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STC Panel Headline Report 25 February 2026

The Headline Report is produced after every Panel and aims to provide an overview of the key decisions made. Minutes for this meeting will be published separately.

Approval of Panel Minutes

Approval of the December STC Panel minutes was deferred until the Chair had reviewed additional comments received late from the NESO Alternate. The Chair will recirculate the minutes and should there be no objections, they will be considered approved and published.

New Modifications

The following new modification proposals were presented to the Panel:

PM0153: System Access Reform. Emergency Return to Service (ERTS): Profiling Review.

This proposal seeks to revise the criteria for recalling circuits with extended Emergency Return to Service (ERTS) by mandating use of the Winter Risk Policy Form to document system margins, enabling more secure progression of winter outages.

The Panel unanimously agreed that changes in PM0153 are material. However, they also agreed that the Legal Text needs further revision and that this work must be done before formal approval of the modification can take place.

PM0153 documentation can be found [here](#).

PM0154: STCP16 - System Access Reform. Investment Planning Process - Data on Constraint Costs.

The proposal seeks to amend STCP 16-1 Paragraphs 4.2.7 and 4.2.8 to enhance investment planning for UK electricity transmission projects. The amendments are administrative and do not alter fundamental rights or obligations. The Proposer confirmed that PM0154 can be implemented independently of PM0153.

The Panel unanimously agreed that the modification is non-material and agreed to the implementation next steps, noting that implementation will be in 10 Business Days post-approval.

PM0154 documentation can be found [here](#).

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New / Pending Authority Decisions

There have been no new Authority decisions on STC modifications since the January 2026 STC Panel.

In-flight Modifications

No in-flight modification updates were presented to the Panel.

Workgroup Reports

No Workgroup Reports were presented to the Panel.

Draft Final Modification Reports

No Draft Final Modification Reports were presented to the Panel.

Any other business

Update Planning References in published Electricity Transmission codes – Proposal for removing redundant references from the STC and Grid Code.

The Panel received an update on the forthcoming Centralised Strategic Network Plan (CSNP), which will replace the Electricity Ten Year Statement (ETYS) and remove several legacy outputs. Consequential amendments will be required across the STC and STCPs, largely to replace ETYS references with CSNP and remove obsolete provisions. The final ETYS is expected to be issued in summer 2026, noting that the licence has already been updated.

A list of affected STC and STCP sections was shared with the Panel, with related changes also anticipated to the Grid Code and CUSC. The proposal and draft Legal Text are nearing completion, with a full presentation planned for the March STC Panel meeting. Panel members requested early sight of documentation and suggested that future modifications should clearly document stakeholder engagement.

Ofgem consultation

The Panel were informed that Ofgem published a consultation on 23 February 2026 on proposed indicators of Ofgem’s performance and health of the energy sector. The consultation closes on 07 April 2026. The Ofgem consultation can be found [here](#).

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Request for contributions for GC0181

A Panel member asked for assistance from NGET and SSE Panel members to obtain a map of PMUs (Phasor Measurement Units) for GC0181. The NGET Panel member confirmed they would supply the data.

STC Party registration

A Panel member requested an update from the Code Governance Team on his ongoing STC Party registration query. The Chair confirmed that they would respond directly to the Panel member.

Key Activities ahead of the next STC Panel meeting

Modification Proposal Deadline for March STC Panel: **10 March 2026**

Papers Day for March STC Panel: **17 March 2026**

Questions or feedback?

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