

STC Modification Panel Minutes: 26 July 2023

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Date: 26 July 2023 **Location:** Microsoft Teams

Start: 10:00am **End:** 11:05am

Participants

Attendee	Initials	Company
Deborah Spencer	DS	Chair, Code Administrator, National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)
Rashpal Gata-Aura	RGA	Tech Sec, Code Administrator, National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)
Milly Lewis	ML	Code Administrator, National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)
Terry Baldwin	TB	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)
David Halford	DH	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)
Biniam Haddish	BH	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)
Rhiannon Whitty	RW	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO) Observer
Neil Sandison	NS	Sottish Hydro Electric Transmission
Neil Bennett	NB	Sottish Hydro Electric Transmission
Lynne Bryceland	LB	Sottish Power Transmission plc. (SPT) Observer
Harriet Eckweiler	HE	Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc. (SHET)
Richard Woodward	RW	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Sam Grant	SG	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET Lawyer)
Joel Matthews	JM	Offshore Transmission Owner (OFTO)
Nadir Hafeez	NH	Authority Representative
Apologies	Initials	Company
Jamie Webb	JW	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)

Ian Bottomer	IB	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Mike Lee	ML	Offshore Transmission Owner (OFTO)
Nicola Bruce	NB	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)
Michelle MacDonald Sandison	MMacDS	Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc. (SHET)
Martin Cammidge	MC	Scottish Power Transmission plc. (SPT)

1. Introductions and Apologies for Absence

6297. Apologies were received from Jamie Webb, Martin Cammidge, Nicola Bruce, Mike Lee, Ian Bottomer and Michelle MacDonald Sandison.

2. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

6298. The Panel approved the minutes from the meeting held on 28 June 2023 (**Post Panel Meeting Note**: The minutes are now available on the National Grid ESO [website](#)).

3. Review of Actions

6299. Actions from the June 2023 Panel meeting were reviewed, and **ACTION 6281** remains open and will be reviewed again at August 2023 Panel.

4. Authority Decisions and Update

6300. NH advised the Panel that the expected date of decision on **CM080 – `Transmission Impact Assessment Process`** was 21 August 2023.

5. New STC/STCP Modification Proposals for Panel Decision

6301. The Chair advised that two new modifications had been received for July 2023 Panel and invited the proposer to present.

CM092 – Schedule 9: TO Construction Terms Update.

6302. SG advised the Panel that **CM092** modification was seeking to update the terms contained in **Schedule 9** to reflect current working practices more accurately with NGESO and to avoid any potential for misinterpretation. For further details please see the Proposal within the [Panel papers](#).

6303. SG was seeking Panel approval to progress **CM092** through the Self-Governance route, proceeding straight to Code Administrator Consultation.

6304. The Panel discussed the materiality impact of **CM092** on the CUSC and concluded that the proposal should be brought back to the August 2023 Panel with a clear and defined solution following further conversations.

6305. **ACTION SG** (NGET Lawyer) to meet with Angela Quinn (ESO Lawyer) to assess the materiality impact of **CM092** and return to August 2023 Panel to progress the modification via the appropriate route.

6306. The Chair invited DH to present: -

PM0135 – ‘Proposed changes to STCP19-3 to improve the clarity around Compliance responsibilities between the Electricity System Operator and Transmission Owners’

6307. DH advised the Panel that the ESO was proposing changes to **STCP19-3**, with the aim to ensure the ESO and TOs were clear on their roles and responsibilities in relation to Operational Notification and Compliance Testing processes to avoid potential confusion between parties and provide overall improvements to the process.

The proposed changes to STCP19-3 will cover the following areas:

- Amend any references to ‘NGET’ to ‘The Company’ where appropriate.
- Remove the risk of commercially sensitive data being shared between NGENSO and the TOs.
- Removal of possible duplication of tasks e.g., where the NGENSO compliance Team and Project Engineer were chasing the same updates.
- Ensure the role and responsibilities between parties were clearly defined.
- Ensure the compliance process was consistent across all parties.

The proposed changes were shared with the STC Panel Representatives on the 25 May 2023 with a follow-up on the 9 June 2023 – No comments were received.

6308. Some concerns were raised by Panel members in that some of the proposed changes to STCP19-3 might remove obligations/involvement from the ESO. Also, the definition of 'Type B, C & D Power Stations needs to be defined more clearly.

6309. **ACTION ESO** to reach out to TOs to become involved in further discussions with ESO and the Compliance Team to clarify the materiality impact. (**Post Panel note:** email sent to all Panel member on 8 August 2023 to provide contact details of representatives to enable effective conversations to be had with the ESO and the Compliance Team to progress **PM0135**. Response requested by 10 August noon).

6. Draft STC/STCP Modifications

6310. None.

7. Inflight Modification Updates/Potential New Modifications

6311. The Chair advised the Panel that the Cross Code modification tracker had been shared for their reference.

8. Workgroup Reports

6312. The Chair advised that one Workgroup Report was being brought to Panel and invited ML to give an update on **CM089/CM091 – Implementation of Emergency and Restoration Code Phase II**.

6313. ML confirmed that whilst outside the standard governance of this modification, the Workgroup had been involved in the development of the draft STCPs which will be presented to the STC Panel separately as detailed in 7.3 Amendment and Creation of Code Procedures of Section B of the STC.

6314. The Workgroup had identified and proposed updating Schedule 2, Schedule 3, Section C, Section D, Section J and Section K of the STC as a consequence to the changes proposed by Grid Code modification **GC0156** Facilitating the Implementation of the Electricity System Restoration Standard and **GC0148** Implementation of Emergency and Restoration Code Phase II. No alternatives had been raised.
6315. The Workgroup concluded unanimously that the Original better facilitated the Applicable Objectives than the Baseline.
6316. The Ask of the Panel was:
AGREE that the Workgroup had met the Terms of Reference
AGREE that **CM089/CM091** Modification could proceed to Code Administrator Consultation
NOTE the ongoing timeline
6317. The Panel unanimously approved that the terms of reference had been met and the modification could proceed to Code Administrator Consultation whilst noting the timeline.
6318. **ACTION ESO** issue the **CM089/CM091** Code Administrator Consultation to industry for 15 working days. (**Post Panel note: CM089/CM091** Code Administrator Consultation issued on 26 July closing 5pm on 17 August 2023).

9. Draft Final Modification Reports

6319. None.

10. Code Administrator Update

6320. None

11. Any other Business

6321. The Chair reminded the Panel that invites to the STC Panel meeting should not be automatically forwarded without the Chair's consent.

Date of next meeting

6322. The next STC Panel meeting will be held on **Wednesday 30 August 2023**
6323. New Modification Proposal date **Tuesday 15 August 2023**
6324. Panel papers day **Tuesday 22 August 2023**