

STC Modification Panel Minutes: 28 June 2023

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Date: 28 June 2023 **Location:** Microsoft Teams

Start: 10:00am **End:** 10:30am

Participants

Attendee	Initials	Company
Deborah Spencer	DS	Chair, Code Administrator, National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)
Rashpal Gata-Aura	RGA	Tech Sec, Code Administrator, National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)
Jamie Webb	JW	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)
Terry Baldwin	TB	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)
Neil Bennett	NB	Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc. (SHET)
Harriet Eckweiler	HE	Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc. (SHET)
Martin Cammidge	MC	Scottish Power Transmission plc. (SPT)
Richard Woodward	RW	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Mike Lee	ML	Offshore Transmission Owner (OFTO)
Joel Matthews	JM	Offshore Transmission Owner (OFTO)
Scott McPhillimy	SMcP	Authority Representative
Apologies	Initials	Company
Nicola Bruce	NB	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)
Ian Bottomer	IB	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Nadir Hafeez	NH	Authority Representative

1. Introductions and Apologies for Absence

6222. Apologies were received from Nadir Hafeez, Nicola Bruce, and Ian Bottomer.

2. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

6273. The Panel approved the minutes from the meeting held on 31 May 2023 (**Post Panel Meeting Note**: The minutes are now available on the National Grid ESO [website](#).)

3. Review of Actions

6274. Actions from the May 2023 Panel meeting were reviewed.

4. Authority Decisions and Update

6275. The Chair advised the Panel that the expected decision date on: -

CM078 - Connections Triggering Distribution Impact Assessment and related CUSC Modification (CMP328) was 14 February 2023, decision on **CMP328** received 14 February 2023 and was sent back by Ofgem for further work/clarification, no decision received on **CM078**.

CM080 – Transmission Impact Assessment process - Expected decision date of this and related CUSC Modification (CMP298) was 7 July 2023, this has now been pushed out until 21 August 2023

5. New STC/STCP Modification Proposals for Panel Decision

6276. The Chair advised that one new modification had been received for June 2023 Panel and invited the proposer to present.

6277. TB informed the Panel that **PM0133 – “Pathfinder Feasibility Studies” proposal** had now been brought to Panel formally and the information on slides from May 2023 Panel remain unchanged except for the solution.

6278. It is proposed to specifically define the pathfinder feasibility process within STCP17-1 in a similar manner to the connection feasibility study process.

6279. This will include the process to be followed, all parties’ responsibilities alongside standardised terms and conditions.

6280. It is proposed to develop the legal text by engaging the impacted parties and returning to Panel for approval once it has been defined.

6281. **ACTION** TB to convene with the impacted parties to finalise the legal text and return to Panel for approval at the July 2023 Panel.

6282. **PM0133** documentation can be found [here](#).

6. Draft STC/STCP Modifications

6283. None.

7. Inflight Modification Updates/Potential New Modifications

6284. The Chair advised the Panel that the Cross Code modification tracker had been shared for their reference.

6285. The Chair informed the Panel that there were two updates: -

- **CM079 - Consideration of STC/STCP changes in relation to CMP330/374 Timeline Update** – the revised timeline was approved by the Panel along with the updated Terms of Reference.
- **CM087 - Implementation of the Electricity System Restoration Standard** - the revised timeline was approved by the Panel.

8. Workgroup Reports

6286. None.

9. Draft Final Modification Reports

6287. None.

10. Code Administrator Update

6288. None

11. Any other Business

6289. The Chair shared the update on **ACTION 6181** which was to provide more clarity to the OFTOs re the proposed changes to STCP19-5.

6290. Following clarification from the Compliance Team the STATCOM was the only piece of equipment within the AC connected OFTO that Engineering Compliance was concerned about, because it was the main equipment responsible for delivering the voltage control and reactive capability to meet the technical requirements at the Transmission Interface point.

6291. Neither routine software upgrades for the STATCOM nor changes to the SCADA are upgrade in the Engineering Compliance sense mentioned above.

6292. For HVDC connections, the OFTO will be responsible for sending up to date models capturing any upgrades to the system that lead to changes in dynamic performance.

6293. RW advised that it was indicated in May 2023 Panel that he would be bringing Section 9 to June 2023 Panel. The proposal had been shared with Onshore TOs, however final tweaks were being made and this will now be brought the July 2020 Panel.

Date of next meeting

6294. The next STC Panel meeting will be held on **Wednesday 26 July 2023**

6295. New Modification Proposal date **Tuesday 11 July 2023**

6296. Panel papers day **Tuesday 18 July 2023**