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STC Panel Minutes 29 October 2025

STC Panel Minutes: Number 238

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Start: 10:00 End: 13:00

Participants

Kat Higby	KH	NESO Panel Chair, Senior Code Governance Lead
Matthew Larreta	ML	NESO Panel Technical Secretary, Code Governance Lead
Deborah Spencer	DS	NESO, Code Governance Lead
Gareth Williams	GW	Scottish Power Transmission plc. (SPT)
Matthew Paige-Stimson	MPS	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET) (Alternate)
Mike Lee	ML	Offshore Transmission Owner (OFTO)
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Harriet Eckweiler	HE	Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc. (SHET)
Megan Hughes	MH	Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc. (SHET) (Alternate)
Claire Newton	CN	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NESO)
Alice Siri	AS	Authority Representative
Dove Kvedyte-Corrigan	DKC	Authority Representative

Presenters

Haarith Dhorat	HD	PM0133 Subject Matter Expert, NESO
Hao Guo	HG	CM0105 Subject Matter Expert, NESO
Harriet Eckweiler	HE	PM0149 Proposer, Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc. (SHET)
Graham Lear	GL	PM0133 Proposer, NESO
Nick George	NG	CM0104 and PM0150 Proposer, NESO
Pritesh Patel	PP	CM0105 Subject Matter Expert, NESO
Stephen Baker	SB	CM0103 and PM0151 Proposer, NESO
Thomas Goss	TG	CM0105 Proposer, NESO

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1. Introductions, Apologies for Absence

7070. The Chair welcomed Panel members to the October STC Panel meeting.

2. Minutes from previous meeting

7071. The Chair confirmed that the minutes from the 24 September STC Panel meeting had been circulated to all Panel members in advance for review and the submission of any comments or amendments. CN noted some minor amendments, the Chair confirmed that the amendments had been accepted and would be included in the final published version.

3. Review of actions log

7072. The Chair confirmed that there were no open actions to review.

4. Chair's Update

Horizon Scanning

7073. The Chair noted the expected modifications expected to be presented to Panel in the coming months. The Chair agreed to add an additional modification number column to the Horizon Scanning table to improve clarity for Panel members.

Authority Updates

7074. The Chair confirmed that there had been no Authority decisions or implementation updates since the September 2025 STC Panel.

7075. The Authority representative shared the following written update during the Panel meeting:

"Following our 2024 joint consultation with DESNZ, we confirmed that code managers will need to:

- Include performance indicators in their codes, and*
- Publish annual reports on how they're performing against these.*

We asked Elexon and RECCo to help us develop initial metrics, which we've been refining together. These will inform proposals we plan to consult on

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in due course. To support this, we held a stakeholder workgroup on 23rd September to test the draft metrics. Feedback from that session will help us improve them ahead of consultation, where there'll be further opportunity to input."

5. Draft STC/STCP New modifications

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

6. New STC/STCP Modification Proposals for Panel Decision

CM0104: Due Date for Monthly Payments to Transmission Operators (TOs)

NG presented the proposed STC modification CM0104. NG explained that the modification will ensure payments to Transmission Owners (TOs) occur one Business Day after receiving User payments, addressing the need for NESO to independently manage cash flow following separation from National Grid and resolving inconsistencies between STC Section E and STCP 13-1.

MPS noted the cash flow impact and suggested interest provisions for delayed payments. NG clarified that the legal obligation is already to pay on the 16th day, and the change formalises current practice rather than introducing new financial consequences.

The Panel unanimously agreed that CM0104 should follow the Self-Governance route and proceed to Code Administrator Consultation.

PM0150: Due Date for Monthly Payments to Transmission Owners (TOs)

NG presented the proposed STCP modification PM0150, a consequential modification to CM0104.

The Panel unanimously agreed that PM0150 can be implemented in line with CM0104.

CM0105: Standardisation of Power Flow Metering Polarity

TG presented the proposed STC modification CM0105, noting that it is a subsequent modification to GC0182, which is currently at the Workgroup stage.

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TG explained that inconsistent implementation of meter polarity across Generators, TOs, and other stakeholders leads to inaccurate power flow data, reduced situational awareness, and increased system security risks, potentially breaching the SQSS and incurring significant balancing costs.

TG confirmed that the modification proposes a unified meter polarity standard for new connections and meter replacements, avoiding mandatory retroactive changes to existing meters due to high costs. New sites and natural replacements will adhere to the standard, gradually resolving the backlog of affected meters.

ML highlighted the complexity of correcting meter polarity, noting that fixes often involve database updates rather than physical wiring changes, and emphasised the need for a process to inform stakeholders of affected meters and coordinate changes to avoid errors.

MPS asked about the modification's applicability to settlement metering. CN and HG clarified that the focus is on operational metering, not settlement metering, and confirmed alignment with industry conventions following consultation with Alexion.

The Panel unanimously agreed that CM0105 should follow the Standard Governance route and proceed to Workgroup. The Panel agreed the Terms of Reference for the Workgroup.

PM0133: Network Services Feasibility Studies

GL presented the proposed STCP modification PM0133. The modification seeks to introduce a new STCP (STCP17-2) that outlines the process for network services feasibility studies, as there is currently no codified approach to requesting feasibility studies to support Network Services procurement exercises.

GL noted that the STC Panel agreed with their assessment that it constitutes a material STCP modification during the STC Panel on 20 August 2025. The

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Authority have confirmed that the STC Panel can make the final approval decision on this STCP modification.

GL and GG discussed feedback from TOs, including the need for initial discussions before formal requests and concerns about the volume of requests. GL confirmed that the proposal was revised to address these points, but numerous Panel members requested an additional review to fully address these points.

The Panel did not agree to implement the modification. The Proposer was asked to liaise with Panel members and return to the Panel once their concerns have been resolved.

PM0149: Reconciliation – Change to STCP 19-2

HE presented the proposed STCP modification PM0149, which seeks to update STCP 19-2 (Construction Process & Scheme Closure) Section 7.2.1 to align with CUSC Section 2.14.3 (c) to allow a longer reconciliation period for TOs when required.

CN confirmed that HE has incorporated NESO's feedback into their proposal.

The Panel unanimously agreed that PM0149 can proceed to implementation.

PM0151: Introducing Competitively Appointed Transmission Owners to TO Lists on all Definitions

SB presented the proposed STCP modification PM0151, which seeks to add Competitively Appointed Transmission Owners (CATOs) to lists of TOs in all Procedures Definitions. SB confirmed that this is a consequential modification to several code modification approved by the Authority in April 2025.

CN suggested minor formatting corrections, which SB agreed to.

The Panel unanimously agreed that PM0151 can proceed to implementation. The Panel noted that due to the number of Legal Texts to be updated, the Implementation Date will be 20 Business Days after Panel decision.

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7. Inflight Modification Updates/Potential New Modifications

CM093: Extending the principles of the User Commitment Methodology to Final Sums Methodology as a consequence of CUSC Modification CMP417

The Chair confirmed that as CM093 is a consequential modification to CMP417, which is no longer on hold, a new timeline is required for CM093 which reflects Workgroups resuming and an implementation date in line with CMP417.

The Panel approved the new timeline for CM093.

8. Workgroup Reports

There were no Workgroup Reports presented to the Panel.

9. Draft Final Modification Reports

CM0103: STC Consequential Modification for CMP447 (Follow on Modification to CMP428)

The Chair presented the CM0103 Draft Final Modification Report to the Panel.

They confirmed that the modification seeks to introduce consequential changes needed to reflect the new CUSC definitions of terms, if CMP447 is approved as expected towards the end of October 2025.

The Chair confirmed that one non-confidential response (from the Proposer) was received for the Code Administrator Consultation, which supported the modification for better facilitating applicable objectives and reducing barriers for new Generation projects.

The Chair led the Panel through the determination vote, confirming individual votes and voting statements for each Panel member. The Panel determined unanimously that the Proposer's solution better facilitates the STC Applicable Objectives.

The Chair confirmed that the Appeals window will open on 07 November 2025 and will close on 28 November 2025. The implementation date will be 10 Business Days after the Authority Decision on CMP447.

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10. Code Administrator Updates

The Chair confirmed that a new STC Panel Technical Secretary had been appointed to replace DS.

21. Any Other Business

No other business was raised by Panel members.

Dates of next Meeting

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

New Modification Proposals to be submitted by **11 November 2025**.

STC Panel Papers Day is **18 November 2025**.