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STC Panel Minutes 26 February 2025

STC Panel Minutes: Meeting Number: 233

Date: 26 February 2025 Location: Microsoft Teams / Faraday House

Start: 10.00am End: 10.40am

Participants

Kat Higby	KH	NESO Panel Chair, Senior Code Governance Lead
Deborah Spencer	DS	NESO Tech Sec, Code Administrator
Gareth Williams	GW	Scottish Power Transmission plc. (SPT)
Richard Woodward	RW	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Mike Lee	ML	Offshore Transmission Owner (OFTO)
Scott Bull	SB	Authority Representative
Sue Richards	AS	Authority Representative
Emily Rice	ER	Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc. (SHET)
Claire Newton	CN	National Energy System Operator (NESO)
Eleanor Cook	EC	National Energy System Operator (NESO)

Apologies

Harriet Eckweiler	HE	Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc. (SHET)
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Presenters

Stuart McLarnon	SM	National Energy System Operator (NESO)
Joseph Bone	JB	Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc. (SHET)

1. Introductions, Apologies for Absence

6950. The Chair formally welcomed Panel members to the February STC Panel meeting.

2. Minutes from previous meeting

6951. The Chair informed the Panel members that the minutes from the January and February meetings would be circulated prior to the March STC Panel meeting and apologised for any inconvenience caused by the delay.

3. Review of actions log

6952. STC Panel members reviewed the open actions from the January STC Panel meeting.

6953. **Action 6893** was to remain open until the Proposer confirmed when they would be returning to Panel with their updated proposal.

6954. **Action 6939** was discussed, and the Code Administrator representative provided feedback from internal discussions with NESO, which concluded that STC Party contact details would not be shared with other STC Parties unless they provided authority to do so. ML updated members on the necessity of this information. It was agreed that this action should be closed, and a new action was assigned to ML to raise a new proposal that will obligate NESO to share agreed contact details for STC Parties.

4. Authority Decisions and Updates

6955. SB advised Panel members of the following updates:

CM086 Introducing Competitively Appointed Transmission Owners & Transmission Service Owners, expected decision date TBC.

CM087 Introducing Connections Process to facilitate Competitively Appointed Transmission Owners, expected decision date TBC.

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CM098 Updating STC arrangements to replace the Electricity Arbitration Association with the London Court of International Arbitration, expected decision date 12 February 2025.

6956. In response to Ofgem’s update on the above, CN clarified that the reason for the delay with CM086/CM087 was a technicality rather than an issue with the content, SB from Ofgem agreed.

5. Draft STC/STCP New modifications

6957. There were no new draft proposals presented to the Panel.

6. New STC/STCP Modification Proposals for Panel Decision

PM0146 Emergency Control Centre Requirements

6958. JB updated the Panel members on the requirements for the STCP proposal advising they were looking to add clarity to phrasing around IT architecture, i.e. change of wording.

6959. CN advised that after reviewing the proposal it was shared with internal colleagues in the NESO Resilience and Emergency Management team, who had questions around evidence of the levels of resilience and UpTime Tier 3 accreditation. The Proposer offered to provide a copy of Non Functional Requirements (NFR) and later confirmed that the availability for an uninterrupted power supply exceeded Tier 3.

6960. EC shared an update with the Panel members, which explained the compliance of the STCP.

6961. No further questions were raised and the STCP was approved for implementation.

CM0101 Additional Definitions in Relation to PM0144

6962. SM provided detailed information about the proposal, noting that it was a consequential modification of PM0144 to include the addition of two newly defined terms for Section J.

6963. The proposal was raised as a Fast Track Self Governance proposal to allow PM0144 to be implemented soon after.

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6964. Panel members agreed that the proposal should proceed to an appeals window of 15 business days before its implementation. No concerns were raised.

7. Inflight Modification Updates/Potential New Modifications

6965. There were no inflight updates presented to Panel.

8. Workgroup Reports

6966. There were no Workgroup Reports presented to the Panel.

9. Draft Final Modification Reports

6967. There were no Draft Modification Reports presented to the Panel.

10. Code Administrator Updates

6968. The Chair provided an update on the report templates that are being revised by the Code Governance Team and outlined the forthcoming changes. No concerns were raised by Panel members.

21. Any Other Business

6969. RW requested that the 12-month cross-code planner include the modification title and/or hyperlinks to the webpage for each modification, as this would facilitate easier review. An action was taken to relay this feedback to the Code Governance Team.

Dates of next Meeting

The next STC Panel meeting will be held on **26 March 2025**

New Modification Proposals to be submitted by **11 March 2025**

STC Panel Papers Day is **18 March 2025**