

Alternate Representative ceasing to hold office and publication on the Code Website and (where relevant details are supplied to the Panel Secretary) despatch by electronic mail shall fulfil this obligation.

6.2 Functions of the STC Modification Panel and the Code Administrator's Role

6.2.1 The functions of the STC Modification Panel shall be the:

6.2.1.1 evaluation and administration of amendments to the Code in accordance with the procedures set out in this Section B;

6.2.1.2 review of the consequences of amendments to the Code;

6.2.1.3 administration of the Code as specified in this Section B;

6.2.1.4 establishment of joint working arrangements pursuant to sub-paragraph 7.2.9.1 below; and

6.2.1.5 consideration of any changes to the Code Administrator Code of Practice that the Code Administrator considers appropriate to raise.

6.2.2 The STC Modification Panel shall endeavour at all times to perform its functions:

6.2.2.1 in an efficient, economical and expeditious manner, taking account of the complexity, importance and urgency of particular STC Modification Proposals; and

6.2.2.2 with a view to ensuring that the Code facilitates achievement of the Applicable STC Objectives.

6.2.3 NGET shall establish and maintain a Code Administrator function, which shall carry out the roles referred to in Paragraphs 4.4.4 and 6.2.4.

6.2.4 The Code Administrator will undertake, and the STC Modification Panel shall ensure that the Code Administrator will undertake, its functions consistently with the Code Administrator Code of Practice. [The Code Administrator will provide assistance to Parties insofar as practicable, and on reasonable request, in relation to their engagement with the STC Modification process.](#)

6.2.5 The procedures set out in the Code, to the extent that they are dealt with in the Code Administration Code of Practice, are consistent with the principles contained in the Code Administration Code of Practice. Where inconsistencies or conflicts exist between the Code and the Code Administration Code of Practice, the Code shall take precedence.

6.3 Structure of STC Modification Panel Meetings

6.3.1 STC Modification Panel Meetings shall be held on a monthly basis unless otherwise requested by a Party Representative and with the agreement of the other Party Representatives, or as otherwise specifically provided for in this

- 7.2.6A.2 The Authority shall publish its Significant Code Review conclusions, and, if within 28 days after such publication the Authority issues to a Party directions, including directions to a Party to make STC Modification Proposals, such Party shall comply with those directions. Where the Party makes a STC Modification Proposal in accordance with the Authority's directions, that STC Modification Proposal shall be treated as a Standard STC Modification Proposal and shall proceed through the process for Standard STC Modification Proposals set out in Paragraph 7. Such Authority conclusions and directions shall not fetter the voting rights of the Panel Members or any recommendation it makes in relation to any STC Modification Proposal or the recommendation procedures informing the STC Modification Report.
- 7.2.6A.3 Any Party which makes an STC Modification Proposal pursuant to 7.2.6A.2 may not, without the prior consent of the Authority, withdraw such STC Modification Proposal.

7.2.6B Self-Governance

- 7.2.6B.1 If the STC Modification Panel, having evaluated a STC Modification Proposal against the Self-Governance Criteria, pursuant to Paragraph 7.2.3.7, considers that the STC Modification Proposal meets the Self-Governance Criteria, the Panel Secretary shall:
- (a) document the decision in the minutes of the relevant Panel Meeting;
 - (b) within two (2) days of the Panel Meeting, prepare and send to all Parties, and ~~in the event that the Authority did not attend the Panel Meeting,~~ the Authority, a Self-Governance Statement setting out its reasoning in detail and publish the Self-Governance Statement on the Code Website.
- 7.2.6B.2 The Authority may, at any time prior to the STC Modification Panel's determination made pursuant to Paragraph 7.2.6B.4, give written notice that it disagrees with the Self-Governance Statement and may direct that the STC Modification Proposal proceeds through the process for Standard STC Modification Proposals.
- 7.2.6B.3 Subject to Paragraph 7.2.6B.2, after publishing a Self-Governance Statement, the STC Modification Panel shall follow the procedure set out in Paragraphs 7.2.4 and 7.2.5.1 to 7.2.5.7.
- 7.2.6B.4 The Authority may issue a direction to the STC Modification Panel in relation to a STC Modification Proposal to follow the procedure set out for STC Modification Proposals that meet the Self-Governance Criteria, notwithstanding that no Self-Governance Statement has been submitted or a Self-Governance Statement has been retracted and the STC Modification Panel shall follow the procedure set out in Paragraphs 7 save for this Paragraph 7.2.6B.

7.2.6B.5 Subject to completion of the Evaluation Phase pursuant to Paragraph 7.2.4, the STC Modification Panel shall prepare a report (the “STC Modification Self-Governance Report”).

7.2.6B.6 The matters to be included in a STC Modification Self-Governance Report shall be the following (in respect of the STC Modification Proposal):

(a) details of its analysis of the STC Modification Proposal against the Self-Governance Criteria;

(b) copies of any/all consultation responses received;

(c) the date on which the STC Modification Panel Self-Governance Vote shall take place, which shall not be earlier than seven (7) days from the date on which the STC Modification Self-Governance Report is furnished to the Authority in accordance with Paragraph 7.2.6B.7; and

such other information that is considered relevant by the STC Modification Panel.

~~(d) [A detailed explanation of the reasons for the Panel’s assessment of the modification as to whether it would or would not further the relevant STC Objectives.](#)~~

7.2.6B.7 A draft of the STC Modification Self-Governance Report will be circulated by the Code Administrator to the Party Representatives and the CM Administrative Parties and the CfD Administrative Parties (and its provision in electronic form on the Code Website and in electronic mails to Party Representatives, who must supply relevant details, shall meet this requirement) and a period of no less than five (5) Business Days given for comments to be made thereon. Any unresolved comments made shall be reflected in the final STC Modification Self-Governance Report.

7.2.6B.8 Each STC Modification Self-Governance Report shall be addressed and furnished to the Authority and none of the facts, opinions or statements contained in such STC Modification Self-Governance Report may be relied upon by any other person.

7.2.6B.9 The Code Administrator shall make available on the Code Website and copy (by electronic mail to those persons who have supplied relevant details to the Code Administrator) the STC Modification Self-Governance Report prepared in accordance with Paragraph 7.2.6B to:

- (i) the Party Representatives;
- (ii) each Panel Member; and

7.2.6B.18 If the Authority quashes the STC Modification Panel's determination in respect of a STC Modification Proposal or Alternative STC Modification(s) made in accordance with paragraph 7.2.6B.10, the Authority may, following an appeal to the Authority, refer the STC Modification Proposal back to the STC Modification Panel for further re-consideration and a further STC Modification Panel Self-Governance Vote.

7.2.6B.19 Following an appeal to the Authority, the Authority may confirm the STC Modification Panel's determination in respect of a STC Modification Proposal or Alternative STC Modification(s) made in accordance with Paragraph 7.2.6B.10.

7.2.6C Fast Track

7.2.6C.1 Where a Proposer believes that a modification to the Code which meets the Fast Track Criteria is required, a STC Modification Fast Track Report may be raised. In such case the procedure in STCP 25-3 shall apply.

7.2.6C.2 In the event that a STC Modification Fast Track Report is to be implemented pursuant to STCP 25-3, then the processes for implementation in 7.2.10.2 to 7.2.10.8 shall apply as if the STC Modification Fast Track Report were an Approved STC Modification.

7.2.6C.3 Up to and including 15 business days from the publication of a STC Modification Fast Track Report approving implementation of a modification pursuant to STCP 25-3, a Party or the Authority may object to the STC Modification Panel's determination by email to the Panel Secretary at STC.Team@nationalgrid.com who shall inform the Parties and the Authority of the objection and that the proposal shall not be implemented.

7.2.7 **STC Modification Register**

7.2.7.1 The Panel Committee Secretary shall establish and maintain a register (the "**STC Modification Register**") which shall record, in such form as the STC Modification Panel may determine, the matters set out in sub-paragraph 7.2.7.3.

7.2.7.2 The purpose of the STC Modification Register shall be to assist the STC Modification Panel in the operation of the STC Modification Procedures under this Code and to enable the Parties and other interested third parties (including any person designated by the Authority under sub-paragraph 7.2.2.1(b)) to be reasonably informed of the progress of STC Modification Proposals including any Alternative STC Modifications, Urgent STC Modification Proposals and Approved STC Modifications from time to time.