

# STC Modification Panel Minutes: 29 June 2022

## STC Modification Panel Minutes: Meeting Number 201

**Date:** 29 June 2022      **Location:** Microsoft Teams

**Start:** 10:00am      **End:** 12:00 Noon

### Participants

Attendee	Initials	Company
Paul Mullen	PM	Chair, Code Administrator, National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)
Rashpal Gata-Aura	RGA	Tech Sec, Code Administrator, National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)
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)
Ian Graves	IG	PeakGen
Mike Gordon	MG	Offshore Transmission Owner (OFTO)
Michelle MacDonald	MMacD	Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc. (SHET)
Richard Woodward	RWO	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Milorad Dobrijevic	MD	Scottish Power Transmission plc. (SPT)
Paul Smillie	PS	Scottish Power Transmission plc. (SPT) Observer
Nadir Hafeez	NH	Ofgem
Apologies	Initials	Company
Sally Musaka	SM	Code Administrator, National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)
Joel Matthews	JM	Offshore Transmission Owner (OFTO)

Mike Lee	ML	Offshore Transmission Owner (OFTO)
Neil Bennett	NB	Scottish Power Transmission plc. (SPT)
Ian Bottomer	IB	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)

## 1. Introductions and Apologies for Absence

5890. Apologies were received from Sally Musaka, Joel Matthews. Neil Bennett, Mike Lee and Ian Bottomer.

## 2. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

5891. The Panel approved the minutes from the meeting held on 25 May. **(Post Panel note: The minutes are now available on the National Grid ESO [website](#)).**

## 3. Review of Actions

5892. The Panel reviewed the open actions from the meeting held on 25 May 2022, which can be found on the [Actions Log](#) within the Panel Papers.

5893. **ACTION** IG to share MRPL’s detailed plan of control system upon receiving the instruction from NGESO. **(Post Panel note: Email circulated to NGESO 6 July 2022)**

5894. **ACTION** Panel Members to provide comments on MRPL’s detailed plan of control system upon receiving the instruction from NGESO including which TO representatives would be best placed for a wider discussion. **(Post Panel note: Email circulated to Panel 19 July 2022 asking for comments by 9 August 2022)**

## 4. Authority Decisions Panel

5895. The Chair informed the Panel that there had been no Ofgem decisions on STC Modifications since the last STC Panel.

## 5. STC/STCP Modification Proposals for Panel Decision

5896. The Chair advised the Panel that 2 new modifications had been received for June Panel and invited the Proposer of CM083 and CM084 to present.

5897. RWO delivered the presentation on **CM083 “Workgroup Quoracy Improvements”** advising that there had recently been examples of STC modification workgroups unable to be convened due to an overly-specific quoracy requirement - a representative from NGESO, plus a representative from both Onshore TO (ONTO) and Offshore TO (OFTO) entities.

5898. RWO advised the Panel of the proposed solution, which is to amend the governance rules so that the Panel can agree to STC modification workgroups consisting of three or more STC parties, where: -

- a) One member must be a representative of NGESO;
- b) Two members must still be a representative of other STC parties (e.g. ONTOs/OFTOs) but with no specific requirement on those being both ONTO and OFTO - so long as the two representatives were not from ‘affiliated’ organisations.

- c) Prompt Panel to consider whether a convening a workgroup via this approach could lead to sub-optimal outcomes, so it can be mitigated proactively.

5899. The Panel unanimously agreed that CM083 should follow Self Governance route and proceed to Code Administrator Consultation in line with the proposed timeline. **(Post Panel note: Code Administrator Consultation issued 6 July 2022 and will close 5pm on 3 August 2022)**
5900. Further details on CM083 documentation can be found [here](#).
5901. RWO then presented **CM084 “Clarify STCP Modification approach for Cross Code changes”** \_advising the Panel that clarification was required on the governance arrangements for STC Procedure (STCP) modifications associated to cross-code modifications. **CM084** seeks to ensure that STCP modifications are proactively developed and sufficiently considered by Panel/Ofgem if they have material impact.
5902. RWO advised that recently there had been a number of consequential STCP changes needed to facilitate cross-code modifications and continues to increase. These modifications are typically commercial in nature, often requiring complex changes which impact STCPs. The STCP changes are too often initiated only *after* the cross-code change work is complete, potentially understating the wider impact of a modification.
5903. Whilst the STC Panel has the determination role for STCP changes, there is a potential risk that these are perceived to be low-impact or low-importance to Ofgem’s determination of a wider package of cross-code changes.
5904. RWO presented possible solutions to address this, which include:
- Clarify/enhance STC governance processes for ‘consequential’ STCP modifications to ensure these types of changes are identified proactively and that they are impact-assessed as early as possible.
  - Promote STCP modification development much more in tandem with the cross-code work.
  - Confirm whether Panel or Ofgem are better placed to make the ultimate determination on these changes (especially where they are ‘material’).
  - Regardless of who makes the determination on STCP modifications, provide Ofgem adequate assessment of their impact prior to any determination of a package of cross-code changes.
5905. The Panel unanimously agreed that CM084 should follow the Standard Governance route and proceed to a Workgroup. The Panel agreed the Terms of Reference for the Workgroup and the timeline. For further details the CM084 documentation can be found [here](#)
5906. The Chair clarified that the invitation to industry to become Workgroup members would be issued on 4 July 2022 and suggested to NH that Ofgem representation on the Workgroup would be beneficial **(Post Panel note request for nominations sent to industry on 4 July 2022 – will close 5pm on 25 July 2022. Nadir Hafeez will be the Authority representative)**

## 6. Draft STC/STCP Modifications

5907. TB was then invited to present the draft **PM0126 (CUSC Modification CMP298) “Transmission Impact Assessment Process”**.
5908. TB advised the Panel that PM0126 seeks to facilitate an aggregated assessment that mitigates the need to assess individual smaller connections making it easier for all parties to get an accurate view of any works required. This modification is intended to be formally presented for Panel vote in ~ October 2022.
5909. TB advised the Panel that following the approval of CM080 it will be necessary to establish the processes for Transmission Impact Assessments and the Evaluation of Transmission Impact within STCP 18-4. The CMP298 Workgroup has reviewed the first draft of the legal text and a second draft will be circulated for feedback shortly.
5910. For further details PM0126 proposal documentation can be found [here](#).

## 7. Inflight Modification Progress

5911. The Chair advised the Panel that the up to date Modification Tracker will be published on 7 July 2022.
5912. The Chair updated the Panel on **CM080 ‘Transmission Impact Assessment process in relation to CMP298’**, which seeks to include a process for aggregated assessment of Distributed Generators that impact (or may impact) on the National Electricity Transmission System. Panel’s recommendation vote was postponed by the Chair to July 2022 Panel as Panel had not received all relevant documentation and there are legal text changes for Panel to consider. CM080 documentation can be viewed [here](#)
5913. DH gave an update on **PM0120 – “Connections Triggering Distribution Impact Assessment”**, stating that this was a consequential modification seeking to make changes to the STCPs to reflect CUSC modification CMP328 relating to Transmission connections that trigger an impact assessment on the Distribution network.
5914. DH advised the Panel that there have been on-going discussions with the TOs regarding the changes that are required to the identified STCPs. The TOs have expressed concerns with two elements of the changes required namely the Information that TO’s need to produce for the DIA to be completed; and the Construction Planning Assumptions (CPAs). DH set out the next steps and is targeting bringing this to July 2022 Panel.

## 8. Code Administrator Update

5915. No Update.

## 9. Potential Future Modifications

### ***Clarify OFTO power requirements at <20% output***

5916. The Chair advised the Panel that RWI was seeking Panel views on a proposal for a new STC identified for July Panel and invited RWI to continue.
5917. RWI addressed the Panel regarding the proposed modification **“Clarify OFTO power requirements at <20% output”**.
5918. RWI advised the Panel that the proposed modification seeks, to always have access to any reactive capability regardless of offshore generator output would be operationally

useful to the ESO. The proposal is also looking to amend the STC section K to clarify Annex 1 and Annex 2 – for more details please see the [Panel Slides](#).

5919. MG advised that he discuss this with some of his OFTO colleagues and RWI advised that he is seeking to raise this formally at July 2022 Panel.

### **Modification Tracker and Horizon Scan**

5920. The Chair gave an overview of the Code Administrator Modification Trackers.

### **Authority Update**

5921. NH advised the Panel that a decision on CM078 is likely to be 30 November 2022, which is at the same time as the associated CUSC Modification (CMP328). CM078 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.

## **10. Reports from Sub- Committees**

### **Joint Planning Committee – JPC**

5922. No update – next meeting on 20 July 2022.

### **Network Access Policy Workgroup – NAP**

5923. MD advised the Panel that the NAP meeting was held on 15 June 2022 and there were no updates for the STC Panel.

## **11. Any other Business**

5924. None.

### **Date of next meeting**

5925. The next STC Panel meeting will be held on **Wednesday 27 July 2022**

5926. New Modification Proposal date **Tuesday 12 July 2022**

5927. Panel papers day **Tuesday 19 July 2022**