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# STC Panel Minutes 24 September 2025

STC Panel Minutes: Meeting Number: 237

Date:	24 September 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
Alice Siri	AS	Authority Representative
Ben Sayah	BS	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Claire Newton	CN	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NESO)
Dove Kvedyte-Corrigan	DKC	Authority Representative
Gareth Williams	GW	Scottish Power Transmission plc. (SPT)
Harriet Eckweiler	HE	Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc. (SHET)
Mike Lee	ML	Offshore Transmission Owner (OFTO)

## Presenters

Alex Curtis	AC	NESO Observer PM0148
Nick George	NG	Update on Due dates for Monthly Payments to TO's
Steve Baker	SB	NESO Proposer of PM0148
Stuart McLaren	SM	CM0139 Update on related consequential modifications

## 1. Introductions, Apologies for Absence

7046. The Chair formally welcomed Panel members to the September STC Panel meeting.

## 2. Minutes from previous meeting

7047. The Chair confirmed that the minutes from August STC Panel meeting had been circulated to all Panel members in advance of the current session for review and the submission of any comments or suggested amendments. In

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response to a Panel member's request for a minor modification, the minutes were duly updated and reissued prior to the September Panel meeting.

7048. The Panel formally confirmed approval of the minutes from the August meeting. The Chair noted that these approved minutes would be published on the August Panel webpage in due course.

### 3. Review of actions log

7049. The Panel received an update regarding the status of the outstanding action. ML confirmed that action **6954** is actively being addressed and can now be considered closed.

### 4. Horizon Scan

7050. The Chair provided Panel members with an overview of forthcoming proposals scheduled for consideration at future STC Panel meetings.

### 5. Authority Decisions and Updates

7051. The Chair confirmed that there were currently no STC modification proposals awaiting a decision from the Authority. However, drew attention to PM0134, noting that although it was originally scheduled for implementation in April alongside the other Connection modifications, it had been missed from the implementation but has now been successfully implemented. Furthermore, the Chair advised that a formal process has been established to ensure that future modifications are not overlooked.

### 6. Draft STC/STCP New modifications

There were no Draft STC/STCP modifications presented to the Panel.

### 7. New STC/STCP Modification Proposals for Panel Decision

#### **PM0148 'STCP consequential Modification for CMP447: Removal of designated strategic works from cancellation charges/securitisation'**

7052. SB presented the proposed STCP modification PM0148 highlighting this was a consequential change to reflect the changes made in CMP447. Details of the legal text changes were also shared.

7053. CN highlighted that a small change was needed in the legal text for Appendix B on the second line of the paragraph, to which the Proposer

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confirmed the update would be done and sent to the Code Governance team ahead of implementation.

7054. Further clarification was requested by a number of Panel members that the proposer and CMP447 SME were able to answer in the meeting.

7055. Panel members agreed there was no materiality and PM0148 should be implemented in line with CMP447.

## 8. Inflight Modification Updates/Potential New Modifications

There were no inflight modification updates to be presented to the Panel.

## 9. Workgroup Reports

There were no Workgroup Reports presented to the Panel.

## 10. Draft Final Modification Reports

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

## 11. Code Administrator Updates

There were no Code Administrator updates presented to the Panel.

## 12. Any Other Business

**GC0181: Enhance the Effectiveness of System Incidents Reporting – Request for STC representative.**

7056. The Chair extended a formal request to Panel members for a volunteer to represent the STC Panel at Workgroup meetings concerning GC0181, once the Workgroup commences. GW confirmed their willingness to serve as the STC Panel representative for this modification.

**Update: GC0139 related Consequential modification**

7057. SM informed the Panel that, in light of recent developments related to GC0139, a new STCP will be drafted. This STCP will aim to align how connection boundaries are specified between TOs and NESO. An initial version of the draft STCP will be circulated to Panel members for their review and input, enabling them to provide guidance prior to the submission of the formal STCP.

## New STC Modification for CSNP

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7058. SM also mention to STC Panel members that an STCP modification is being considered in relation to the Electricity Ten Year Statement as NESO are moving away from NOA towards the CSNP.

### **New STC Modification for B/07**

7059. SM mentioned a third potential STCP modification. This modification is related to B/07 in the Planning Code within the Grid Code. B/07 involves the checking of access groups and periods. NESO is concerned that B/07 in the Grid Code places obligations on TOs, which TOs do not have to follow as they are not bound by the Grid Code.

7060. A number of STC Panel members had questions around what currently happens at the moment and why the detail in Grid Code was not sufficient.

7061. ML advised the STC Panel members that obligation for TOs would need to be set out in the STCP in relation to the above as TOs are not covered in the Grid Code.

### **Update on PM0149 Reconciliation – Change to STCP 19 – 2**

7062. HE informed the STC Panel members that, following the submission of the draft Proposal DMP01 in May 2025, further discussions had been held with NESO to produce a more robust solution before bringing it back to STC Panel. As a result, the Proposal was updated to incorporate feedback provided and a formal Proposal will be presented to October STC Panel.

### **Update on Due Date for Monthly Payments to TO's**

7063. NG gave an overview of the problems statement, advising STC Panel that as the payments to TO's can fall on the same day that NESO is due to received payments for TNUoS and Connection Charges, this is causing cashflow problems for NESO now that they are an independent, government owned entity.

7064. The proposal is to amend STC section E and STCP 13-1 so that TO payments are made on 2<sup>nd</sup> Business Day immediately following the 14<sup>th</sup> of the month.

7065. NG shared the suggested legal text changes and advised STC Panel members that the Draft Proposal and legal text would be presented at the October Panel.

7066. BS asked if it would be possible to see the proposal and legal text ahead of the October Panel.

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7067. The Chair responded advising that all documentation would be shared on Panel Papers Day, 21 October, so STC Panel members could review ahead of the next STC Panel meeting on 29 October 2025.

7068. CN informed the STC Panel members that the upcoming GCDF meeting, originally scheduled for 1 October, would be cancelled.

7069. The Chair thanked STC Panel members for their valuable contributions and engagement throughout the meeting, and formally declared the meeting closed.

## Dates of next Meeting

The next STC Panel meeting will be held on **29 October 2025**

New Modification Proposals to be submitted by **14 October 2025**

STC Panel Papers Day is **21 October 2025**