Headline Report – 29 March 2023

System Operator Transmission Owner Code (STC) Panel

The STC Panel 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 Panel on 22 February 2023 were approved subject to minor comments from the Panel being incorporated and these will be uploaded to our website.

New Modifications

The following new Modification Proposals were presented to the Panel:

CM090 'Housekeeping changes to simplify FSO transition' and PM0130 'Housekeeping changes to simplify FSO transition'

CM090 modification makes minor housekeeping changes to the STC and PM0130 makes minor housekeeping changes to all of the current STCPs. This will make a future change to implement transition to an independent Future System Operator much simpler.

The Panel unanimously agreed that CM090 should follow the fast track self-governance route and be implemented and unanimously agreed that PM0130 should be implemented.

CM090 documentation can be found here **PM0130** documentation can be found here

PM0129 'Compliance Processes and Modelling amendments following 9th August 2019 Power Disruption'

This proposal seeks to make changes to STC Procedure (STCP19-5) in order to achieve harmonisation with the Grid Code following modification GC0141 which was approved by the Authority on the 12 December 2022 to address concerns raised in the Ofgem and BEIS Report following the 9th August 2019 Power Disruption.

The Panel noted that a further clarification discussion between the Proposer and Panel OFTO representatives was needed before Panel could make a decision on whether or not to implement PM0129. The plan would be to bring PM0129 back to April 2023 Panel.

PM0129 documentation can be found here

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New / Pending Authority Decisions

Ofgem provided an update on Modifications that are currently awaiting their decision since the last STC Panel.

Decisions since last STC Panel

There are no Ofgem decisions on STC Modifications since the last STC Panel.

Awaiting Decisions

Modification	What this seeks to achieve	Expected Decision Date
CM078	This Modification seeks to make changes to the System Operator Transmission Owner Code to reflect CUSC modification CMP328 relating to Transmission connections that trigger an impact assessment on the Distribution network.	Expected decision date of this and related CUSC Modification (CMP328) was 14 February 2023, decision on CMP328 received 14 February 2023 and was sent back by Ofgem for further work/clarification, no decision received on CM078.
CM080	Process for aggregated assessment of Distributed Generators that impact (or may impact) on the National Electricity Transmission System.	Expected decision date of this and related CUSC Modification (CMP298) is 26 April 2023
CM085	This modification seeks to clarify that where reactive capability is available it should be provided by OFTOs to ESO	31 March 2023

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 was last updated on 17 March 2023 and is published here.

In flight Modifications

The next Modification Tracker will be published on 6 April 2023.

Workgroup Reports

There were no Workgroup Reports presented to the Panel.

Draft Final Modification Reports

CM088 'Fault Ride Through Definition

Seeks to make changes to Section K of the STC in order to achieve harmonisation with the Grid Code following the approval of GC0141 on the 12 December 2022 and makes amendments to Connection Conditions (CC) and European Connection Conditions (ECC) sections of Grid Code in respect of defining the requirements for Fault Ride Through.

Panel unanimously recommended implementation of CM088 and the Final Modification Report will be sent to Ofgem on 12 April 2023.

CM088 documentation can be found here.

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Questions or feedback?

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