

STC Modification Panel Minutes

13 December 2023

STC Modification Panel Minutes: Meeting Number 218

Date: 13 December 2023 **Location:** Microsoft Teams

Start: 10:00am **End:** 10:40am

Participants

Attendee	Initials	Company
Sarah Carter	SC	Chair, Code Administrator, National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)
Rashpal Gata-Aura	RGA	Tech Sec, Code Administrator, National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)
Terry Baldwin	TB	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)
Keith Jones	KJ	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)
Steven Baker	SB	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)
Alana Collis	AC	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)
Neil Bennett	NB	Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc. (SHET)
Gareth Williams	GW	Scottish Power Transmission plc. (SPT)
Richard Woodward	RW	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Joel Matthews	JM	Offshore Transmission Owner (OFTO)
Mike Lee	ML	Offshore Transmission Owner (OFTO)
Nadir Hafeez	NH	Authority Representative
Apologies	Initials	Company
Deborah Spencer	DS	Chair, Code Administrator, National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)

1. Introductions and Apologies for Absence

6489. Apologies were received from Deborah Spencer.

2. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

6490. The Panel approved the minutes from the meeting held on 29 November 2023 (**Post Panel Meeting Note**: The minutes are now available on the National Grid ESO [website](#)).

3. Review of Actions

6491. The Actions from November 2023 Panel were reviewed.

4. Authority Decisions and Update

6492. NH advised the Panel that: -

- **CM080** – *Transmission Impact Assessment Process*, the decision is linked to CUSC modification **CMP298**- *Updating the Statement of Works process to facilitate aggregated assessment of relevant and collectively relevant embedded generation* expected date of decision will be advised by Ofgem by **15 December 2023**.
- **CM089/CM091** – *Implementation of the Electricity System Restoration Standard & Implementation of Emergency and Restoration Code Phase II* – decision date remains at **30 January 2024** in line with the other ERS modifications.

5. Draft STC/STCP Modifications

6493. The Chair advised that two draft modifications had been received for December 2023 Panel.

- **PM0136** - *Introducing Connections process to facilitate Competitively Appointed Transmission Owners (CATO)* and
- **PM0137** - *Queue Management Co-ordination Procedure*

6494. SB was invited continued to present **PM0136** and gave some background to STCP changes to facilitate CATO. He advised that the objective of this mod was to make consequential changes and additions to Procedures resulting from **CM087** which introduces a PTO-CATO Connections Process.

6495. SB advised that **PM0136** represented a material change as it was seeking to introduce new Procedures to facilitate the PTO-CATO Connections Process. The changes were made on the assumption that a CATO will be granted a Transmission Licence and categorised as an Onshore Transmission Owner. STCP Legal Text changes have been discussed at length as part of the **CM087** Workgroups as they were required to provide context.

6496. SB informed the Panel that the intention was to submit all CATO modifications to Ofgem as a bundle at the end of Q1 2024. The legal text was in the late stages of being worked on and the plan was to bring its modification to January 2024 Panel. For further details please see the slide within the [Panel papers](#) along with the legal text solution.

6497. RW queried if it would be sufficient to raise one “umbrella” modification to encompass all the proposed STCPs amendments or would there be a need to be separate modifications for each STCP.

6498. **ACTION** SB to check Governance rules and proceed in line with that and advise Panel Members accordingly.

6499. RW gave a verbal update on **PM0137- Queue Management Co-ordination Procedure** with a view to bringing this modification to the January 2024 Panel for a decision. Full details of this modification can be found within the [Panel papers](#).
6500. RW advised that **PM0137** modification was seeking to propose a new procedure to ensure effective co-ordination and collaboration between STCP parties in respect of the ESOs administration of Queue Management changes applied in CUSC via the approved and implemented modification [CMP376](#). The legal text is being developed together with the ESO and the Scottish TOs, and if any Panel member had query or concern to reach out to RW directly.

6. New STC/STCP Modification Proposals for Panel Decision

6501. The Chair advised that one new modification had been received for December 2023 Panel and invited SB to present.
- **PM0134 – Introducing Connections process to facilitate Competitively Appointed Transmission Owners**
6502. SB informed the Panel that the objective of this modification was to make consequential changes and additions to Procedures resulting from **CM086** which introduces the concept of CATO throughout the STC.
6503. The concept of Competitively Appointed Transmission Owners (CATOs) was to enable Onshore Network Competition for the design, build and ownership of Onshore Transmission assets which would become additional TOs whose assets will add to the NETS.
6504. **PM0134** has no materiality and seeks only to introduce the concept of Competitively Appointed Transmission Owners (CATOs).
6505. SB affirmed that the changes were made on the assumption that a CATO would be granted a Transmission Licence and categorised as an Onshore Transmission Owner.
6506. STCP Legal Text changes had been discussed as part of the **CM086** Workgroups as they were required to provide context.
6507. The plan was to submit all CATO modifications to Ofgem as a bundle at the end of Q1 2024. Please see the slides within the [Panel papers](#) and for the **PM0134** legal text solutions.
6508. The Ask of the Panel was to: -
- **AGREE** the materiality of the STCP changes.
 - **AGREE** the implementation next steps.
 - **NOTE** the implementation date will be in line with the package of CATO modifications.
6509. The Panel unanimously agreed the materiality of the STCP changes, the implementation next /steps and noted the implementation date will be in line with the package of CATO modifications.

7. Inflight Modification Updates/Potential New Modifications

6510. The Chair informed the Panel that the Cross Code modification tracker had been shared for their reference.

8. Workgroup Reports

6511. The Chair advised that two Workgroup Reports had been received for December 2023 Panel and full details can be viewed within the [Panel papers](#).

- **CM086** – *Introducing Competitively Appointed Transmission Owners & Transmission Service Providers*
- **CM087** – *Introducing Connections Process to facilitate Competitively Appointed Transmission Owners*

6512. The Chair informed the Panel that the objective of **CM086** was to introduce the concept of CATO throughout the STC, in addition to other consequential changes. **CM086** was the first of two proposed modifications to the STC as part of the work being done to implement Onshore Network Competition. The changes in **CM086** were made on the assumption that a CATO would be granted a Transmission License and would be categorised as an Onshore Transmission Owner.

6513. The Chair continued to the solution/summary of solutions, advising that the objective of **CM086** was to implement minimum change to the STC to facilitate the introduction of CATOs. The summary of Workgroup Vote was that the Workgroup concluded unanimously that the **CM086** Original better facilitated the applicable STC Code Objectives than the Baseline.

6514. The ask of the Panel was: -

- **AGREE** that the Workgroup had met their Terms of Reference
- **AGREE** that this Modification can proceed to Code Administrator Consultation
- **NOTE** that this Modification does not impact the Electricity Balancing Regulation (EBR) Article 18 terms and conditions held within the Grid Code.
- **NOTE** the ongoing timeline

6515. The Panel unanimously recommended that **CM086** should proceed to Code Administrator Consultation in line with the ongoing timeline presented.

6516. The Chair continued to present **CM087** Workgroup Report informing the Panel of the key points to be noted:

- **CM087** had been raised to address the TO-CATO Connections process and facilitation of the introduction of Competitively Appointed Transmission Owners (CATOs) to the STC.
- **CM087** solution was a bespoke CATO-TO connection process underpinned by extended, strengthened Planning and Co-ordination provisions of the STC.
- **CM087** was the second of two proposed modifications to the STC as part of work being completed to implement Onshore Network Competition.
- New consequential STCPs had been developed alongside **CM087**: -
- CATO Connections Process (STCP 18-5)

- Compliance Process (STCP 19-7)
- Plus, amendments to other Procedures (STCP12-1 and STCP16-1).
- Workgroup members agreed to have an extra Workshop meeting (outside of this modification) to complete the work on STCPs.

6517. The Chair communicated that the Solution/summary of solutions of **CM087** was to solve issues around TO-CATO Connections process to facilitate the introduction of Competitively Appointed Transmission Owners (CATOs) to the STC. Summary of Workgroup Vote concluded by majority that the **CM087** Original better facilitated the applicable STC Code Objectives than the Baseline.

6518. The Ask of the Panel was:

- **AGREE** that the Workgroup had met their Terms of Reference
- **AGREE** that this Modification could proceed to Code Administrator Consultation
- **NOTE** that this Modification does not impact the Electricity Balancing Regulation (EBR) Article 18 terms and conditions held within the Grid Code.
- **NOTE** the ongoing timeline

6519. The Panel unanimously recommended that **CM087** should proceed to Code Administrator Consultation in line with the ongoing timeline presented.

9. Draft Final Modification Reports

6520. The Chair advised there were no Draft Final Modification Report the December 2023 Panel.

10. Code Administrator Update

6521. None.

11. Any other Business

6522. The Chair informed that a Panel member had requested change of time to the STC Panel meetings, and that the email voting request had been inconclusive. Under these circumstances a live vote was undertaken, and majority Panel members voted in favour of the STC Panel Meeting to continue at the same time.

6523. The Chair stated that the STC Panel meetings will continue to be scheduled for 10:00am to 12noon on last Wednesday of the month for the foreseeable future.

Date of next meeting

6524. The next STC Panel meeting will be held on **Wednesday 31 January 2024**

6525. New Modification Proposal date **Tuesday 16 January 2024**

6526. Panel papers day **Tuesday 23 January 2024**