governance process for SO changes, this could however not be taken forward immediately.

3889. MD confirmed that SPT were supportive of the STCP11-1 changes and were happy to wait for the Section C changes to be progressed first, but suggested it would be useful if the Panel were to approve STCP11-1 by the end of 2016, to allow for implementation for 2017.

3890. KS expressed concerns around the ownership for raising the STCP11-1 modification.

3891. AT asked MOC to provide an update at the June 2016 STC Panel.

**Action: NGET (MOC)**

**PM087: Uploading of codes in NGET outage database (TOGA) in STCP11-2 to better reflect current requirements and processes**

3892. MOC advised that work on PM087 is progressing well and that a final draft has been circulated to all parties for review. MO confirmed that STCP11-2 is expected to be presented to the June STC Panel meeting for approval.

## **14 European Developments**

### **ENTSO-E update**

3893. AT confirmed that the ENTSO-E update had been circulated.

### **Joint European Stakeholder Group (JESG)**

3894. AT confirmed that the JESG was taking place that day and that an update could be obtained via the email updates circulated each Friday.

### **TSO Issues**

3895. There were no TSO issues.

## **15 Offshore Regime**

3896. AS advised that an open letter had been issued on 29 April 2016 regarding 'Repayment of excess funds following the aggregation of income and costs on Offshore Transmission Tender Round Two (TR2)':

[https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/system/files/docs/2016/04/tr2\\_open\\_letter\\_final.pdf](https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/system/files/docs/2016/04/tr2_open_letter_final.pdf)

## **16 ITPR Update**

3897. AT presented an update on the progress of STC changes as a result of ITPR, noting that STCP20-1, 21-1 and 22-1 have yet to be reviewed formally by the Panel.

3898. The changes to STCP20-1 and 21-1 have been drafted and are planned to be submitted to the June 2016 Panel, and the draft of STCP22-1 has been circulated to the TOs.

3899. KS noted that following the discussions on STCP11-1 (PM086), the status of STCP11-1 on the ITPR update should be changed to reflect the latest position.

**Action: NGET (LH)**

## **17 Impact of Other Code Modifications**

3900. AT noted that the Code Summary document had been circulated with Panel papers.

## **18 Reports from Sub Committees**

### **Joint Planning Committee**

3901. AT noted that the next JPC is planned to take place on 23 June 2016 and confirmed that the minutes from the January 2016 meeting would be circulated once available.

### **Charging User Group**

3902. AT confirmed that the last ChUG meeting took place on 12 April 2016 and that minutes are likely to be available for circulation shortly. The next meeting is planned for July 2016.

### **Network Access Policy Workgroup**

3903. MD confirmed that the next meeting is 15 June 2016 and that he would provide an update at the June STC Panel. MD also noted that the SO/TO funding mechanism work, which is likely to result in a new STCP, needs to be in place for April 2017.

## **19 Any Other Business**

### **Code Governance Review 3 (CGR3)**

3904. AS advised that the consultation, relating to the CGR3 licence changes, is currently open and closes on 7 June 2016.

### **Disputes process – STCP11-3**

3905. MOC highlighted to the Panel that NGET was in discussions with Ofgem regarding the disputes process involving SO/TOs under STCP11-3 'Outage Change'.

## **20 Date of Next Meeting**

3906. The date of the next meeting is **Wednesday 29 June 2016**