

STC Modification Panel Minutes: 27 September 2023

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Date: 27 Sept 2023 **Location:** Microsoft Teams

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

Participants

Attendee	Initials	Company
Deborah Spencer	DS	Chair, Code Administrator, National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)
Andrew Hemus	AH	Tech Sec, Code Administrator, National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)
Catia Gomes	CG	Code Administrator, National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO) Presenter
Paul Mullen	PM	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO) Presenter
Jamie Webb	JW	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)
Keith Jones	KJ	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)
Gareth Williams	GW	Scottish Power Transmission plc. (SPT)
Lynne Bryceland	LB	Scottish Power Transmission plc. (SPT) Observer
Michelle Macdonald-Sandison	MM	Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc. (SHET)
Harriet Eckweiler	HE	Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc. (SHET)
Richard Woodward	RW	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
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

Nicola Bruce	NB	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)
Rashpal Gata-Aura	RGA	Tech Sec, Code Administrator, National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)

1. Introductions and Apologies for Absence

6363. Apologies were received from Nicola Bruce, Rashpal Gata-Aura.

2. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

6364. The Panel approved the minutes from the meeting held on 30 August 2023 (**Post Panel Meeting Note**: The minutes are now available on the National Grid ESO [website](#)).

3. Review of Actions

6365. Actions from the August 2023 Panel meeting were reviewed,

4. Authority Decisions and Update

6366. NH advised the Panel of the expected decision dates as follows:

- **CM080** – This decision was linked to CUSC modification **CMP298**, so both the modifications have a new expected decision date of 20 October 2023.
- **CM078** – This decision was linked to CUSC modification **CMP328** currently with the CUSC Panel as a send-back, therefore has no expected decision date currently.

6367. NH gave Panel an update on FSO stating that since the closure of the “Call for Volunteers” (CfV) publication last month, the Energy Bill had moved to its final stages in the parliamentary process.

- Ofgem had opened a consultation on the two new licences that the Future System Operator is expected to hold, as well as open consultation on the licence conditions to enable a change of ownership to Elexon.
- Ofgem had engaged a Chair for the Cross-Code Workgroup (CCWG) and sent initial confirmatory emails to candidates interested in participating in the CCWG. Ofgem await Code Administration delegates and would be grateful for nominations.
- Ofgem intend to publish an update on their CfV in October. In addition to the names of CCWG membership, further information on the Workgroup phase of the codes change programme, including milestones; and Ofgem responses to the questions and concerns put forward by industry in its response to the CfV publication,

6368. NH continued to advise the Panel that Ofgem continue to work with project partners to refine the packages of Code Modification proposals to ready them for the first meeting of the CCWG which was also expected in October 2023.

5. New STC/STCP Modification Proposals for Panel Decision

6369. The Chair advised that no new modifications had been received for September 2023 Panel.

6. Draft STC/STCP Modifications

6370. There were no Draft STC/STCP modifications presented to the Panel.

7. Inflight Modification Updates/Potential New Modifications

6371. The Chair informed the Panel that the Cross Code modification tracker had been shared for their reference.

8. Workgroup Reports

6372. The Chair notified the Panel that the **CM079 – “Consideration of STC/STCP changes in relation to CMP330/CMP374”** Workgroup Report had been brought to Panel and DS presented due to CG suffering with voice issue.

6373. DS gave an overview of the Workgroup Report, please see Panel slides within the [Panel papers](#) for further details.

6374. The Ask of the Panel was to **AGREE** that the Workgroup have met their Terms of Reference, **AGREE** that **CM079** can proceed to Code Administrator Consultation and **NOTE** that this Modification does not impact the Electricity Balancing Regulation (EBR) Article 18 terms and conditions held within the CUSC/Grid Code.

6375. DS asked if the panel had any objections to moving the Code Administrator Consultation period earlier so DFMR could be presented at the October panel instead of November and to enable an authority decision and implementation as quickly as possible. This change would mean less than 5 working days for the panel to review the report. After Panel discussion it was agreed to leave the timeline as is, due to the tight turnaround for the Code Administrator, shortened time for Panel to review and the fact Ofgem advised it would not necessarily lead to a quicker decision and implementation, than already planned.

6376. The panel agreed that **CM079** had met its Terms of Reference and can proceed to Code Administrator Consultation.

6377. RW noted that **CM079** should be viewed in the context of the changes considered in relation to **CMP330/374** so that the STC remains functional.

9. Draft Final Modification Reports

6378. There were no Draft Final Modification Reports presented to the Panel.

10. Code Administrator Update

6379. None

11. Any other Business

6380. The Panel were advised that HE will be replacing MM and KJ will be replacing NB as permanent members of the STC Panel. This follows new roles for MM and NB within their respective businesses.

- 6381. The Panel thanked both MM and NB and wished them all the best in their new roles.
- 6382. PM shared with the Panel details of the structure of the to be created Ofgem led Connections Delivery Board. This is a new process design group with a lens across all the code(s) and licence changes. It will have an independent chair and be made up of industry experts and is expected to kick off in November. Help is required from Transmission Operators.
- 6383. ML voiced that it was good this work was being done as it felt it was slightly dysfunctional currently.
- 6384. ML advised that the CATO work he was involved in now, was taking up a lot of his time and he was concerned this additional work would impact the limited numbers of stakeholders who able to get involved and how this may impact them being able to get involved.
- 6385. ML stated that it would be good to have a roadmap before it starts so all was clear and the work sets off in the right direction.
- 6386. LB fed back that she was heavily involved in policy work, questioned how it fed into this and how was this being communicated across the piece along with any associated timelines.
- 6387. RW flagged the coordination of multiple projects stating there are a lot of individuals from NGET in conversation with the ESO on this, so they have concerns on alignment and a single collective approach.

Date of next meeting

- 6388. The next STC Panel meeting will be held on **Wednesday 25 October 2023**
- 6389. New Modification Proposal date **Tuesday 10 October 2023**
- 6390. Panel papers day **Tuesday 17 October 2023**