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# STC Headline Report 11 December 2024

The Headline Report is produced after every Panel and aims to provide an overview of the key decisions made. Minutes for this meeting will be published separately.

## Approval of Panel Minutes

The meeting minutes from the Special Panel on 09 September 2024 and STC Panel on 25 September 2024 were approved, and these have been uploaded to our website.

## Draft Modifications

The following Draft Modification Proposals were presented to the Panel:

### **PM0142 – Application of Gate 2 Criteria to existing contracted background**

#### **PM0143 – Implementing Connection Reform**

The Panel formally agreed with the Proposers’ view of whether proposed STCP changes were material. It was further agreed that the Proposers would confirm this in writing to the Authority, who would in turn reply in writing whether Panel are to complete a Recommendation Vote or Determination Vote once the official proposals are submitted to STC Panel.

### **PM0145 – Digital Communication system Integration**

The Proposer outlined the draft proposal to the Panel and took feedback to align with NESO on whether all relevant NESO parties had been consulted (e.g., the NESO cyber security team) and to include details in the final proposal of the types of data the proposal would include to cover. It was also noted that the proposal should reference bilateral agreement being needed between parties’ IT teams to ensure compatibility for secure data transfer. While TO Panel Members did not assess the proposal to be introducing material changes, it was noted that NESO would need to assess the materiality of the final proposal from their perspective.

## New Modifications

The following new Modification Proposal was presented to the Panel:

### **PM0131 Pathfinder feasibility studies**

It is proposed to specifically define the Pathfinder [now Network Services] feasibility process within STCP17-1 in a similar manner to the connection feasibility study process. This will include the process to be followed, all parties’ responsibilities alongside standardised terms and conditions.

Following discussions with Panel Members the Proposers agreed to consider the following options to progress the change:

- Review legal text suggestions to be submitted by a Panel Member
- Review whether the change was better served via a new STCP rather than changes to an existing STCP

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- Review whether the change was better served via a new STC modification if the proposed changes placed an obligation on TOs (rather than a more bi-lateral agreement proposed by an STCP)

If PM0131 proceeds, Panel did agree unanimously that the modification name could change to 'Network Systems feasibility studies'. Updated documentation is expected from the Proposers in due course based on which of the options above they decide upon.

The current PM0133 documentation can be found [here](#).

## New / Pending Authority Decisions

### Decisions since the last Panel

There have been the Authority decisions on STC Modifications since the last STC Panel.

Modification	Decision	Implementation Date
<b><u>Establishing ISOP in industry codes 2024</u></b>	On 13 September 2024 the Authority instructed NESO to implement the necessary code changes to establish ISOP in the codes.	01 October 2024
<b><u>CM085: To clarify OFTO reactive power requirements at &lt;20% output</u></b>	On 01 November 2024 the Authority approved the Original solution.	15 November 2024

### Awaiting Decisions

Modification	FMR submitted	Expected Decision Date
<b><u>CM086 - Introducing competitively Appointed Transmission Owners &amp; Transmission Service Providers</u></b>	11 March 2024	31 January 2025 was previously 30 September 2024
<b><u>CM087 - Introducing Connections Process to facilitate Competitively Appointed Transmission Owners</u></b>	11 March 2024	31 January 2025 was previously 30 September 2024
<b><u>CM098 - Updating STC Arrangements to replacing the Electricity Arbitration Association with the London Court of International Arbitration</u></b>	11 March 2024	12 February 2025 was previously 06 December 2024

Ofgem publish a table that provides the expected decision date, or date they intend to publish an impact assessment or consultation, for code modifications/proposals that are with them for decision. This is published [here](#).

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### In flight Modifications

#### **CM097 - Electromagnetic Transient (EMT) and Root Mean Square (RMS) Model Submission for Transmission Owners (TOs)**

The Panel approved the new timeline as submitted within the Panel Papers.

The next [Modification Tracker](#) will be published on 07 January 2025.

### Workgroup Reports

No Workgroup Reports were presented to the Panel.

### Draft Final Modification Reports

No Draft Final Modification Reports presented to the Panel.

### Other

NESO presented slides (included in the Panel Papers) relating to Affected Transmission Owner Construction Offers and the intention to work with TOs and OFTOs to solve some implementation issues. An OFTO Panel Member informed the NESO Panel Member of a technical workstream in progress for this so it was agreed that further enquiries would be made by NESO to link into this.

The NESO Panel Member referenced a potential Special STC Panel in February for PM0142 and PM0143, but confirmation would be given on this as soon as available.

A Panel Member shared a process overview for Panel members decisions on materiality of changes. It was offered that others could feedback on the overview ahead of it being part of guidance to Proposers and Panel Members for the future.

### Key Activities ahead of next panel

Grid Code Development Forum: **08 January 2025**

Modification Proposal Deadline for January 2025 Panel: **14 January 2025**

Papers Day: **21 January 2025**

### Questions or feedback?

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