

Headline Report – 25 September 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 the Panel on 12 and 31 July 2024 were approved, and these have been uploaded to the ESO [website](#).

New Modifications

The following new Modification Proposal was presented to the Panel:

PM0141 Incorporating a revised, outage change code list in STCP11-2 Appendix 5

The current list of Outage Change Codes contained within STCP 11-2 Appendix 5 needs to remove duplicates, to remove ambiguity and include new codes to better reflect the reasons for outage change.

The Panel requested the Proposer make minor amendments to the proposal and share the updates via email with Panel members who will then respond with their approval by Friday 27 September 2024, allowing the proposal to proceed to the next stage, implementation.

PM0141 documentation can be found [here](#).

New / Pending Authority Decisions

Decisions since the last Panel

There have been no Authority decisions on STC Modifications.

Awaiting Decisions

| Modification | FMR submitted | Expected Decision Date |
|---|---------------|------------------------------------|
| CM085 - To clarify OFTO reactive power requirements at low windfarm outputs | 11 March 2024 | 03/10/2024 |
| CM086 - Introducing competitively Appointed Transmission Owners & Transmission Service Providers | 11 March 2024 | 31/01/2025 (previously 30/09/2024) |
| CM087 - Introducing Connections Process to facilitate Competitively Appointed Transmission Owners | 11 March 2024 | 31/01/2025 (previously 30/09/2024) |

Ofgem Update

Energy Code Reform

The Ofgem representative reported that the final Modification Process Workgroup session was held on 17 September. It was noted that discussions in that session included the new direct code change power and how the code modification process might need to change to accommodate Ofgem using this process. The session also looked at the Significant Code Review process, including possible roles for the code manager. How transitioning to a Code Manager could impact the modification process and the roles Ofgem / code Panels / incoming Code Manager could take were also discussed. The session also considered whether or not an updated process should place a limit on the number of alternative modifications able to be raised and looked at detailed operational elements of Stakeholder Advisory Forum,

e.g., quoracy. Lastly, it was noted that the session discussed the role of the Competition and Markets Authority appeal route on Ofgem code modifications decisions.

Ofgem Panel Role

Ofgem confirmed a new representative would be joining Panel from October 2024 along with a Technical Engineer from Ofgem. This aligns with representation in other Code Panel meetings.

Christmas Decision Moratorium

The Ofgem representative confirmed that the last publication date for decisions in 2024 would be 13 December (unless required legally after this point). Work to review Final Modification Reports would continue past this date and decisions would resume from 03 January 2025.

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 2 May 2024 and is published [here](#).

In flight Modifications

No in-flight changes were presented to Panel.

The next [Modification Tracker](#) will be published on Monday 7 October 2024.

Workgroup Reports

No Workgroup Reports were presented to the Panel.

Draft Final Modification Reports

The following Draft Final Modification Report was presented to the Panel:

CM0100 - Consequential modification following the approval and implementation of CUSC modification – 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 has determined unanimously that the Proposer's solution better facilitates the STC Applicable Objectives. The Appeals window will open on 4 October 2024, and this will close on 24 October 2024. With an implementation date of 31 October 2024.

CM0100 documentation can be found [here](#).

Key Activities ahead of next panel

Grid Code Development Forum: 02 October 2024

Modification Proposal Deadline for October STC Panel: 15 October 2024

Papers Day: 22 October 2024

Questions or feedback?

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