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STC Panel

Wednesday 21 May 2025

Online Meeting via Teams

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Approval of Panel Minutes

STC Panel minutes 29 January 2025, Special Panel 14 February 2025 and STC Panel 26 February 2025

Action Log

Ongoing Actions

Action Raised	Ref	Action	Current Position	Due by	Status
December 2024	Minute 6869	PM0133 Proposer to decide if the proposal is to be STC/STCP and update legal text.	Update: Waiting for the Proposer to share an update on resubmission of the proposal.	TBC	Open
February 2025	Minute 6954	New Proposal ML to raise a new proposal that will facilitate a requirement to share contact details for STC Parties members	Update: ML to meet with Code Governance to discuss the proposal requirements.	TBC	Open
February 2025	Minute 6969	Cross Code Tracker Updates Code Governance Team to discuss request by RW to add the modification tittle and/or hyperlinks to the 12-month cross-code tracker.	Update: 12-month cross-code tracker updated with modification tittle and link to webpage.	March 2025	To close

Chair's Update

- Authority Update
- Horizon Scanning

Authority Decisions and Updates as of 21 May 2025

Decisions Received since last Panel Meeting

Modification	Decisions	Implementation Date
CM086 - Introducing competitively Appointed Transmission Owners & Transmission Service Providers	25 March 2025	08 April 2025
CM087 - Introducing Connections Process to facilitate Competitively Appointed Transmission Owners	25 March 2025	08 April 2025
CM098 - Updating STC Arrangements to replacing the Electricity Arbitration Association with the London Court of International Arbitration	20 March 2025	03 April 2025
CM095 - Implementing Connections Reform	15 April 2025	10 June 2025

The Authority's publication on decisions can be found on their website below:

<https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications/code-modificationmodification-proposals-ofgem-decision-expected-publication-dates-timetable>

STC Panel Horizon Scanning

Expected Panel	Title	Proposer	Company	Type	Governance Route	Associated Mods	Description
May-25	Proposed Condition E7 (C17) Statement changes	Jay Chandarana	NESO	Information	N/A	N/A	Housekeeping changes that include changing the reference from "ESO" to "NESO" in the C17 statement
May-25	STCP 12-2 Issue 001 RMS and EMT Model Sharing Process	Frank Kasebante	NESO	STCP	NA	CM097	New STCP to be raised
Jun-25	Standardisation of Power Flow Metering Polarity when sending data to NESO	Jay Chandarana	NESO	STC Modification	Standard Governance with Workgroup	Grid Code modifications	The modification aims to provide a unified standard for Power Flow Metering Polarity when the data is sent to NESO. The standard will be in the format of diagram and explanatory notes
Jun-25	Reconciliation Period Extension	Harriet Eckweiler	SSE	STC Modification	TBC	None	Draft STCP going to Panel in May, to potentially be raised in June
Jul-25	Minor amendments	Codes	NESO	STC Modification	Fast Track Self Governance	None	Fast Track mod – sort order of Embedded Power Station Section J, Annex TBC in Section B
Not yet known	Not yet known	Martin Gay	NGET	STCP	Not yet known	Not yet known	Amendment to how Post Fault Action Agreement Forms are used
Not yet known	Not yet known	Martin Gay	NGET	STCP	Not yet known	Not yet known	Amendment to the Trip and Auto Reclose Test trigger phrase
Summer 2025	Pathfinder feasibility studies	Graham Lear	NESO	STCP	TBC	Not yet known	Proposer to come back to Panel to confirm whether it is an STC Modification / STCP and update the legal text
TBC	Not yet known	Steve Baker	NESO	STCP	Not yet known	Not yet known	Housekeeping mod for Strategic Investment Factor (SIF) & Local Asset Re-use Factor (LARF) Methodology
TBC	Further connections reform mods	Not yet known	NESO	Not yet known	TBC	Not yet known	We are confirming the forward programme of work and will keep STC Panel updated on future mods.

Draft STC Modifications

DMP01 – Reconciliation Period Extension (Harriet Eckweiler – SSE)

Panel Feedback – DPM01 – Reconciliation Period Extension

(SPT)

We are fully supportive of this proposal and believe that given the increased volume of projects completed or in build due for completion, and the length of time disputes can take to resolve, the ability of TOs to close off these projects within the designated 12 months is proving extremely challenging. I would propose that Harriet could strengthen the section on “Why change” to outline this increased pressure on TOs due to the increase in applications over the past number of years, and any evidence that dispute resolutions are taking up significant portions of the timescales afforded to TOs.

When we get into the discussions on what we expect to see from the change, I think we need to review what the trigger is for TOs to start Final Sums and measure performance on it. I don’t think it is particularly clear in STC 19-2 what this actually is (or at least it can be open to interpretation). This discussion would be useful in the workgroup stage, when I would hope to have some suggestions from our business experts as to what we believe the trigger should be.

In addition, we think it would be helpful to include a detailed process in the STC showing the procedures NESO would follow to monitor and support TOs in achieving the Final Sums requirements within the revised timeframes.

Panel Feedback – DPM01 – Reconciliation Period Extension

(NESO)

The request from SSE is to increase timeframes around closing projects from 12 months to 2 years. It would be helpful if SSE were to provide more detail on what the impact of their proposal is likely to be on different parties? For awareness, we as NESO have recently received a lot of pushback from generation customers around any attempts to change timeframes that could increase connection project times – and some of these are in the order of 1 / 2 week increases. I appreciate these are post-construction timeframes, so may not impact connection times. But it would be good to understand what impact SSE believes this change will have on other parties?

It would be interesting to understand a bit more about why SSE is currently struggling to meet the 12 month timeframe (e.g. volume of cases, increased complexity), and whether other TOs have a similar experience.

It would be helpful to understand whether SSE has spoken with any teams within NESO about their proposal. If not, I would want to identify relevant NESO teams, to make them aware of the proposal and canvas their views.

Some further feedback from another NESO team (Revenue) in the business that is closer to the workings of this:

There are some other parts of STCP 19-2 and CUSC that are affected if this change was to proceed. It would need to be a coordinated STC and CUSC Mod.

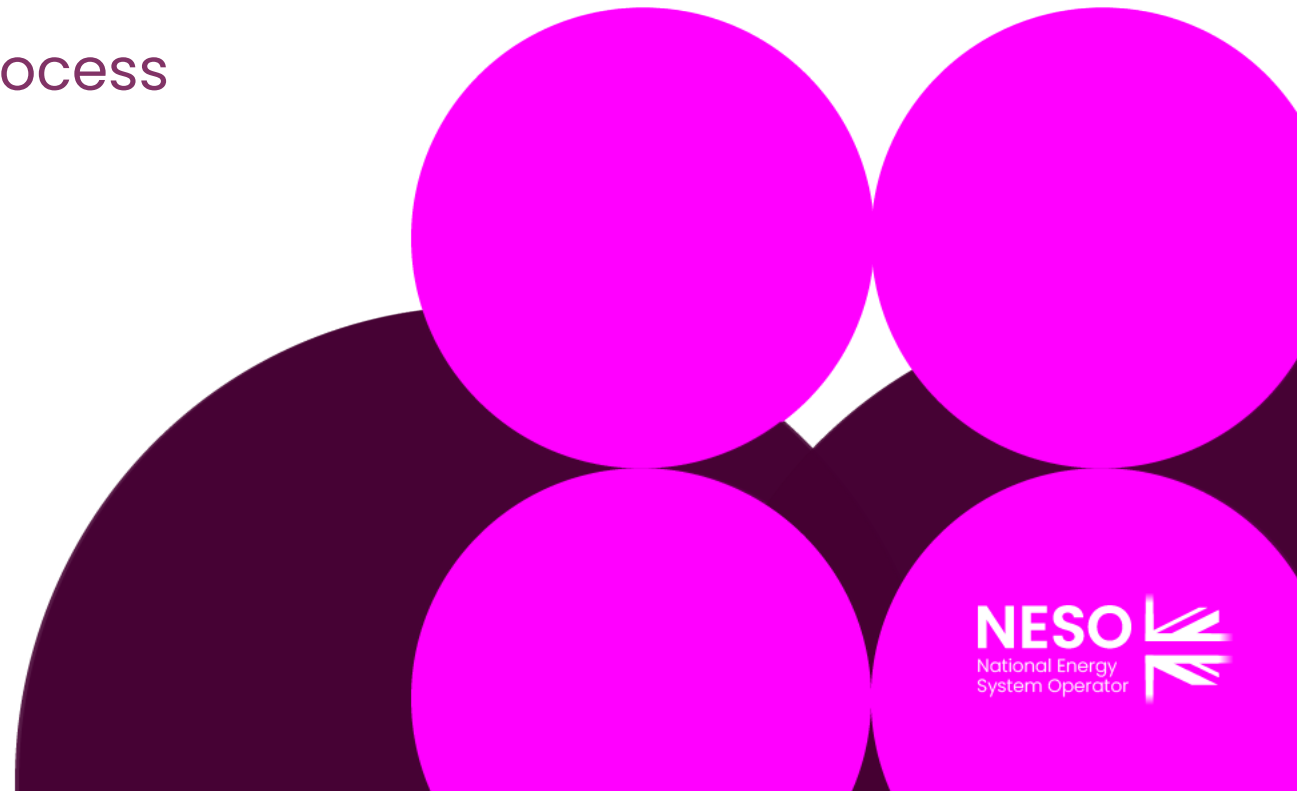
The NESO Revenue team is aware of customer frustrations when outturns are delayed – so this may face resistance from wider stakeholders (beyond the TOs) in CUSC workgroups.

With the associated CUSC Mod, consideration would need to be given to CUSC Mod prioritisation (there is quite a large stack of CUSC Mods at the moment, including a number of Urgent Mods).

New STCP Modification

PM0147: RMS and EMT Model Sharing process

Frank Kasibante (Proposer)



STCP Governance

If a change is developed which has the potential to materially amend an existing STCP the proposer is obligated to seek Panel's views on materiality before proceeding.

When considering the proposed changes to the STCPs, the 1st ask on voting members is whether you agree that the change is material.

- If not, then approved/rejected as has been done in the past;
- If material, then the proposer of the change would need to seek Ofgem's written approval to proceed, and to clarify who should approve the change.

Ofgem can then decide either:

- It is acceptable for the Panel to approve/reject the STCP changes (as has been done in the past; or
- They will make the decision themselves.

PM0147 Asks of Panel

- **AGREE** that the materiality of the STCP change
- **AGREE** the implementation next steps
- **NOTE** that Implementation Date will be in line with modifications [GC0168](#) and [CM097](#) if Panel agree to implement this change and Panel identify no material impacts

Updates on other industry codes

26 February 2025 STC [Panel Papers and Headline Report](#)

01 May 2025 Grid Code Review [Panel Papers and Headline Report](#)

02 May 2025 CUSC [Panel Papers and Headline Report](#)

06 March 2025 SQSS [Panel Papers and Headline Report](#)

Any other business

C17 Statement Update

Jay Chandarana - NESO

C17 (E7) Statement

The C17 Statement is published annually on NESO's website, with the current statement published in September 2024. Since then, it has been brought to our attention that some details in the document require changing: These are as follows:

- Name change from National Grid ESO to National Energy System Operator (NESO)
- Name of C17 statement has changed in the License Conditions from C17 to E7
- License Conditions paragraphs 8 & 9 changed to E7 paragraphs E7.6 and E7.7
- TO License Condition D3, paragraph 4 amended to reflect new wording.
- Paragraph 3.1.2.1 amended slightly to reflect previously incorrect definition (two words removed from paragraph).
- New row added in Version Control table to reflect these changes.

Next Steps

- No formal consultation planned due to these changes not impacting requirements within the document.
- Notify Transmission Owners (TOs) of the changes.
- Upload document to the relevant area of NESO's website.

Activities ahead of the next Panel Meeting

Grid Code Development Forum	04 June 2025
Modification Proposal Deadline for June Panel	10 June 2025
Papers Day	17 June 2025
Panel Meeting	25 June 2025 Teams

Close

Kat Higby

Chair, STC Panel