

Network Access Policy Working Group

Monday 21st March 2022

Teleconference

On telecon: **NGESO:** Richard Mather (RM), Keith Jones (KJ), Steven Wallace (SWa), Liam Whiting (LW)
 SPTL: Milorad Dobrijevic (MD)
 NGETO: Richard Lamb (RL), Carl Williams (CW), Sri Rao (SR),
 OFGEM: Keren Maschler (KM), Anna Kulhavy (AK)
 SSEN-T: Jim Molley (JM),

Circulation (All Attendees plus):

SPTL: Gareth Hislop (GH), Martin Cammidge (MC)
SSEN-T: Steven Findlay (SF)
NGET TO: Stewart Whyte (SW)

1. INTRODUCTION & SAFETY CONTACT -

Safety Moment – Public safety incident at Oldbury substation

2. REVIEW OF SEPTEMBER 2021 MEETING MINUTES AND ACTION TRACKER

i. Minutes approved

ii. Action Tracker Review

- 67 ONGOING – carried over to June
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- 102 COMPLETE – discussion to be covered under the 11.3/11.4 part of the agenda
- 103 COMPLETE – 11.3 and 11.4 info sent to TO's. ESO and Ofgem have met, and started thinking about guidance around 11.4 and 11.3 i.e. what is and isn't BAU. Initial draft sent to ESO from Ofgem and will begin engaging with TO's for feedback.

3. DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

i. STCP11-3 and 11-4 update

- a. MD – SPT working with RM and team regarding 11.4 enhancements. Request from ESO to provide flexibility around outages for Neilston reinforcements works. RM – Year Ahead booking, which would have been impacted by high wind scenario. SWa – wind dependant outages generally in Scotland, but becoming an issue in the North East of England. RM – could provide a presentation/case study on this case. **ACTION – RM to present case study at next forum.**
- b. MD – lots of work around Neilston at the moment to assist with fault levels around HVDC link post-Hunterston closure. ESO pathfinders are requiring further redesign and reconfiguration in the area.
- c. SWa – you can engineer flexibility ahead of time (11.4) compared to changing outage in real time (11.3). RL – what are the timescales on flexibility? RM – this was highlighted at Jan SAM meeting. MD – the last SAM meetings have looked at the ways to work together to make sure we get outages but minimise workload for the ESO. SAM meetings are very important to minimise outage impacts on BM.

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- d. MD – SPT have had no 11-3 requests apart from the HVDC outage that took place in November 2021. Mainly BM related outage changes. With the SAM meetings we are able to look at options earlier.
- e. KM – when do you have accurate wind forecasts? SWa – 5 day forecasts, 3 day ahead is where there is more certainty. Certain areas of the network are impacted by high wind flows. Value in highlighting these areas and exploring flexibility upfront.
- f. RM – SAM meetings can be focussed on these situations around 2 months ahead. SWa – value is in the flexibility.
- g. MD – we have a driver for efficiency in T2, the external factors associated with outages changes by the ESO introduce TO inefficiency. JM – echoes MD, issues with late request acceptance into the plan. Understands the need for flexibility.
- h. SR – NGET have had 53 11.3 requests this year. Big issue is when outages are not signed in at YA, as we are unable to recover the costs. MD – we use SAM meetings to go through these types of requests. SWa – anecdotally more requests coming in from E&W, might be worth best practice sharing with regards to SAM meetings. KJ – aspiration of SAM meetings to go through these requests. SWa – complex process that an outage goes through and is getting more complex.

ii. NAP KPI's

- a. SR.- TO's have agreed to publish KPI's on external websites
- b. KJ – awaiting NGET .box to hard code into data insights platform. Currently back populating some data. LW – YA baseline KPI's are being prioritised this week.
- c. MD – Is it worth having a meeting with TO's and ESO to see what data we have got? RL – can we answer the question, as to what we are going to publish in this meeting? **ACTION – SR to set up meeting**
- d. MD – SPT have a fallback position but looking to use eNAMS. JM – want to check in with NGET and SPT to be consistent. MD – KPI's will only work if doing the same thing.
- e. RL – NGET have already provided .box to NGESO

4. ESO, TOs, OFGEM UPDATES

i. NGET TO

- a. RL – couple of 11-4 in progress: One at Harker to enhance B6, and another around Penwortham. Currently in the process of writing interim report, for submission in early April.

ii. SSEN-T

- a. JM – have delivered all four 400/275kV SS builds in the 2021/22 plan. 2nd major storm event at the end of Jan, resulted in an ENS event. YA handovers with NGSO have taken place. One 11-4 scheme in year, 3 submissions for 11-3, 19 NAP paper submissions (only 1 rejection). Demonstrates the good working through the NAP process.

iii. SPT

- a. MD – 10th anniversary of NAP group. Successful Black Start test with NGET, lots of good information and data. Now looking at distribution testing at 132kV. Modernisation work at Devolmoor over the Winter 21/22 near completion, thanks to RM and team for

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assisting in this project gaining network access over this period. Neilston scheme on track for end of October 2022. With SCOTWIND we need to look at how we are going to get that volume of generation out of Scotland. Discussion on how the SCOTWIND generation affects TO network reinforcement requirements over the next 10 years need to be prioritised.

iv. NGESO

- a. SWa – black start test was a massive success. Any update on HVDC runback scheme? MD – no update.
- b. RM – regular touch points needed for getting link running once decision has been made. ESO have been working to get consistency with delivery timescale requests. Comms to come out soon.
- c. SWa – Nicola Bruce has moved into new role. Yukti Gurung replaces in April.

v. OFGEM

- a. AK – annual reports due for the ODI
 - i. RL – are the interim reports expected to be published? AK – will discuss with KM. Something to consider. RL – NGET are looking to publish something. SWa – NGESO will publish something related to savings.
- b. AK – Ofgem structure redesign ongoing, yet to be confirmed. Looking to be finalised by end of financial year.

5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

June 2022 – date to be determined

NGET to arrange location for face-to-face meeting

MD – any plans for in-person OC2 forum? RM – some feedback that MS Teams approach is better. MD – personal preference is face-to-face. SWa – can look at setting something up.

6. CLOSE