

STC Modification Panel Minutes: 25 May 2022

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Date: 25 May 2022 **Location:** Microsoft Teams

Start: 10:00am **End:** 11:35am

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)
Milly Lewis	ML	Code Administrator, National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO) Observer
Rob Wilson	RWI	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)
Terry Baldwin	TB	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)
Keith Jones	KJ	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)
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)
Milorad Dobrijevic	MD	Scottish Power Transmission plc. (SPT)
Joel Matthews	JM	Offshore Transmission Owner (OFTO)
Mike Lee	MK	Offshore Transmission Owner (OFTO)
Mike Oxenham	MO	Policy Development Manager (Offshore Co-Ordination) UK Energy Strategy
Nadir Hafeez	NH	Ofgem

Apologies	Initials	Company
Nicola Bruce	NB	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)

1. Introductions and Apologies for Absence

5856. Apologies were received from Nicola Bruce.

2. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

5857. The Panel approved the minutes from the meeting held on 27 April . **(Post Panel note:** The minutes are now available on the National Grid ESO website).

3. Review of Actions

5858. The Panel reviewed the open actions from the meeting held on 27 April which can be found on the [Actions Log](#).

4. Authority Decisions

5859. The Chair informed the Panel there had been no Authority decisions on STC modifications.

5. STC/STCP Modification Proposals for Panel Decision

5860. The Chair advised the Panel that the Proposer formally notified Code Admin on 4 May 2022 that they wished to withdraw CM082 “STC Governance Improvements” which was presented at the April Panel. Industry was notified on 4 May 2022 and had until 5pm on 11 May to express their wish to become the new proposer.

5861. As no one had expressed their wish to become the new Proposer by 5pm on 11 May, on 25 May 2022 the Panel agreed to the withdrawal of CM082 and for it to be re-proposed as two separate modification proposals.

5862. The Chair advised the Panel that one new modification had been received for May Panel and invited the Proposer to present.

5805. RWI delivered the presentation on PM0125 advising the Panel that “STCP 01-1 Operational Switching” specified the responsibilities of NGESO and TOs in relation to Operational Switching of Plant and/or Apparatus on the TOs’ Transmission Systems and the procedures to be followed by each Party. The Switching Method was specified to utilise either:

- A Transmission Status Certificate (TSC); or
- A verbal Switching Method

5863. RWI outlined the Verbal Switching Method which sets out what can be used when agreed in situations.

5864. RWI advised the Panel of the proposed amendments which are outlined in detail in the slides within the [Panel Pack](#).

5865. Before giving their vote, some Panel members expressed two main concerns regarding the Proposal; 1) That it was a telecommand switching in all but name. 2)

Secondly, regarding how MRPL/Peakgen acts on the instruction and whether this would then be within their safety rules.

- 5866. RWI stated that in giving a TO an electronic instruction this was not much different to a voltage set point. How the recipients act on receipt of the electronic instruction was up to them and should be governed by their safety rules. Panel requested further details on this.
- 5867. **ACTION** RWI to follow up and provide to Panel further details on this and whether someone from MRPL might attend the next meeting to explain.
- 5868. The Chair carried out the Panel vote to approve the changes to PM0125.
- 5869. The Panel unanimously approved PM0125, the implementation will be effective as per timeline – 1 June 2022 and clarity provided at June Panel following a meeting between ESO and MRPL on the concerns raised. (**Post Panel note:** PM0125 was implemented on 01 June 2022).

6. Draft STC/STCP Modifications

- 5870. The Chair advised the Panel that no draft modifications had been submitted to May Panel.

7. Inflight Modification Progress

- 5871. The Chair presented two Draft Final Modification Reports, CM078 and CM081 to the Panel and checked their voting statements received were correctly recorded and invited their votes.
- 5872. The Panel unanimously voted that the original facilitates the objectives better than the current baseline for CM078 and the implementation to be 10 working days following Authority's decision on CMP328.
- 5873. The Panel unanimously voted that the original facilitates the objectives better than the current baseline for CM081 and agreed the implementation for 01 July 2022. There is an Appeals window open from 06 June to 24 June 2022. If no appeals are received by 24 June, then this will be implemented on 7 July 2022.

8. Code Administrator Update

- 5874. No Update.

9. Potential Future Modifications

Modification Tracker and Horizon Scan

- 5875. The Panel reviewed the STC Modification Tracker. The amendments to this tracker can be found via the following [link](#).

Authority Update

- 5876. NH advised the Panel that on "Access SCR", some urgent change of processes had been raised in the DCUSA by Ofgem.

5877. On the ECR questions had been raised with regard to Transition Planning, Ofgem were looking to communicate this within industry. As a first step Ofgem were looking to publish an “Open Letter” late summer which would include consideration around implementation and Transition Planning.
5878. RW raised a question that BEIS provided a direction indicating that part of the transition and implementation would be the consideration of codes consolidation rationalisation – was this the case?
5879. NH confirmed that this was being considered and would be part of the ECR.

10. Reports from Sub- Committees

Joint Planning Committee – JPC.

5880. **Post Panel note** - KJ provided the date for the next JPC meeting which will be held on 25 July 2022.

Network Access Policy Workgroup – NAP

5881. No update.

11. Any other Business

5882. The Chair advised the Panel that the ESO Code Administrator Annual Report was now available and could be viewed by the following [link](#).
5883. The Chair invited Mike Oxenham to provide an update on the Offshore Co-Ordination Programme and further details can be found with the Panel Slides.
5884. RWI provided a further update on “National Grid ESO’s second RIIO-2 Business Plan (BP2)”
5885. RWI advised the Panel that Draft BP2 consultation had been started on 29 April 2022 and would close on 10 June 2022. An introductory webinar was held on 4 May 2022 and recording was available on the [website](#), along with the full BP2 plan and consultation details.
5886. The Chair closed the meeting and advised the date of the June Panel meeting.

Date of next meeting

5887. The next STC Panel meeting will be held on **Wednesday 29 June 2022**
5888. New Modification Proposal date **Tuesday 14 June 2022**
5889. Panel papers day **Tuesday 21 June 2022**