



STC Code Panel

Wednesday 26 June 2024

Online Meeting via Teams

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Approval of Panel Minutes

Approval of Panel Minutes from the Meeting held

29 May 2024



Action Log



Authority Decisions and Updates as at 26 June 2024



Decisions received since last Panel meeting

Modification	Final Modification Report Received	Expected Decision Date
CM094 – Amendment to Bi-annual estimate provisions	23 March 2024	Rejected

Decisions Pending

Modification	Final Modification Report Received	Expected Decision Date
CM079 - Consideration of STC/STCP changes in relation to CMP330/374	11 December 2023	08 July 2024
CM085 - To clarify OFTO reactive power requirements at low windfarm outputs	11 March 2024	08 August 2024
CM086 - Introducing competitively Appointed Transmission Owners & Transmission Service Providers	11 March 2024	30 September 2024
CM087 - Introducing Connections Process to facilitate Competitively Appointed Transmission Owners	11 March 2024	30 September 2024

The Authority's publication on decisions can be found on their website below:

<https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications/code-modificationmodification-proposals-ofgem-decision-expected-publication-dates-timetable>

New modifications submitted

Fast Track

**CM099 - Removing references to “Fax” and
Facsimile” within the STC**





**CM099 – Removing references to “Fax” and Facsimile” within the
STC**

David Halford – 26 June 2024

Overview of CM099 Modification

- Several sections of the STC reference the use of “fax” and “facsimile” as a communication method between the ESO and TOs
- Over time, the use of faxes has been superseded with other forms of communication e.g., email, for those actions referenced within the STC.

Proposed Solution

- Update the following sections of the STC which currently reference the use of “Fax” or “Facsimile” with appropriate wording to reflect the actions that currently take place between the ESO and TOs:
 - Section B - Governance
 - Section D - Planning Co-ordination
 - Section G – General Provisions
 - Schedule 15 – Transmission Interface Agreement
- **Note: A further modification will be raised to cover references to fax within the STCPs. A number of these STCP actions relate to the communication between the TOs and ESOs Control Rooms, with a solution to replace the uses of faxes within the Control Room currently being developed by the ESO.**

CM099 – Proposed Legal Text Amendments

STC Section	Description	Proposed Amendments
Section B Governance Party details 4.1.2	For the purposes of this Code, the "Party Details" of a Party, which shall include for the purposes of this paragraph 4, a Party Applicant, are the following details and documentation of the Party:..... 4.1.2 the name, address, and facsimile number of the person for whose attention notices issued in accordance with Section G, paragraph 12 should be marked;	For the purposes of this Code, the "Party Details" of a Party, which shall include for the purposes of this paragraph 4, a Party Applicant, are the following details and documentation of the Party:..... 4.1.2 the name, address and email address , and facsimile number of the person for whose attention notices issued in accordance with Section G, paragraph 12 should be marked;
Section D Planning Co-ordination (General Provision) 8.3 Provision Of Offshore Construction Securities Where Offshore Transmission Owner Does Not Meet Credit Rating	8.3.3.1. Any Notice of Drawing to be delivered to Barclays Bank PLC or any other bank at which the Bank Account shall have been opened or a Qualified Bank or a Qualified Company may be delivered by hand, by post or by facsimile transmission .	8.3.3.1. Any Notice of Drawing to be delivered to Barclays Bank PLC or any other bank at which the Bank Account shall have been opened or a Qualified Bank or a Qualified Company may be delivered by hand, by post or by other agreed communication method . or by facsimile transmission.
Section G General Provision (Communications)	12.1: Save to the extent otherwise set out in the Code or any TO Construction Agreement or otherwise agreed by the Parties, any notice, direction, request or other communication to be given by one Party to another under or in connection with the matters contemplated by the Code, the Framework Agreement or any TO Construction Agreement shall be addressed to the recipient and sent to the address or facsimile number of such other Party provided under Section B.	12.1: Save to the extent otherwise set out in the Code or any TO Construction Agreement or otherwise agreed by the Parties, any notice, direction, request or other communication to be given by one Party to another under or in connection with the matters contemplated by the Code, the Framework Agreement or any TO Construction Agreement shall be addressed to the recipient and sent to the address or email address or facsimile number of such other Party provided under Section B.
Section G General Provision (Communications)	12.2: Such notice or other communication, shall be in writing and shall be given by letter delivered by hand or sent by first class prepaid post (airmail if overseas) or facsimile unless otherwise specified in this Code or otherwise agreed between the Parties, and shall be deemed to have been received:	12.2: Such notice or other communication, shall be in writing and shall be given by letter delivered by hand or sent by first class prepaid post (airmail if overseas) or facsimile unless otherwise specified in this Code or otherwise agreed between the Parties, and shall be deemed to have been received:
Section G General Provision (Communications)	12.2.3: in the case of facsimile, on acknowledgement of the addressee's facsimile receiving equipment (where such acknowledgement occurs before 1700 hours on the day of acknowledgement and in any other case on the day following the day of acknowledgement).	12.2.3. in the case of other agreed communication methods, the confirmation of receipt will be agreed between the Parties.
Schedule 15 Transmission Interface Agreement Schedule 6 (Addresses, Fax Nos etc)		Remove references to Fax.

STC Self-Governance Criteria

“Self-Governance Criteria”

means that a proposal, if implemented:

(a) is unlikely to have a material effect on:

- (i) existing or future electricity consumers; and
- (ii) completion in the generation, distribution or supply of electricity or any commercial activities connected with the generation, distribution or supply of electricity; and
- (iii) the operation of the national electricity transmission system; and
- (iv) matters relating to sustainable development, safety or supply, or the management of market or network emergencies; and
- (v) the Code’s governance procedures or modification procedures; and

(b) is unlikely to discriminate between different classes of Parties.

STC Fast Track Criteria

“Fast Track Criteria”

means that a proposal, if implemented.

- (a) would meet the Self-Governance Criteria; and
- (b) is properly a housekeeping modification required as a result of some error or factual change, including but not limited to:
 - (i) updating names or addresses listed in the Code;
 - (ii) correcting minor typographical errors;
 - (iii) correcting formatting and consistency errors, such as paragraph numbering; or
 - (iv) updating out of date references to other documents or paragraphs.

Critical Friend Feedback: CM099

Code Administrator comments	Amendments made by the Proposer
Updated formatting Updated implementation dates	Proposer agreed changes

CM099 – the asks of Panel

- **AGREE** that this Modification has a clearly defined defect, scope and solution
- **AGREE** that this Modification should follow Fast Track Self-Governance Criteria (Panel decision, which must be unanimous)
- **NOTE** the proposed timeline and that this Modification will be implemented upon conclusion of the Appeals window (if no objections are received from industry)

Timeline for CM099 – Proposed Timeline – *Fast Track Self Governance*

Milestone	Date
Proposal Presented to Panel	26 June 2024
Draft Fast Track Self-Governance Report presented to Panel	26 June 2024
Panel Decision confirmation via email	27 June 2024
Appeals Window (15 business days)	1 July 2024 to 19 July 2024
Implementation	31 July 2024

New modifications submitted

STCPs

**PM0136 – Introducing Connections process to facilitate
Competitively Appointed Transmission Owners**



STCP Governance

If a change is developed which has the potential to materially amend an existing STCP the proposer is obligated to seek Panel's views on materiality before proceeding.

When considering the proposed changes to the STCPs, the 1st ask on voting members is whether you agree that the change is material.

- If not, then approved/rejected as has been done in the past;
- If material, then the proposer of the change would need to seek Ofgem's written approval to proceed, and to clarify who should approve the change.

Ofgem can then decide either:

- It is acceptable for the Panel to approve/reject the STCP changes (as has been done in the past; or
- They will make the decision themselves.

PM0136 - Update

Authority Response:

“Having consulted with the policy team leading on CM087 which relates to PM0136, we are content for the STC Panel to determine this procedural change”.

“Therefore, we direct the STC Panel to make the decision on PM0136, noting the materiality of the STCP change and that our decision on STC modification CM087 is still pending”.

PM0136 – the asks of Panel

- **AGREE** the materiality of the STCP change
- **AGREE** the implementation next steps
- **NOTE** Implementation Date will be in line with the STC CATO Modifications currently awaiting Authority decision if Panel agree to implement this change and Panel identify no material impacts



Any Other Business

Change code modifications; STCP 11-2, Appendix C5

Nick Winsor, in his role of Electricity Commissioner, was requested by Government to review transmission access arrangements with the aim of “...accelerating electricity transmission network deployment”. Four improvement recommendation landed with the ESO’s outage planning, “OP”, area for action. The fourth of these, referred to internally as OP4, is summarised as:

Recommendations:

OP4: The Electricity System Operator (ESO), in collaboration with industry, should lead a review of existing arrangements for outage planning (including, transmission outages, relevant distribution outages and generation outages) in the short, medium and long-term to develop actions to:

- Improve the timely identification of all outage requirements and their coordination.
- Drive down the number of foreseeable changes to those outage plans to improve greater certainty for stakeholders.
- Provide a stronger medium and long-term focus to support the development of medium/long-term solutions to system access whilst minimising short term change and those impacts on an optimal system access plan.

Implementation:

OP4: Cooperation between the TOs, system users and the ESO will be required during the delivery planning process. Additional resource will be required from the ESO to support this. Resources from ESO, TOs and users will be required to develop an action plan.

To date, weekly workshops have been held with the on shore TOs. From these workshops, a requirement was identified to rationalise the outage change codes held in Appendix C5 of STCP11-2 in order to improve outage change reporting. A concept of Foreseeable and Unforeseeable change has been introduced.



Microsoft Excel
Worksheet

A draft, outage change code list is attached.

The Electricity Commissioner’s report can be found here:

[Electricity Networks Commissioner: companion report findings and recommendations](#)

Activities ahead of the next Panel Meeting

Grid Code Development Forum

03 July 2024

Modification Proposal Deadline for July Panel

16 July 2024

Papers Day

23 July 2024

Panel Meeting

31 July 2024
Teams

Updates on other industry codes

31 May 2024 CUSC [Panel Papers and Headline Report](#)

30 May 2024 Grid Code Review [Panel Papers and Headline Report](#)

03 June 2024 SQSS [Panel Papers and Headline Report](#)

29 May 2024 STC [Panel Papers and Headline Report](#)

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