

STC Modification Panel Minutes: 30 August 2023

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Date: 30 August 2023 **Location:** Microsoft Teams

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

Participants

| Attendee | Initials | Company |
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| 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) |
| Antony Johnson | AJ | National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO) |
| Claire Goult | CG | National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO) Observer |
| Terry Baldwin | TB | National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO) |
| Michelle MacDonald Sandison | MMacDS | Sottish Hydro Electric Transmission |
| Lynne Bryceland | LB | Sottish Power Transmission plc. (SPT) |
| Gareth Williams | GW | Sottish Power Transmission plc. (SPT) Observer |
| Harriet Eckweiler | HE | Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc. (SHET) |
| Richard Woodward | RW | National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET) |
| Ian Bottomer | IB | National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET) |
| Sam Grant | SG | National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET Lawyer) |
| Joel Matthews | JM | Offshore Transmission Owner (OFTO) |
| Mike Lee | ML | Offshore Transmission Owner (OFTO) |
| Nadir Hafeez | NH | Authority Representative |
| Sue Richards | SR | Authority Representative |

| Apologies | Initials | Company |
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| Nicola Bruce | NB | National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO) |

1. Introductions and Apologies for Absence

6325. Apologies were received from Nicola Bruce.

2. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

6326. The Panel approved the minutes from the meeting held on 26 July 2023 (**Post Panel Meeting Note**: The minutes are now available on the National Grid ESO [website](#)).

3. Review of Actions

6327. Actions from the July 2023 Panel meeting were reviewed and closed, however **ACTION 5723 from January 20233** remains open.

6328. RW advised that this action had been long outstanding and was on ESO, NGET and Onshore TOs to discuss ways of working regarding operations etc., and disparities that NGET had identified between NGET and the Scottish TOs. This Action had been parked subject to conclusion of Grid Code modifications **GC0148** and **GC0156** which are the equivalent of **CM089/CM091**.

6329. RW advised that once **CM089/CM091** had been submitted to Ofgem and the way forward was clearer regarding the proposed solution, then it would be good to have the meeting to identify better ways of working to improve efficiency and deal with any disparities between how the TOs are dealt with.

6330. RW suggested that at September 2023 Panel, the action should be moved to ESO rather than NGET to ensure a meeting takes place.

4. Authority Decisions and Update

6331. NH advised the Panel that there was no update on decision on **CM078 - CUSC Modification 'CMP328 - Connection Triggering Distribution Impact Assessment'**. However, the decision on **CM080 - Transmission Impact Assessment process** – which was due on 21/08/2023 had been moved to 29/09/23.

6332. RW stated that whilst he was aware that **CMP328** had been sent back he was not aware of what work had been started on the send back and requested clarity.

6333. **ACTION** the Chair to get clarity on the up-to-date position of the send back modification **CMP328** and advise RW accordingly.

6334. NH also clarified the reason for the delay on **CMP328** was that the original proposer had left the company and therefore there had been some delay in finding a replacement. Discussions had taken place between Ofgem and the proposer and **CMP328** was now progressing.

6335. NH advised that **CM080** would be looked at together with the CUSC modifications, and the connections team were aware of the position with a view to progressing them and these modifications were not being held back for the Connections Reform work.

5. New STC/STCP Modification Proposals for Panel Decision

6336. The Chair advised that one new modification had been received for August 2023 Panel following the draft proposal at July 2023 Panel.

CM092 – Schedule 9: TO Construction Terms Update.

6337. SG advised that **CM092** modification was seeking to make amendments to **Schedule 9** of the STC and was formally brought back to Panel with the minor amendment following a conversation with Angela Quinn, legal counsel for ESO. Please see [Panel papers](#) for the revised **CM092** proposal.
6338. SG Advised the Panel that he will submit a separate proposal for the section that had been removed
6339. SG advised that one of the changes which was to allow for delayed charges, and following a discussion with Angela Quinn, it was established that the amended **CM092** did not have any materiality impacts and it was felt that industry would not have any issues with the self-governance route. It was sensed that the history with delayed charges was quite controversial and would require conversations with industry. If a modification was proposed in that area, then it would need to be linked in with some other modifications regarding one off delayed charges and follow other modification routes to get these to industry.
6340. SG advised the Panel that he was happy to take on board suggestions made by Angela Quinn and separate these modifications now, then looking to re-submit another modification for the delayed charge re **Schedule 9**.
6341. RW confirmed that there was a modification for delayed charges which further clarifies that concept in CUSC, and this was **CMP288** which was with Ofgem and awaiting decision.
6342. NH advised that the revised timeline for a decision on **CMP288** was 19 September 2023 or it could be even earlier.
6343. The Chair clarified with the proposer of **CM092**, that section 4 would be removed from **“What is the Issue”** section of the proposal and with the 3 remaining sections the ask of the Panel was to progress this modification via self-governance route to Code Administrator Consultation.
6344. The Panel members unanimously agreed that **CM092** met the self-governance criteria and could proceed to Code Administrator Consultation.
6345. **ACTION**, ESO to prepare the Code Administrator Consultation and issue to industry in line with the proposed timeline.

6. Draft STC/STCP Modifications

6346. None.

7. Inflight Modification Updates/Potential New Modifications

6347. The Chair advised the Panel of the updated timeline for **CM086** – please see Panel slides within the [Panel papers](#) for more information.
6348. The Panel unanimously agreed with the updated proposed timeline for **CM086**.

6349. The Chair advised the Panel that the STCPs for **PM0128** were shared within the Panel papers giving all the opportunity to review them.
6350. AJ provided a brief update in that **PM0128** was proposing several changes to the STC Procedures to facilitate Special Condition 2.2 of NGESO's Transmission Licence. Implementing an Electricity System Restoration Standard (ESRS) – please see [Panel papers](#) for more information.
6351. AJ continued to advise that as a consequence of **GC0148** and **CM089** STC change, there have been numerous changes to the STCPs– please see [Panel papers](#) for more information.
6352. AJ advised that some of the changes were very much consequential changes such as change of definition of “black start” to “restoration” whilst some were more material. In his view the changes were deemed to be material and therefore would need to go to Ofgem.
6353. LB advised the Panel that the STCPs documents were still being reviewed and they required some more time to come back should there be any potential comments.
6354. RW reaffirmed that more time was needed to review these documents and a meeting with the ESO along with any other interested STC parties to work through some of the more complex aspects of the proposal would be welcome.
6355. RW stated that if a discussion was had ahead of September 2023 Panel, then voting for approval could be carried out at Panel.
6356. AJ agreed to put together a few high-level slides to bring to Panel in September 2023 to highlight the key changes as an AOB item on the agenda.
6357. **ACTION** The Chair to organise a meeting before September 2023 Panel for interested parties to have a separate session with AJ to talk through the materiality impacts of some of the STCPs.

8. Workgroup Reports

6358. None.

9. Draft Final Modification Reports

6359. The Chair advised the Panel that the Draft Final Modification Report on **CM089 & CM091 Implementation of the Electricity System Restoration Standard & Implementation of Emergency and Restoration Code Phase II** had been shared within the STC [Panel papers](#) ahead of voting.
6360. The Panel voted unanimously that the original facilitates the objectives better than the Baseline.

10. Code Administrator Update

6361. None

11. Any other Business

6362. The Chair advised that a meeting was going to be held with the ESO Compliance Team and the relevant TO Compliance experts to assess the proposed changes in **PM0135** –

Proposed changes to STCP19-3 to improve clarity and Compliance responsibilities between the ESO and TOs to discuss any materiality to enable the proposer to share this with Ofgem if applicable and invited all to contact David.halford@nationalgrideso.com.

Date of next meeting

6363. New Modification Proposal date **Tuesday 12 September 2023**.

6364. Panel papers day **Tuesday 19 September 2023**.

6365. The next STC Panel meeting will be held on **Wednesday 27 September 2023**.