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STC Panel Headline Report January 2025

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 STC Panel on 11 December 2024 and Special Panel on 20 December 2024 were approved and these have been uploaded to the relevant webpages.

New Modifications

The following new Modification Proposals were presented to the Panel:

PM0141 Incorporating a revised outage change code list in STCP11-2 Appendix 5

The current list of Outage Change Codes contained within STCP 11-2 Appendix 5 is in need of review to remove duplicates, to remove ambiguity and include new codes to better reflect the reasons for outage change

The Panel unanimously agreed that PM0141 can be implemented once the Proposer has agreed the implementation date. This will be shared with Panel members once agreed.

PM0141 documentation can be found [here](#).

PM0144 Digital Communication System Integration

This modification seeks to remove references to “fax”, “facsimile”, and “email” from the STCPs in order to reflect both current and future methods of communication between relevant Users and the National Energy System Operator (NESO) due to the national decommissioning of the Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN).

The Panel unanimously agreed that PM0144 should be implemented on the date suggested.

PM0144 documentation can be found [here](#)

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New / Pending Authority Decisions

Decisions since the last Panel

Modification	Decision	Implementation Date
<u>CM095</u> Implementing Connections Reform	On the 20 January 2025, the Authority sent back the modification	Q2 2025

Awaiting Decisions

Modification	FMR submitted	Expected Decision Date
<u>CM086</u> - Introducing competitively Appointed Transmission Owners & Transmission Service Providers	11 March 2024	31 January 2025 was previously 30 September 2024
<u>CM087</u> - Introducing Connections Process to facilitate Competitively Appointed Transmission Owners	11 March 2024	31 January 2025 was previously 30 September 2024
<u>CM098</u> - Updating STC Arrangements to replacing the Electricity Arbitration Association with the London Court of International Arbitration	7 August 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 that can be found [here](#).

The next [Modification Tracker](#) will be published on Friday 7 February 2025.

Second Draft Final Modification Report

The following Second Draft Final Modification Report was presented to the Panel:

CM095 Implementing Connections Reform

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The current connections process is not enabling the timely connection of projects to meet net zero. A wholesale revision is needed to the connections process to meet those targets and the needs of project developers and consumers. This proposal introduces new processes and definitions that will update the existing processes and enable projects that are most ready to progress more rapidly to connection.

The Panel recommended unanimously that the Proposer's solution better facilitate the STC Applicable Objectives. The Second Final Modification Report will be issued to the Authority on 29 January 2025.

[CM095](#) documentation can be found here.

Key Activities ahead of next panel

Grid Code Development Forum: **05 February 2025**

Modification Proposal Deadline for February Panel: **11 February 2025**

Papers Day: **18 February 2025**

Questions or feedback?

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