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# STC Panel Minutes 28 January 2026

STC Panel Minutes: Number 240

Date: 28 January 2026 Location: Microsoft Teams

Start: 10:00 End: 11:30

## Participants

Kat Higby	KH	NESO Panel Chair, Code Governance
Matthew Larreta	ML	NESO Panel Technical Secretary, Code Governance
Teri Puddefoot	TP	Observer, Code Governance
Alice Siri	AS	Authority Representative
Claire Newton	CN	National Energy System Operator (NESO)
Ben Sayah	BS	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Dove Kvedyte-Corrigan	DKC	Authority Representative
Gareth Williams	GW	Scottish Power Transmission plc. (SPT)
Harriet Eckweiler	HE	Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc. (SHET)
Lewis Morgan	LM	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET) (Alternate)
Meghan Hughes	MH	Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc. (SHET) (Alternate)
Mike Lee	ML	Offshore Transmission Owner (OFTO)

## Presenters

Amanda Rooney	AR	Technical Code Change Lead (NESO)
Frank Kasibante	FK	Senior Technical Codes Change Lead (NESO)

## 1. Introductions, Apologies for Absence

1.1 The Chair welcomed Panel members to the January STC Panel meeting.

## 2. Minutes from previous meeting

2.1 Approval of the December 2025 Panel minutes was deferred to the February 2026 Panel, pending confirmation from the previous Chair. Minutes will be circulated for review before the next meeting.

## 3. Review of actions log

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

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## 4. Chair's Update

### Horizon Scanning

- 4.1 The Chair highlighted upcoming modifications [PM0152](#) (on this agenda), the expected return of [PM0133](#) and [PM0147](#) (linked to [GC0168](#)), and a final sums modification from NESO, all anticipated in February or March. Additional items include further connexions reform mods, system access reform, and [GC0139](#)-related modifications, with dates to be confirmed.
- 4.2 BS raised the need to add Centralised Strategic Network Plan (CSNP) changes to the horizon scanner, which CN confirmed is being discussed internally and will be added for next month.
- 4.3 HE enquired about upcoming connections reform modifications. CN clarified that only a final sums modification is currently known, with the others acting as placeholders.

## 5. Authority Decisions

- 5.1 The Chair confirmed that there had been no Authority decisions or implementation updates since the December 2025 STC Panel.
- 5.2 AS shared the launch of an expression of interest process for Code Manager candidates for the Consolidated Electricity Commercial Code and Consolidated Gas Network Code, as part of phase two of Energy Code Reform. The process involves submitting an eligibility assessment form, with the selection route (competitive or non-competitive) depending on the number of eligible candidates. The invitation closes in March 2026.
- 5.3 DKC clarified that this process is for commercial and gas codes in Phase Two, not for the STC, which will be addressed in Phase Three. BS asked about the expected consultation date on Code Modification Process Text. DKC confirmed they would check the timeline and respond via email.

## 6. Draft STC/STCP New modifications

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

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## 7. New Modifications

### PM0152: STCP Legal Text Rectifications January 2026

- 7.1 AR presented PM0152, a housekeeping modification addressing minor Legal Text issues across several STCPs, including spelling, formatting, removal of outdated terms, and updates to defined terms and links. The changes are intended to be non-material and fast-tracked.
- 7.2 GW asked for clarification on the changing of 'Replacement' to 'Reuse' and whether 'Reuse' is a defined term. AR confirmed it is and explained the rationale.
- 7.3 LM queried the use of 'eNAMS' as a defined term, which AR confirmed was a missed consequential change from a previous modification.
- 7.4 GW asked about the reliability of updated links. AR explained that the changes were due to website transitions and are highlighted in the documents.
- 7.5 The Panel unanimously agreed with the materiality of the STCP change and agreed to proceed to implementation, noting the implementation date of 12 February 2026.
- 7.6 BS approved the implementation but requested more time to review the Legal Text, suggesting his final approval would be confirmed post-meeting. No objections were raised. The Chair committed to making expectations for Legal Text reviews clearer for new Panel members.

***(Post meeting note: BS confirmed by email that they were content with the Legal Text and approved the implementation).***

## 8. In flight Modification Updates

### CM0105: Standardisation of Power Flow Metering Polarity

- 8.1 The Chair confirmed that a new timeline is required for CM0105 as the initial Workgroup was not quorate, requiring more time to complete Workgroups.

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CN noted that CM105 is associated with [GC0182](#), highlighting the joined-up nature of the work and that progress on GC0182 may influence CM0105.

8.2 The Panel approved the new timeline for CM0105.

## 9. Workgroup Reports

9.1 There were no Workgroup Reports presented to the Panel.

## 10. Draft Final Modification Reports

10.1 There were no Draft Modification Workgroup Reports presented to the Panel.

## 11. Code Administrator Updates

11.1 There was no Code Administrator update presented to the Panel.

## 12. Update on other Industry Codes

12.1 The Chair noted recent CUSC and Grid Code panel meetings.

## 13. Any Other Business

### GC0181 Update

13.1 FK provided an update on [GC0181](#), which seeks to enhance system incident reporting, including reducing reporting time, increasing sampling rates, and expanding frequency measurement coverage. FK outlined concerns in the GC0181 Workgroups about data confidentiality, PMU availability, and system architecture.

13.2 GW noted efforts to gather TO feedback, with ML raising governance and cost-benefit concerns. CN discussed process gaps in identifying cross-code impacts. BS clarified that a consequential STC modification would be needed if a defect is identified, but FK confirmed none had been established yet.

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- 13.3 HE asked for clarification should GC0181 be approved but STC Panel rejects a consequential change. The Chair confirmed that there is potential to not progress GC0181 if an STC consequential change is not approved by STC Panel.
- 13.4 GW and FK discussed incident reporting requirements and PMU rollout, including confidentiality of PMU location data.
- 13.5 FK shared a series of questions raised during GC0181 Workgroup 3, relating to PMU data sharing, costs, coverage and timelines, specifications, and future improvements. FK asked TO representative STC Panel members to take these questions back to their subject matter experts and provide their responses before the next GC0181 Workgroup meeting on 18 February 2026. Responses are to be sent to FK or GW.
- 13.6 The Panel agreed to continue discussions, gather SME input, and provide input for the next GC0181 Workgroup meeting.

## Dates of next Meeting

The next STC Panel meeting will be held on **25 February 2026**.

New Modification Proposals to be submitted by **10 February 2026**.

STC Panel Papers Day is **17 February 2026**.