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# STC Panel Minutes

## 25 September 2024

STC Panel Minutes: Meeting Number 228

Date:	25/09/2024	Location:	Microsoft Teams
Start:	10am	End:	11.30am

### Participants

Elana Byrne	EB	ESO Panel Chair, Senior Code Governance Lead
Deborah Spencer	DS	ESO Tech Sec, Code Administrator
Gareth Williams	GW	Scottish Power Transmission plc. (SPT)
Richard Woodward	RW	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Mike Lee	ML	Offshore Transmission Owner (OFTO)
Nadir Hafeez	NH	Authority Representative
Harriet Eckweiler	HE	Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc. (SHET)
Claire Newton	CN	Electricity System Operator (ESO)
Neil Sandison	NS	Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc. (SHET)

### Apologies

Attendee	Initials	Representing
None		

### Presenters

Attendee	Initials	Representing
Keith Jones	KJ	ESO – South Outage Planning Manager (Presenter of PM0141)
Frank Kasibante	FK	ESO – Technical Code Change Lead (Presenter of AOB)
Joseph Harwood	JH	ESO – Senior Margin and Capacity Analyst (Presenter of AOB)
Graham Lear	GL	ESO – Technical Code Change Lead (Presenter of Connection STCP Modifications)

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## 1. Introductions, Apologies for Absence

6837. The Chair thanked Panel members for their time and noted the majority of members would be attending the Connections Workgroup later in the day, and therefore would do their best not to create any delays.

## 2. Minutes from previous meeting

6838. The meeting minutes from the STC Panel held on 12 July and 31 July 2024 were approved. The minutes are now available on the NESO [website](#).

## 3. Review of actions log

6839. The STC Panel reviewed the open actions from the meeting held on 31 July 2024, which can be found on the Actions Log.

6840. Panel members agreed that **action 6789** was completed and could be removed.

6841. **Action Ref 5723/6208** was to be discussed internally between a Panel member and a colleague; confirmation of closure will be received at the next Panel meeting.

6842. **Action 6281** will remain open.

## 4. Authority Decisions and Updates

6843. NH advised Panel members of the following updates:

**CM085** To clarify OFTO reactive power requirements at <20% output, expected date: 3 October 2024 changed to 31 October 2024.

**CM086** Introducing Competitively Appointed Transmission Owners & Transmission Service Owners, expected date: 30 September 2024 changed to 31 January 2025.

**CM087** Introducing Connections Process to facilitate Competitively Appointed Transmission Owners, expected date: 20 September 2024 changed to 31 January 2025.

6844. NH shared the latest update from Energy Code Reform:

6845. The final Modification Process Workgroup (MPW) session was held on 17 September. The discussion included the new direct code change power and how the code modification process might need to change to accommodate Ofgem using the process. It also looked at the Significant Code Review process, including possible roles for the Code Manager. How transitioning to the code manager could impact the modification process and the roles Ofgem/code Panels/incoming code manager could take were also discussed. The session also considered whether or not an updated process should place a limit on the number of Alternative modifications able to be raised and looked at the detailed operational elements of SAF (Stakeholder Advisory Forum), e.g., quoracy. Lastly, it discussed the role of the Competition and Markets Authority appeal route on Ofgem code modification decisions.

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6846. NH also shared that the Christmas moratorium for Ofgem would take place between 13 December 2024 – 2 January 2025. This will be for decisions only; work will still continue on FMRs (Final Modification Reports) submitted.

6847. NH reiterated the changes in Ofgem personnel attending the STC Panel going forward.

## 5. Draft STC/STCP New modifications

6848. The Chair advised there were no draft STC/STCP modification submitted.

## 6. New STC/STCP Modification Proposals for Panel Decision

6849. The Chair informed Panel that one new STCP modification was received for September 2024 Panel and invited the Proposer to present:

### **PM0141 – Incorporating a revised outage change code list in STCP11.2**

#### **Appendix 5**

6850. KJ gave a verbal update on PM0141 which aims to remove duplicates within STCP11-2 Annex 5 and include new codes to better reflect the reasons for outage change.

6851. GW questioned how the Proposer had arrived at the decision that directly connected customers would not be impacted, and whether these parties had been consulted on the matter. The Proposer advised that they had not, but the proposal was a low impact to parties who do not use the eNAMS outage planning database (because it is used by the ESO/NESO on behalf of those parties).

6852. RW added that the proposal indicated the impacts were low, but improvements would be high, this was contradicting and were the benefits being overstated?

6853. CN also suggested that where “the company” was mentioned in the legal text, should be considered for a change to NESO if necessary.

6854. **Action** – The Proposer is to update the proposal amending the benefits section and the related legal text. This is to be share with Panel members via email for their approval. (RW advised via email after the meeting that benefits section did not need to be updated).

## 7. Inflight Modification Updates/Potential New Modifications

6855. GL shared an update on STCP modifications to be raised relating to CM095/CM096 advising that during Workgroup discussion for these modifications, it was identified sections of STC and STCPs will require amendments.

6856. It is envisaged that CM096 will need a complimentary STCP modification, this will be raised at November Panel if needed to align with the in-flight STC modifications. No new change is required for CM095, any updates will be included in STCP 18-1.

6857. HW asked if there will be a need to Special Panel to consider all the changes, the Chair advised members will be updated once this information had been confirmed.

6858. RW asked if a formal letter from Ofgem had been received to confirm the timeline for the connection modifications.

6859. NH responded advising this was currently being worked on and should be issued next week.

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## 8. Workgroup Reports

6860. The Chair advised that there were no Workgroup Reports for September 2024 Panel.

## 9. Draft Final Modification Reports

6861. The Chair advised there was one DFMR for September Panel:

### **CM0100 – Consequential modification following the approval of CMP428.**

6862. The Chair shared the votes received and confirmed these were recorded correctly with Panel members. Details of the votes are to be confirmed via email and Panel members will have five business days to respond with any amendments.

## 10. Any Other Business

6863. FK shared a presentation with Panel members for Power Flow Metering Polarity, it was agreed that the presenter would share the diagram used in the presentation for Panel members information.

6864. GN advised that the fax machine STCP had not yet been formally raised, discussions were taking place with TO's, and a presentation has been submitted to October's TCMF/GCDF.

## Dates of next Meeting

6865. The next STC Panel meeting will be held on **Wednesday 30 October 2024**

6866. New Modification Proposals to be submitted by **Tuesday 15 October 2023**

6867. STC Panel Papers Day is **Tuesday 22 October 2024**