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STC Panel Minutes

29 July 2026

Date:	29 July 2026	Location:	Microsoft Teams
Start:	10:00	End:	11:15

Participants

Fionnghuala Malone	FMH	Interim STC Panel Chair, Industry Governance Manager
Tammy Meek	TM	Alternate STC, Tech Sec, Code Administrator
Claire Newton	CN	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NESO)
Harriet Eckweiler	HE	Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc. (SHET)
Mike Lee	ML	Offshore Transmission Owner (OFTO)
Roger Carter	RC	Offshore Transmission Owner (OFTO) (Alternate)
Neil Geddes	NG	Scottish Power Transmission plc. (SPT)
Ben Sayah	BS	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Lewis Mogan	LM	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET) (Alternate)
Dove Kvedyte-Corrigan	DKC	Authority Representative
Susan Brush	SB	Authority Representative

Apologies

Attendee	Initials	Representing
Gareth Williams	GW	Scottish Power Transmission plc. (SPT)
Joel Matthews	JM	Offshore Transmission Owner (OFTO)

Presenters

Ayo Bammeke	AB	Observer
Catia Gomes	CG	Code Governance, NESO

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Graham Lear	GL	NESO, Presenting CM0109
Tom Goss	TG	NESO, Presenting CM0107

1. Introductions, Apologies for Absence

1. Apologies were received from Gareth Williams and Joel Matthews

2. Minutes from previous meeting

2. The meeting minutes from the Panel on 24 June 2026 were approved subject to minor comments from the Panel being incorporated.

3. Review of actions log

3. The STC Panel agreed to review the following open actions at the July STC Panel:
 - Action 07: Closed. Panel provided their feedback on the SDS Prioritisation and discussed in the July STC Panel.
 - Action 08: Closed. Minutes from the May Panel were amended and circulated to Panel members.
 - Action 09: Open. CN advised NESO, the TOs and the Authority continue to discuss final sums options weekly. A direct agreement is currently considered the most efficient route, although a modification may still be required. The Workgroup is aware of the 2027 TNUoS deadline, and a non-code solution remains under consideration.
 - Action 10: Closed. STC Prioritisation Framework was circulated to Panel members.
 - Action 11: Closed. Panel members provided feedback for the SDS Prioritisation.
 - Action 12: Open. Updated Proposal forms to be circulated after Panel meeting once the final amendments have been incorporated.
 - Action 13: Open. An update will be provided on CM0108: Managing STC impacts from CMP471 Interim Connection Date Delay Process Ahead of CMP434 and PM0159: Managing STCP impacts from CMP471 Interim

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Connection Date Delay Process Ahead of CMP434 when the approval of the CMP471 amended timeline has been received from the Authority.

4. Horizon Scan

4. FM advised that the Final Sums modification has been removed from the Horizon Scan. No other changes have been made.
5. CN queried the new entry on the Horizon Scan and advised they would reach out to the Proposer to see whether Technical Codes could support with the draft Proposal.
6. HE queried when the second part to CM0107 will be raised. TG advised that the STCP was still being developed and there were internal and external discussions with stakeholders ongoing. The modification will potentially come later in the year. BS and TG agreed dedicated stakeholder discussions may be beneficial to all affected parties to review and agree the changes ahead of formal governance to help minimise the risk of subsequent challenge or delay.
7. CN requested TG's update to be included under PM0157 on the Horizon Scan.
8. CN requested an update from the Authority regarding PM0158 and when a decision will be reached on Ofgem / STC Panel making the decision, as the changes have a material operational impact for the NESO revenue team and NESO would like this to be brought to the August STC Panel.

5. Authority Decisions and Updates

11. No Authority Decisions have been received since the June STC Panel.

6. Draft STC/STCP New modifications

12. None.

7. New STC/STCP Modification Proposals for Panel Decision

CM0109: Schedule 2 Update

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13. GL delivered a presentation on CM0109. GL explained that this modification improves the format of Schedule 2 which lists the STCPs. Changing the format will provide a clearer record and versions which will help identify which procedures are currently live. The change is administrative in nature and does not alter the underlying provisions of the STCPs. The modification was proposed to progress via the Fast Track Self-Governance route
14. The Panel unanimously agreed that CM0109 should follow the Fast-Track Self-Governance route and proceed to an appeals window.
15. Appeals window to open on 03 August 2026 and close 24 August 2026 ahead of implementation.

8. Inflight Modification Updates/Potential New Modifications

CM079: Consideration of STC/STCP changes in relation to CMP330/374

16. FM advised the Proposer of CM079 withdrew the modification. A request for a new Proposer was issued to industry on 23 July 2026 and will close on 30 July 2026. CM079 may be officially withdrawn in the August Panel if no Proposers adopt the modification.

CM0107: Update for Centralised Strategic Network Plan

17. The Panel approved the new timeline as submitted within the Panel Papers.

The next Modification Tracker will be published on 07 August 2026.

9. Workgroup Reports

18. There were no Workgroup Reports presented to the Panel.

10. Draft Final Modification Reports

CM0107: Update for Centralised Strategic Network Plan

19. TG presented CM0107, which updates the STC to align with the transition from the ETYS to the Centralised Strategic Network Plan (CSNP) arrangements.

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20. TG advised that Code Administrator Consultation responses were broadly supportive, with one legal text amendment added to Section D to clarify NESO's obligation in information-sharing obligations under the ESO Licence.
21. TG outlined a minor drafting change to Schedule 3, proposed in response to Ofgem feedback, to remove ambiguity while retaining the intended reference to FES.
22. The Panel agreed that the amendment was typographical and non-material, enabling it to be included within CM0107.
23. The Panel held their recommendation vote for CM0107. The Panel determined unanimously that the Proposer's solution better facilitates the STC Applicable Objectives.
24. The Appeals window will open on 07 August 2026 and will close on 29 August 2026. If no appeals are received CM0107 will be implemented on 01 September 2026.

11. Code Administrator Updates

25. There were no updates for the Panel.

12. Any Other Business

Discussion on Prioritisation

26. CG outlined the new prioritisation framework, which requires assessment of modifications against alignment with the Strategic Direction Statement (SDS), importance, and complexity, with equal weighting for each criteria and a focus on relative prioritisation.
27. CG presented the proposed STC modification prioritisation stack and advised this should be reviewed quarterly with new modifications to be assessed as they arise. The Prioritisation Stack will be published alongside the modification tracker.
28. The Panel reviewed the current STC modifications and agreed that only CM0106 required prioritisation at this stage. The Panel assessed CM0106 as having low SDS alignment, medium importance and low complexity,

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and agreed it should be categorised as a standard modification and progress through normal governance timelines.

Energy Code Reform

29. HE sought an update from BS who had been meeting with the Authority on Energy Code Reform, specifically whether there was any indication of when Ofgem would make a decision regarding the future role of the STC Panel.
25. BS advised that discussions were ongoing across the Transmission Owners to work out a strategy and develop a response to queries previously raised and offered to provide HE with an update separately. CN offered to support.
26. DKC confirmed that Energy Code Reform activity remains focused on Phases 1 and 2. Further information on the programme's next publication schedule is expected next month and acknowledged that Phase 3, which is anticipated to include consideration of the STC, will be addressed in due course.

OFTO Appointment

27. ML advised the STC Panel that Roger Carter has been appointed as the new OFTO Alternate.

Dates of next Meeting

The next STC Panel meeting will be held on **26 August 2026**

New Modification Proposals to be submitted by **11 August 2026**

STC Panel Papers Day is **18 August 2026**