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STC Panel Minutes 20 August 2025

STC Panel Minutes: Meeting Number: 236

Date:	20 August 2025	Location:	Microsoft Teams
Start:	10.00	End:	12.00

Participants

Kat Higby	KH	NESO Panel Chair, Senior Code Governance Lead
Deborah Spencer	DS	NESO Tech Sec, Code Administrator
Karen Stanton	KS	NESO Tech Sec, Code Administrator
Alice Siri	AS	Authority Representative
Amanda Rooney	AR	Observer
Antony Johnson	AJ	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NESO) (Alternate)
Ben Sayah	BS	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Harriet Eckweiler	HE	Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc. (SHET)
Emily Fare	EF	Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc. (SHET) (Alternate)
Lewis Mogan	LM	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET) (Alternate)
Mike Lee	ML	Offshore Transmission Owner (OFTO)
Neil Geddes	NG	Scottish Power Transmission (SPT) (Alternate)
Paul Mott	PM	NESO Observer

Apologies

Attendee	Initials	Representing
Claire Newton	CN	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NESO)

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Presenters

Graham Lear	GL	NESO Technical Codes support PM0133
Steve Baker	SB	NESO Proposer of CM0103
Tom Goss	SB	NESO support for CM0103

1. Introductions, Apologies for Absence

7024. The Chair formally welcomed Panel members to the August STC Panel meeting. Apologies were received from Gareth Williams and Claire Newton.

2. Minutes from previous meeting

7025. The Chair confirmed that the minutes from the July Panel meeting had been circulated and invited members to provide any comments or proposed amendments. No revisions were requested by the Panel.

7026. The Chair confirmed that the minutes from the July meeting would be published on the designated industry website.

3. Review of actions log

7027. STC Panel members reviewed the open actions and agreed that **6893** should be closed as PM0133 was presented at today's Panel meeting.

7028. Action **6954** was also marked as closed as it was agreed that ML would raise a Proposal for presentation at the September STC Panel meeting.

4. Horizon Scan

7029. The Chair informed Panel members that four new modification proposals are scheduled for review at the September STC Panel meeting, noting that this will result in a particularly full agenda. It was also confirmed by the Panel that there are currently no outstanding matters concerning Metering Polarity.

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5. Authority Decisions and Updates

7030.No new decisions have been received since July STC Panel.

7031. The Authority representative shared a presentation on the Strategic Direction Statement (SDS), advising they would provide a written statement of The Authority's intentions. While the preliminary Strategic Direction Statement is available, the final version's publication date is not yet confirmed but will be communicated in due course.

7032.Proposals to grant Code Manager licences for the Balancing and Settlement Code(BSC), and direct codes have been published, detailing the reasons behind these decisions and inviting stakeholder feedback over a 28-day period.

7033.Stakeholders will receive updates as more information becomes available.

6. Draft STC/STCP New modifications

PM0133 – Network Services Feasibility Studies

7034.GL gave an update on PM0133, the Proposal was originally submitted to December 2024 STC Panel as a draft Proposal. It was suggested at the time that the Proposer take the proposal away to develop it further and bring it back to STC Panel at a later date.

7035.It was agreed that a new STCP, designated STCP17-2, would be developed. Panel members recognised that, as this is a new STCP, it constitutes a material change; therefore, it was recommended that the Proposer consult The Authority for guidance, although the final determination rests with the Panel. The Proposal is scheduled for presentation at the September Panel meeting.

7. New STC/STCP Modification Proposals for Panel Decision

CM0102 – Rectification to implementation of various Legal Text

7036.The Chair updated Panel members on the corrections made to errors in the legal text within the CM0102 modification which had previously been approved at July Panel.

7037. Panel members were informed of additional issues identified, including inaccuracies in the cost applicable objectives, the inclusion of an

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unintended supplementary table, and a minor alphabetical correction within the definitions table. All matters were resolved prior to the resubmission.

7038. Panel members unanimously agreed to approve the modification, confirming the Fast-Track Self-Governance criteria and setting a new appeals window starting 22 August and an implementation date of 24 September.

CM0103 – STC Consequential Modification for CMP447 (Following on Modification to CMP428)

7039. SB provided an update to the Panel, highlighting the proposed modification designed to align STC definitions with CMP447. The update also covered minor corrections and additional considerations for data sharing and notification procedures.

7040. Additional points were raised regarding the requirements for notification and data sharing between NESO and TOs, highlighting the importance of establishing clear communication prior to submitting any exceptions to Ofgem. These items are not considered urgent and may be addressed through a separate or future modification.

7041. The Panel agreed that the modification had a clear defect and solution, met the Self-Governance criteria and should proceed to consultation. A separate but related STCP may be raised going forward.

7042. The consultation period is set from 22 August to 15 September 2025, with a Draft Final Modification Report (DFMR) to follow in October and a determination vote later that month, aiming for implementation in line with CMP447.

8. Inflight Modification Updates

7043. The Chair updated Panel members on CM097, the Proposer is requesting an extension to the timeline, as the cost recovery mod in The Connection and Use of System Code (CUSC) needs to be developed for CM097. Other modifications affected are GC0168 and PM0147, these modifications will also be on hold until the CUSC modification is developed.

7044. AJ advised the Panel that discussions were still ongoing, with comparison being drawn to previous mechanisms such as the system restoration

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standard. The CUSC modification has significant work to address before progressing. While the underlying issues are similar, the cost recovery methods differ between Generators and Transmission Owners, particularly concerning the need for detailed Electro Magnetic Transient (EMT) models for certain equipment.

7045. The ask of Panel was to agree to the revised timeline with dates set to TBC, reflecting the need to await further development of the CUSC modification before proceeding. Panel members raised no objections.

9. Workgroup Reports

There were no Workgroup Reports presented to the Panel.

10. Draft Final Modification Reports

There were no Draft Modification Reports presented to the Panel.

11. Code Administrator Updates

There were no Code Administrator Updates.

12. Any Other Business

No AOB was raised.

Dates of next Meeting

The next STC Panel meeting will be held on **24 September 2025**

New Modification Proposals to be submitted by **09 September 2025**

STC Panel Papers Day is **16 September 2025**