

STC Modification Panel Minutes: 30 March 2022

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Date: 30 March 2022 **Location:** Microsoft Teams

Start: 10:00am **End:** 11:00am

Participants

Attendee	Initials	Company
Sally Musaka	SM	Chair, Code Administrator, National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)
Rashpal Gata-Aura	RGA	Tech Sec, Code Administrator, National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)
Jennifer Groome	JG	Code Administrator, National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO) Observer
Rob Wilson	RWI	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)
Stephen Baker	SB	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)
Terry Baldwin	TB	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)
David Halford	DH	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)
Neil Bennett	NBE	Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc. (SHET)
Michelle MacDonald	NS	Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc. (SHET) Alternate
Neil Sandison	NS	Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc. (SHET)
Richard Woodward	RWO	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Ian Bottomer	IB	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Milorad Dobrijevic	MD	Scottish Power Transmission plc. (SPT)
Joel Matthews	JM	Offshore Transmission Owner (OFTO)
Jonathan Coe	JC	Ofgem

Apologies	Initials	Company
Mike Lee	ML	Offshore Transmission Owner (OFTO)
Nicola Bruce	NBR	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)

1. Introductions and Apologies for Absence

5768. Apologies were received from Mike Lee and Nicola Bruce.

2. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

5769. The Panel approved the minutes from the meeting held on 23 February 2022. (**Post Panel note:** The minutes are now available on the National Grid ESO website).

3. Review of Actions

5770. The Panel reviewed the open actions from the meeting held on 23 February 2022 which can be found on the [Actions Log](#).

4. Authority Decisions

5771. The Chair informed the Panel there had been no Authority decisions on STC modifications.

5. STC/STCP Modification Proposals for Panel Decision

5772. The Chair advised the Panel that four new modifications had been submitted for March Panel:-

1) CM078 -STC change for CUSC Modification 'CMP328 - Connection Triggering Distribution Impact Assessment'

This modification seeks to make changes to the System Operator Transmission Owner Code to reflect CUSC modification CMP328 relating to Transmission connections that trigger an impact assessment on the Distribution network and can be found on the National Grid ESO.

2) PM0122 – Compliance Testing

This proposal harmonises technical details of STCP19-5 with the revised Grid Code. Grid Code modification proposal (GC0138) was raised with the Grid Code Review Panel in February 2020 to amend the Grid Code OC5, CP and ECP to improve the demonstration of compliance with the requirements of the Grid Code.

3) CM081 – Making the STC Gender Neutral

This modification seeks to remove any gender specific references or terminology within the System Operator Transmission Owner Code (STC).

4) PM0123 – Making the STCPs Gender Neutral

This modification seeks to remove any gender specific references or terminology within the System Operator Transmission Owner Code Procedures (STCPs).

5773. The Chair invited DH to present **CM078** and **PM0122** - further details on these modifications can be found by following this [link](#).

5774. The Panel agreed that **CM078** should follow the Standard Governance route and proceed to Code Administrator Consultation.

- 5775. **ACTION** Panel Secretary to create the Code Administrator Consultation for **CM078** and issue to industry on 6 April 2022 to 29 April 2022. (**Post Panel note: CM078** Code Administrator Consultation was issued on 6 April).
- 5776. The Panel voted unanimously in principle for **PM0122** to be implemented in the near future.
- 5777. The Chair continued to present **CM081** and **PM0123** and for more details on these modifications please see the [Panel papers](#).
- 5778. The Panel agreed that **CM081** should follow the Standard Governance route and proceed to Code Administrator Consultation.
- 5779. **ACTION** Panel Secretary to create the Code Administrator Consultation for **CM081** and issue to industry on 6 April 2022 to 3 May 2022. (**Post Panel note: CM081** Code Administrator Consultation was issued on 6 April).
- 5780. The Panel voted unanimously for **PM0123** to be implemented on 6 April 2022.
- 5781. **ACTION** Panel Secretary to implement **PM0123** on 6 April 2022. (**Post Panel note: PM0123** was implemented on 6 April).

6. Draft STC/STCP Modifications

- 5782. The Chair advised the Panel that one draft modification had been submitted for March Panel and invited SB to present it.
- 5783. SB presented **PM0124 - CMP315 and CMP375: Enduring Expansion Constant & Expansion Factor Review STCP** consequential modification. Further details can be found with the [Panel papers](#).
- 5784. RW mentioned that it was key that data exchange from TO and ESO should be proportionate in the STC. CUSC modification was making quite broad requirements as it was more of an academic/hypothetical conversation. For the TOs to be able to help the ESO find a way forward for the STC and CUSC modifications, the prerequisite was to ensure the data requirements are not open ended and do not breach confidentiality.
- 5785. SB responding that discussions with TOs were ongoing and evolving rapidly. The ESO were suitably aware of the commercial sensitivity of how broad the request was for data.
- 5786. RW highlighted that PM0124 was being raised in draft and there was no decision required from the Panel at this stage as to the governance route to be taken. However, it was felt appropriate that TO involvement was required on this modification and the question was – can this modification be part of the CUSC workgroup or does it need to be progressed separately?
- 5787. RW commented that this modification could be worked separately by the TOs and ESOs which would then help the CUSC workgroup to reach its conclusions quicker.
- 5788. **ACTION** ESO and TOs to convene a “workgroup” of TOs representative, possibly Panel members to talk through this issue and come to a result that can be presented back to the CUSC workgroup.

7. Code Administrator Update

- 5789. The Chair shared with the Panel that the workgroups for CUSC modification **CMP376 - Inclusion of queue management** have now been paused until September 2022 in-line with the letter published by the NGESO connections team. This update was brought to

the Panel's attention purely for information as this CUSC modification has been highlighted to potentially having STC implications.

8. Potential Future Modifications

Modification Tracker and Horizon Scan

5790. The Panel reviewed the STC Modification Tracker. The amendments to this tracker can be viewed via the following [link](#).

Authority Update

5791. JC reiterated that following the update provided in February Panel on the "Minded to Positions" which had closed on 21 February 2022, Ofgem were now looking to provide a decision on the various "Minded to Positions" in April 2022.

5792. JC confirmed that as Energy Code Review was still a standing item and no update had been provided recently, Ofgem were still working through the responses received on the consultation in 2021. Ofgem were looking to issue a joint response with BEIS in the very near future.

9. Reports from Sub-Committees

Joint Planning Committee – JPC

5793. No update from JPC.

Network Access Policy Workgroup – NAP

5794. MD updated the Panel that a meeting was held in March 2022 and there was no update for the STC Panel. The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for June 2022.

Transmission Charging Review Group - TCRG

5795. **Post Panel note:** RWO advised that TCRG was discontinued, there were no planned meeting dates or lead on it, therefore, it could be removed from the STC agenda as a standing item.

10. Any other Business

5796. The Chair advised the Panel that MRPL will accede to the STC on 1 April 2022.

5797. The Chair shared that paperwork was in place for MRPL to accede to STC on 1 April. MRPL don't have voting rights at the moment and were satisfied to attend Panel as observers. Should they want to get voting rights in the future, then section B of the governance rules will need to change. (**Post Panel note:** MRPL acceded to STC on 1 April 2022).

5798. Chair closed the meeting advising the date for the next Panel meeting.

Date of next meeting

5799. The next STC Panel meeting will be held on **Wednesday 27 April 2022**

5800. New Modification Proposal date **Tuesday 08 April 2022**

5801. Panel papers day **Tuesday 19 April 2022**