

STC Panel Minutes

STC Modification Panel Minutes: Meeting Number 223

Date: 24/04/2024 **Location:** Microsoft Teams Meeting
Start: 10:00am **End:** 11:40

Participants

Attendee	Initials	Company
Deborah Spencer	DS	Chair, Code Administrator, National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)
Andrew Hemus	AH	Tech Sec, Code Administrator, National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)
Jamie Webb	JW	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)
Keith Jones	KJ	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)
Frank Kasibante	FK	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)
Paul Mullen	PM	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)
Milly Lewis	MLI	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)
Teri Puddefoot	TP	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)
Lizzie Timmins	LT	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)
Stephen Baker	SB	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)
Elana Byrne	EB	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)
Claire Goult	CG	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)
Prisca Evans	PE	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)
Greg Stevenson	GS	Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc. (SHET)
Gareth Williams	GW	Scottish Power Transmission plc. (SPT)
James McClafferty	JMA	Scottish Power Transmission plc. (SPT)
Richard Woodward	RW	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Ian Bottomer	IB	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Mike Lee	ML	Offshore Transmission Owner (OFTO)
Joel Matthews	JM	Offshore Transmission Owner (OFTO)

Liam Cullen	LC	Authority Representative
Sue Richards	SR	Authority Representative
Apologies	Initials	Company
Rashpal Gata-Aura	RGA	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)
Nadir Hafeez	NH	Authority Representative

1. Introductions and Apologies for Absence

6652. Apologies were received from Nadir Hafeez & Rashpal Gata-Aura for April Panel 2024.

2. Minutes from previous meetings

6653. The Panel approved the minutes from the meeting held on 27 March 2024 (**Post Panel Meeting Note**: The minutes are now available on the National Grid ESO [website](#)).

3. Review of Actions

6654. The Actions from March 2024 Panel were reviewed.

4. Authority Decisions and Update

6655. The Chair shared an update from NH with Panel as follows: -

FMRs with Ofgem for decision

- **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* expected date of decision was on 07 June 2024.
- **CM086** – *Introducing Competitively Appointed Transmission Owners & Transmission Service Owners* expected date of decision was on 30 September 2024.
- **CM087** – *Introducing Connections Process to facilitate Competitively Appointed Transmission Owners* expected date of decision was on 30 September 2024.
- **CM094** – *Amendment to Bi-annual estimate provisions*. The FMR was sent back on 19 April 2024, not expecting this to have an impact on the urgent timeline.

Energy Code Reform

- Ofgem recently published a joint consultation with DESNZ on their preferred policy options for code manager selection regulations and the Code Manager licence conditions which is still open and will close on 5 May 2024.
- Ofgem consultation on the implementation of Energy Code Reform closed yesterday on Tuesday 23 April 2024.
- Ofgem have been contacting interested Modification Process Workgroup volunteers and will shortly publish a short letter confirming the final membership of the workgroup. The team is currently working toward holding the first session of the workgroup in May.

5. Draft STC/STCP Modifications

6656. The Chair advised that no draft modifications had been received for April 2024 Panel.

6. New STC/STCP Modification Proposals for Panel Decision

6657. The Chair informed the Panel that two new **urgent** modifications had been received for April 2024 Panel and invited the Proposer to present.

- **CM095 – Implementing Connections Reform.**
- **CM096 - Application of Gate 2 Criteria to existing contracted background.**

6658. PM presented an overview of the two urgent modifications submitted. For further details please see the slides within the [Panel Papers](#).

6659. The Chair asked if any STCP changes would be required. PM stated that STCP changes were expected to be required and would be rationalised and developed in parallel.

6660. RW questioned whether the STC is the right place for the **CM096** defect and stated the STC is not a user facing code.

6661. RW questioned why **CM096** was convening so quickly as this would not give the other modifications time to have been developed and questioned the overall need for **CM096** as a secondary issue.

6662. RW raised the issue of licence changes and interactions with the price control gate 2 offer. PM documented they have been identified in the modification and discussed with Ofgem. RW suggested this work should be separated out from the CUSC processes.

6663. GW shared Generator concerns using indicative locations and how Generators secure funding.

6664. Several Panel members asked for Terms of Reference for both **CM095** and **CM096** to be condensed, voicing concerns with number of ToR's for both, adding they did not remember ever seeing so many for any modification previously and that they appear to forming the solution design.

6665. ML explained the scoping approach of the ToR to assist with understanding and clarified they were the same for both STC and CUSC modifications.

- 6666. RW offered to redraft and circulate amended ToR for both modifications to Panel members.
- 6667. The Panel agreed with the suggestion of redrafted ToR's for both modifications via email circulation.
- 6668. The Panel voted unanimously recommending urgency for CM095 and CM096.

7. Inflight Modification Updates/Potential New Modifications

- 6669. None

8. Workgroup Reports

- 6670. The Chair advised that there were no Workgroup Reports for the April 2024 Panel.

9. Draft Final Modifications Reports

- 6671. No Draft Final Modification Reports were presented at April 2024 Panel.

10. Code Administrator Update

- 6672. None

11. CM094 Authority send-back

- 6673. The Panel were advised that Ofgem asked for the Final Modification Report and legal text to be revised and resubmitted within 3 working days of the send back letter.
- 6674. The Panel agreed that the proposed legal text in Section J should be updated to remove the terms which have not yet been defined in the relevant Transmission Licences.
- 6675. The Panel agreed that this did not need to be assessed further by a Workgroup.
- 6676. The Panel agreed that a Code Administrator Consultation was not needed.
- 6677. The Panel agreed that a second Recommendation Vote was not needed ahead of submitting the second Final Modification Report and legal text to the Authority.

11. Any Other Business

- 6678. The Chair advised Panel of a STC modification proposal due to be raised at April Panel, *EMT Model Requirements for Transmission Owners* and invited the Proposer to give a brief update. Please see slides within the Panel Papers for further detail.
- 6679. ML asked for the voice of OFTO's to be sought and shared concern that OFTO's not setup for this proposal which could be time consuming, expensive and information may not even be available.
- 6680. GW envisaged intellectual property and confidential issues with the proposal.
- 6681. The Chair advised that going forward the new Chair for the STC Panel will be Elana Byrne and that she will continue as the Technical Secretary.

6682. RW thanked the Chair for chairpersonship.

Date of next meeting

6683. The next STC Panel meeting will be held on **Wednesday 29 May 2024**.

6684. New Modification Proposal date **Tuesday 14 May 2024**.

6685. Panel papers day **Tuesday 21 May 2024**.