Headline Report – 31 July 2024

System Operator Transmission Owner Code (STC) Panel

The 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 STC Panel on 29 May 2024 were approved and these have been uploaded to our website.

New Modifications

The following new Modification Proposals were presented to the Panel:

CM099 - Removing references to "Fax" and "Facsimile" within the STC

Some sections of the STC currently reference "fax" and "facsimile" as communication methods between TOs and the ESO, but the use of fax machines has been superseded over time to with other methods of communication such as email.

This modification seeks to remove references to "fax" and "facsimile" from the STC in order to reflect the current methods of communication between TOs and the ESO within the STC.

The Panel unanimously agreed that CM099 should follow the Fast Track Self Governance route and proceed to open an appeals window ahead of the planned implementation.

CM099 documentation can be found here.

CM0100 – Consequential modification following approval and implementation of CUSC CMP428 User Commitment liabilities for Onshore Transmission (reinforcement) in the Holistic Network Design

This modification seeks to align changes made to definitions within the CUSC as a result of the approval and implementation of CUSC modification, CMP428 (User Commitment liabilities for Onshore Transmission (reinforcement) in the Holistic Network Design), to ensure consistency between the codes.

The Panel unanimously agreed that CM0100 should follow the Self Governance route and proceed to a Code Administrator Consultation.

CM0100 documentation can be found here.

<u>PM0136 – Introducing Connections process to facilitate Competitively Appointed Transmission</u> Owners

This modification is being raised to align the STCP Procedures affected by the (P)TO-(CA)TO Connections process as defined in CM087 which facilitates the introduction of Competitively Appointed Transmission Owners (CATOs) to the STC. This will enable Onshore Network Competition for the design, build and ownership of Onshore Transmission assets.

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The Panel unanimously agreed the materiality of the proposal and as such expressed concerns about approving it. The Authority representative took an action to take these concerns and report back on a formal position on which party will consider the proposal for approval.

PM0136 documentation can be found here.

New / Pending Authority Decisions

Decisions since the last Panel

Modification	Decision	Implementation Date
CM094 – Amendment to Biannual estimate provisions	On 11 June 2024 the Authority the Original solution was rejected	NA
CM079 – Consideration of STC/STCP changes in relation to CMP330/374	On 08 July 2024 the Authority sent back the Original solution	NA

Awaiting Decisions

Modification	FMR submitted	Expected Decision Date
CM085 - To clarify OFTO reactive power requirements at low windfarm outputs	11 March 2024	08 August 2024
CM086 - Introducing competitively Appointed Transmission Owners & Transmission Service Providers	11 March 2024	30 September 2024
CM087 - Introducing Connections Process to facilitate Competitively Appointed Transmission Owners	11 March 2024	30 September 2024

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 will be available to view later in the year (approx. September).

In flight Modifications

The next Modification Tracker will be published on 7th August 2024.

Draft Final Modification Reports

The following Final Fast Track SG Modification Report was presented to the Panel:

CM098 Removing references to "Fax" and "Facsimile" within the STC

The Electricity Arbitration Association (EAA) is now defunct. This modification looks to replace the EAA and replace them with the London Court of International Arbitration from the STC.

The Panel has recommended unanimously that the Proposer's solution better facilitate the STC Applicable Objectives. The Final Modification Report will be sent to Ofgem on 7 August 2024.

CM098 documentation can be found here

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Other

STCP change – Keith Jones re Winser Report

Update from David Wildash (ESO) on the development of timelines on the TMO4+ modifications

STC 2025 Panel dates

Update from the Authority representative on the Modification Process Workgroup

Key Activities ahead of next panel:

Grid Code Development Forum: 7 August 2024

Modification Proposal Deadline for August Panel: 13 August 2024

Papers Day: 20 August 2024

Questions or feedback?

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