

Minutes and Actions Arising from Meeting No.14 Held on 23rd November 2005 via Teleconference

Present:

Richard Court	Committee Chairman
Lilian Macleod	Committee Secretary
Ben Graff	National Grid Representative
Layton Jones	National Grid Representative
Alec Morrison	Scottish Hydro-Electric Transmission Limited (SHETL) Representative
David McMenemy	SP Transmission Limited (SPTL) Representative
David Nicol	SP Transmission Limited (SPTL) Representative
Dipen Gadhia	Authority Representative

Attendees:

Andrew Truswell	National Grid
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1. Introductions/Apologies for Absence

290. Apologies for absence were received from Iain Anderson (SHETL Representative).

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

291. The draft minutes of the 13th STC Committee meeting held on 18th October 2005 were APPROVED and will be accessible from STC Website.

3. Review of Actions

292. All the outstanding actions from the previous meetings have been completed or were the subject of agenda items, except for:

- Minute 223 (Code Effective Date)
The Committee NOTED that the explanation of the usage and meaning of 'Code Effective Date' in STC definitions is now available on the STC Code website.
- Minute 261 (STC Committee Meetings 2006)
The Committee AGREED the proposed schedule for 2006 STC Committee Meetings which will shortly be available on the STC Code website.

Action: Committee Secretary

4. New Amendment Proposals

293. There were no New Amendment Proposals.

5. Working Group Reports

294. There were no Working Group Reports.

6. Proposed Amendment Reports

295. There were no Proposed Amendment Reports.

7. Amendment Reports

296. There were no Amendment Reports

8. Authority Decisions

297. There were no recent Authority decisions to discuss.

9. CAP097 – Potential Impact on STC & STCPs

298. The Committee NOTED National Grid's paper on the preliminary assessment of the impact of CAP097 on the STC and STCPs.

299. The Committee agreed that it was important that, in accordance with Section B 7.2.9 of the STC, any possible code interaction should be identified to the Authority in the appropriate manner. However, National Grid clarified that, as the proposer of CAP097, they envisaged being the proposer of any related STC amendments.

300. Ofgem indicated that ideally they would prefer any interacting codes changes to be presented for determination at the same time. However in the event of any time delay in the different amendments process, it was important that any linkage between the amendments proposed was highlighted to the Authority.

301. Ofgem reiterated that each amendment proposal was assessed on an individual basis and that changes to multiple codes should not be contingent on each other. However, National Grid highlighted that there was considerable precedent for consequential code amendments, and suggested that any proposed STC changes to "back-off" CAP097 could follow such a process.

302. STC Party representatives to discuss the issues in more detail this month prior to a STC Amendment Proposal being submitted to December's Committee Meeting.

Action: National Grid, SPTL & SHETL

10. STC Procedures

303. The Committee AGREED to the proposed changes to the STCP20-1 as identified by PA042.

304. The Committee NOTED that the proposed changes to STCP12-1's Data Catalogue, as identified by PA041, will be re-circulated to STC Committee members for review/approval.

Action: Committee Secretary.

305. The amended STCPs will be distributed to STC Parties for approval. The signing of the STCPs, by STC Parties, will be facilitated by fax.

Action: National Grid, SPTL & SHETL

306. The Committee NOTED the on-going discussions regarding the proposed amendments to STCP09-2 (Public and Site Safety).

307. The Committee NOTED that the review of STCP19-3 continues with regular meetings with STC Party representatives. National Grid to discuss STCP19-3 progress with relevant internal people and to gain assurance that the issues are being addressed in a timely manner.

Action: National Grid

308. The Committee were informed of pending review of STCP19-4. STC Party representatives to be nominated to allow tri-party discussions regarding possible changes. Update to be provided to December's Committee Meeting.

Action: National Grid, SPTL & SHETL

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11. Reports from Sub-Committees

Charging User Group

309. The Committee NOTED the report from the Charging User Group (CHUG).
310. National Grid to discuss with relevant internal people requests for Use of System Charges data which are potentially not covered by the STC and/or STCPs.
Action: National Grid
311. The Committee were informed of potential inconsistencies between the STCP and Licence obligations regarding charging setting. Further analysis to be undertaken and an update provided to December's Committee Meeting.
Action: SPTL
312. TO Charging Statement – SHETL & SPTL to confirm whether there is an external consultation phase in the amendments process.
Action: SPTL & SHETL

Joint Planning Committee

313. The Committee NOTED the report from the Joint Planning Committee (JPC) and in particular the update regarding Schedule 3 and the associated sunset clause.
314. To ensure that the deadline for resolving this issue is not missed and to assist the JPC in resolution of this matter, National Grid will produce draft guidelines outlining the timescales in which any potential solution must be progressed by.
Action: National Grid
315. Subject to the Committee's approval of the guidelines, the document will be submitted to the JPC for reference purposes.

Safety Standing Group

316. STC Committee members discussed the effectiveness of the Safety Standing Group. STC Parties to brief their Safety Standing Group representatives regarding the concerns raised by the Committee and all to think further about ways in which the working of the group could be further enhanced.
Action: National Grid, SPTL & SHETL

12. Impact of Other Code Modifications

317. The Committee received an update on the latest developments/topics of discussion from the other codes.

13. Publications

318. There has been no new data, identified by any of the STC Parties, which should be categorised as confidential.

14. Date of Next Meeting

319. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 20th December 2005 at SHETL's Offices in Perth. Time to be confirmed.