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STC Panel Minutes

30 July 2025

Date: 30 July 2025 Location: Microsoft Teams

Start: 10:00 End: 12:00

Participants

Attendee	Initials	Representing
Matthew Larreta	ML	NESO Panel Chair, Code Governance Lead
Karen Stanton-Huges	KSH	NESO Tech Sec, Code Administrator (Alternate)
Antony Johnson	AJ	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NESO) (Alternate)
Claire Newton	CN	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NESO)
Alice Siri	AS	Authority Representative
Ben Sayah	BS	National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (NGET)
Emily Fare	EF	Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc. (SHET)(Alternate)
Emily Rice	ER	Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc. (SHET)
Harriet Eckweiler	HE	Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc. (SHET)
Joel Matthews	JM	Offshore Transmission Owner (OFTO)
Mike Lee	ML	Offshore Transmission Owner (OFTO)
Neil Geddes	NG	Scottish Power Transmission (SPT)(Alternate)

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Apologies

Attendee	Initials	Representing
Gareth Williams	GW	Scottish Power Transmission plc. (SPT)
Lewis Mogan	LM	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET) (Alternate)
Kat Higby	KH	NESO Panel Chair, Senior Code Governance Lead
Deborah Spencer	DB	NESO Tech Sec, Code Administrator

Presenters

Attendee	Initials	Representing
Dozie Nnabuife	DN	NESO, Presenter
Steve Baker	SB	NESO, Presenter
Harvey Thaker	HT	NESO, Presenter

1. Introductions, Apologies for Absence

6996. The Chair formally welcomed Panel members to the July STC Panel meeting. Apologies received from Gareth Williams, Lewis Morgan, Kat Higby, and Deborah Spencer.

2. Minutes from previous meeting

6997. Minutes from the 21 May 2025 Panel meeting had been shared, and members were asked to highlight any proposed changes. Panel members did not propose any changes.

6998. It was agreed that the minutes should be issued to the relevant website for industry information.

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3. Review of actions log

6999. STC Panel members reviewed the open actions from the February STC Panel meeting.

7000. Action 6893 to remain open until the Proposer confirmed when they would be returning to Panel with their updated proposal.

7001. Action 6954 to remain open, ML was to request a meeting with Code Governance to discuss raising a proposal.

4. Chair's Update

Horizon Scanner update

7002. The Chair gave an update on the Horizon Scan for July, noting that a number of Modifications were due in August.

PM0141 Implementation

7003. The Chair advised Panel members that Modification PM0141 has now been implemented.

5. New STC Modification Proposal for Panel Decision

CM0102 Rectification to implementation of various legal text

7004. The Chair advised Panel members that one new STC Proposal had been submitted and provided a detailed background and timeline for implementation.

7005. The Chair reminded the Panel of the Self-Governance criteria for Fast Track Modifications.

7006. The Panel voted unanimously for the Modification to follow the Fast Track Self-Governance route.

7007. One Panel member noted that the Proposal would have benefitted from a table summarising the Legal Text changes.

6. Code Administrator Updates

7008. The Chair advised the Panel of the 2026 STC Panel dates.

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7. Updates on other Industry Codes

7009. The Chair highlighted the Headline Report links for up-to-date information on other industry codes.

8. Any Other Business

Soft launch for System Access Reform (SAR) Transmission Acceleration.

- 7010. DN presented the Code Changes – Transmission Acceleration to the Panel.
- 7011. The programme aims to transform system access planning to support essential electricity development, aligning with Clean Power 2030 and 2050 net zero goals. It focuses on designing a new end-to-end planning process, delivering transmission acceleration recommendations, and developing a rolling access plan to 2035. Collaboration with multiple stakeholders and joint ownership with TOS are key features.
- 7012. The programme has three main goals: redesign system asset planning; implement the new process; and deliver 32 specific actions including STC, SQSS, and critical changes. It will run for 18 months, starting with quick wins, then optimisation, and finally innovation opportunities.
- 7013. The programme incorporates 32 recommendations from the transmission acceleration report, including formalising emergency winter risk processes and reviewing SQSS policies with robust controls.
- 7014. The programme is jointly managed with TOS, beginning with the current soft launch and a full launch planned for September 2025. Engagement with directors and planning managers is ongoing to secure buy-in and support.
- 7015. Past attempts to change the SQSS have been difficult; thus, the programme prioritizes quick wins and innovation while carefully timing and aligning changes to minimize disruption.
- 7016. The programme addresses the increase in network connections by firming up planning processes, reducing replanning, and enhancing stability across system operations. It will continue through December 2026.

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STC Consequential modification for CMP447

- 7017. SB gave an update to the STC consequential modification for CMP447 (follow on modification to CMP428). The modification addresses changes to definitions and treatment of attributable works within the Connection and Use of System Code (CUSC), correcting errors and improving the framework for user commitments and cost allocations, particularly for Generators.
- 7018. SB highlighted the need to update definitions in the STC to reflect new CUSC definitions introduced by CMP447, especially correcting the misspelling of "Excepted Works" (misspelt as "Expected Works") and amending "Attributable Works".
- 7019. CMP447 addresses issues with the user commitment regime, specifically related to costs assigned to generators for circuit elements that are not generator-dependent but have cancellation charges. It introduces the concept of Excepted Works to allow removal of certain costs from Attributable Works.
- 7020. Related modification CM094 proposed excluding acceleration of strategic transmission investments from Attributable Works but was rejected despite having potential merit. CMP447 incorporates some of CM094's concepts to adjust relevant generator fixes.
- 7021. CMP447 uses a flexible approach for designating works by the Authority to address unnecessary securities and barriers to entry, aiming to enhance competition under CUSC charging objectives.
- 7022. Adjustment of fixed attributable works: CMP428 suggested adjusting fixed Attributable Works for relevant generators by removing certain elements from their fix, maintaining the principle that fixed Attributable Works cannot be further adjusted once fixed.

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- 7023. ML discussed the process of appointing an alternate member through the ENA to support Offshore Transmission Owners (OFTO), currently without an alternate, to ensure meetings are quorate if both primary members are unavailable. The process and timing for this appointment remains uncertain and requires confirmation.

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Dates of next Meeting

The next STC Panel meeting will be held on **20 August 2025**

New Modification Proposals to be submitted by **05 August 2025**

STC Panel Papers Day is **12 August 2025**