

# Headline Report – 24 April 2024

## System Operator Transmission Owner Code (STC) Panel

The STC 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 27 March 2024 were approved and these have been uploaded to our [website](#).

### New Urgent Modifications

Two new Modification Proposals were presented to the Panel:

#### **CM095 – Implementing Connections Reform**

This modification is looking to enable the timely connection of projects to meet net zero. This proposal introduces new processes and definitions that will update the existing processes and enable projects that are most ready to progress more rapidly to connection. Details of the above modification can be found [here](#).

#### **CM096 - Application of Gate 2 Criteria to existing contracted background**

This modification is looking to introduces new processes and definitions that will update the existing processes and enable new applicants with more ready projects to progress more rapidly to connection.

Gate 2 is a key component of the update; however, the size and rate of growth of the connections queue means that significant action is required as soon as possible to reduce the current queue so that viable projects can be connected more quickly and so that the benefits of our proposed Connections Reform model can be delivered earlier. This Modification seeks to address this by applying a project milestone/criteria ('Gate 2') to all existing contracted parties before they are provided with confirmed connection dates and locations. Details of the above modification can be found [here](#).

### New / Pending Authority Decisions

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

#### **Awaiting Decisions**

Modification	What this seeks to achieve	Expected Decision Date
<b>CM079 - Consideration of STC/STCP changes in relation to CMP330/374</b>	This modification will consider the proposals being discussed in CMP330/374 and how these might lead to STC or STC Procedures to ensure any consequential changes are proportionate.	8 May 2024

<b>CM085 - To clarify OFTO reactive power requirements at low windfarm outputs</b>	It is unclear what the requirements are on OFTOs to provide access to reactive power capability at low windfarm outputs. This modification seeks to clarify that where reactive capability is available it should be provided which is operationally useful to the ESO	7 June 2024
<b>CM086 - Introducing competitively Appointed Transmission Owners &amp; Transmission Service Providers</b>	This modification aims to introduce the concept of Competitively Appointed Transmission Owners (CATOs) to the STC to enable Onshore Network Competition for the design, build and ownership of Onshore Transmission assets.	30 September 2024
<b>CM087 - Introducing Connections Process to facilitate Competitively Appointed Transmission Owners</b>	This modification is concerned with issues around the TO-CATO Connections process to facilitate the introduction of Competitively Appointed Transmission Owners (CATOs) to the STC. This is to enable Onshore Network Competition for the design, build and ownership of Onshore Transmission assets.	30 September 2024

## Decisions since the last Panel

Modification	Decision	Implementation Date
<b>CM094 – Amendment to Bi-annual estimate provisions</b>	Authority letter received 19 April 2024 advising of the send back	NA

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 02 April 2024 and is published [here](#).

## In flight Modifications

There were no In flight Modifications presented to Panel.

## Draft Final Modification Reports

There were no Draft Final Modification Reports presented to Panel.

## Other

CM094 - Amendment to Bi-annual estimate provisions (Authority send-back)

STC Panel members agreed to the removal of legal text in Section J, relating to terms that have not yet been defined in the Transmission Licence. Members also agreed that no further Workgroups or Code Administrator Consultations would be necessary. Panel members confirmed a second recommendation vote was not needed, and the Final Modifications Report could be issued to the Authority.

- Elana Byrne will be STC Panel Chair from May 2024

## Questions or feedback?

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