

STC Modification Panel Minutes

27 March 2024

STC Modification Panel Minutes: Meeting Number 222

Date:	27 March 2024	Location:	Microsoft Teams
27 Start:	10:00am	End:	11:20am

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)
Steve Baker	SB	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)
Liam Whiting	LW	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)
Paul Mullen	PM	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)
Keith Jones	KJ	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)
Ian Bottomer	IB	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Cyrus Motashaw	CM	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Mike Lee	ML	Offshore Transmission Owner (OFTO)
Gary Thornton	GT	Offshore Transmission Owner (OFTO)
Nadir Hafeez	NH	Authority Representative
Apologies	Initials	Company
Deborah Spencer	DS	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)

1. Introductions and Apologies for Absence

6624. Apologies were received from Deborah Spencer for March 2024 Panel.

2. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

6625. The Panel approved the minutes from the meeting held on 28 February 2024 subject to minor amendments and the Special Panel meeting held on 15 March 2024 (**Post Panel Meeting Note**: The minutes are now available on the National Grid ESO [website](#)).

3. Review of Actions

6626. The Actions from February 2024 Panel were reviewed.

4. Authority Decisions and Update

6627. NH advised the Panel that: -

- [CM079](#) – **Consideration of STC/STCP changes in relation to CMP330/374** expected date of decision was on 08 May 2024.
- [CM085](#) – **To clarify OFTO reactive power requirements at <20% output**
- [CM086](#) – **Introducing Competitively Appointed Transmission Owners & Transmission Service Owners**
- [CM087](#) – **Introducing Connections Process to facilitate Competitively Appointed Transmission Owners**

5. Draft STC/STCP Modifications

6628. The Chair advised that no draft modifications had been received for March 2024 Panel.

6. New STC/STCP Modification Proposals for Panel Decision

6629. The Chair informed the Panel that two new modifications had been received for March 2024 Panel.

- [PM0138](#) – **Replacing references to “TOGA” within four STCPs**
- [PM0139](#) – **STCP 19-6 Update: Updating submission dates for application fee charges**

6630. LW was invited to present **PM0138** and advised that the ESOs outage planning tool, **TOGA** was replaced by **eNAMS** on 1 September 2021. Subsequently, references to **TOGA** need to be removed and replaced with references to **eNAMS** in **STCP 08-2**, **STCP 11-1**, **STCP 11-2** and **STCP 19-3**. This was a housekeeping change to reflect changes already in place. The proposed changes to STCPs will cover: -

- Amendment to any references to “TOGA” to “eNAMS” where appropriate.
- Refer to “Bulk Upload” facility and the “eNAMS Bulk Uploads Guide” and
- Direct to correctly updated web browser interface for reference. Please see [Panel Papers](#) for more detail and the legal text changes.

6632. The Ask of the Panel was:

- **AGREE** the materiality of the STCP change
- **AGREE** the implementation next steps
- **NOTE** that implementation date will be **12 April 2024** if Panel agree to implement this change and Panel identify no material impacts

6633. The Panel unanimously agreed there was no materiality of the STCP change and approved **PM0138** for implementation on 12 April 2024.

6634. **ACTION ESO** to implement **PM0138** on 12 April 2024.

6635. The Chair invited the proposer of **PM0139** to present to Panel.

6636. CM advised the Panel that **PM0139 - STCP19-6** sets out dates for the submission of daily-charge out rates and fixed price application fees. The dates currently listed in the procedure do not reflect best practice agreed between relevant parties, which ensure fully cost reflective charges to be set. The proposal and legal text were being shared for review and approval. Changes are not deemed to be material.

6637. The Ask of the Panel was:

- **AGREE** the materiality of the STCP change
- **AGREE** the implementation next steps
- **NOTE** that implementation will be **12 April 2024** if Panel agree to implement this change and Panel identify no material impacts.

6638. The Panel unanimously agreed there was no materiality of the STCP change and approved **PM0139** for implementation on 12 April 2024.

6639. **ACTION ESO** to implement **PM0138** on 12 April 2024.

7. Inflight Modification Updates/Potential New Modifications

6640. The Chair informed the Panel that the Cross Code modification tracker had been shared for their reference and continued to provide an update on **PM0126 - Transmission Impact Assessment process**.

6641. The Chair advised that discussions had taken place outside of the STC Panel meeting between the Proposer and SPT to address the concerns raised. Once the actions from the meeting have been addressed, the Proposer will confirm with the Chair that the implementation can proceed. Panel members will confirm their approval for the implementation via an email sent by the STC Chair.

6642. **ACTION DH** (Proposer of **PM0126**) to confirm to STC Chair when the implementation can proceed.

6643. **ACTION** the Chair to circulate an email to the Panel members to receive their approval for the implementation of **PM0126**.

8. Workgroup Reports

6642. The Chair advised that there were no Workgroup Reports for the March 2024 Panel.

9. Draft Final Modification Reports

6643. The Chair gave an overview on [CM094](#) – *Amendment to Bi-Annual estimate provisions* solution.
6644. The Authority had approved the need for strategic Transmission Reinforcement Works via the price control framework, then Customers should no longer securitise for those specific works. Customers securities would only be released post the reinforcement needs case being approved by the Authority. Customers would continue to secure up to this point and would still be required to securitise against any connection assets, sole use works, any shared Enabling Works, as well as any wider work securities that were not approved by the Authority.
6645. The Chair continued to provide an update on the **CM094** Code Administrator Consultation – please see the [Panel Papers](#) for more details.
6646. **ACTION** the Chair to circulate the Final Modification Report to Panel members on **27 March 2024** via email, allowing Panel members between **2:00pm – 4:00pm** to check their votes and statements have been correctly noted. Once confirmation is received from Panel members submit the Final Modification Report to Ofgem by **5pm**, (**Post Panel note:** Final Modification Report shared with Panel Members to check their votes and statements and submitted to Ofgem **27 March 2024 5:00pm**).

10. Code Administrator Update

6647. None.

11. Any other Business

6648. The Chair invited PM to present the **Connections Reform Code Change Strategy** and for more details please see the Panel slides within the [Panel Papers](#).

Date of next meeting

6649. The next STC Panel meeting will be held on **Wednesday 24 April 2024**.
6650. New Modification Proposal date **Tuesday 9 April 2024**.
6651. Panel papers day **Tuesday 16 April 2024**.