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STC Panel Minutes 26 August 2026

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Date:	26 August 2026	Location:	Microsoft Teams
Start:	10:00	End:	11:05

Participants

Teri Puddefoot	TP	NESO Panel Chair, Code Governance
Kayte Stanton-Hughes	KSH	NESO Panel Technical Secretary, Code Governance
Antony Johnson	AJ	National Energy System Operator (NESO) Alternate
Ben Sayah	BH	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
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Gareth Williams	GW	Scottish Power Transmission plc. (SPT)
Harriet Eckweiler	HW	Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc. (SHET)
Mike Lee	ML	Offshore Transmission Owner (OFTO)
Marlon Hall	MH	Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc. (SHET)
Martin Cammidge	MC	Scottish Power Transmission Plc (SPT) Alternate
Matthew Paige-Stimson	MPS	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Roger Carter	RC	Offshore Transmission Owner (OFTO) Alternate
Shilen Shah	SS	Authority Representative
Suzanne Law	SL	Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc. (SHET)
Presenters		
Amanda Rooney	AR	National Energy System Operator - Presenter (PM0158)
Katie Clark	KC	National Energy System Operator – Presenter (PM0158)
Apologies		
Claire Newton	CN	National Energy System Operator (NESO)
Susan Brush	SB	Authority Representative
Joel Matthews	JM	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)

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1. Introductions, Apologies for Absence

1.1 TP welcomed Panel members to the meeting and confirmed that the meeting was quorate.

1.2 Apologies were received from Susan Brush, Claire Newton, and Joel Matthews.

2. Minutes From Previous Meeting

2.1 The Panel reviewed the minutes of the 29 July 2026 meeting. CN provided comments on the minutes in advance of the meeting. Subject to those amendments being incorporated, the Panel approved the minutes for publication.

3. Review of Actions Log

3.1 Action 9 remained open. NESO provided an update on the final sums workstream, noting that recent changes to the connections reform process had affected planning assumptions and that only basic forecasts were expected to be available for the 2027 TNUoS process. NESO confirmed that the longer-term approach may require either an STC modification or a multilateral letter of comfort between affected parties and the Authority. The Panel agreed to keep the action open and continue to monitor progress.

3.2 Action 12 was closed. TP noted that the updated Modification Proposal Form had been shared and is available online. Panel members were reminded to use the online versions to ensure they are using the latest version.

3.3 Action 13 remained open. TP noted that PM0159 is consequential to CMP471 and remains dependent on the ongoing CMP471 process. TP confirmed that a meeting with the PM0159 Proposer was scheduled and that further engagement with the CMP471 Workgroup would take place. A further update is expected at the next Panel meeting.

New Actions:

3.4 **Action 14:** NESO to arrange further engagement with impacted parties on PM0158.

3.5 **Action 15:** Panel members to provide voting statements for PM0158 as soon as possible for inclusion in the submission to the Authority.

4. Chair's Update

Horizon Scanning

4.1 TP presented the horizon scan of upcoming modifications. The Panel noted that there were no substantive updates or movements to report.

5. Authority Decisions

5.1 The Authority Representative provided updates on current Authority decisions. CM078 remains a consequential modification and is not progressing.

5.2 For CM093, the Authority is awaiting confirmation from the relevant decision team and expects to confirm the anticipated decision date in the coming weeks.

5.3 CM097 is expected to be considered by engineering colleagues alongside the Final Modification Report for GC0168, and PM0147 is also expected to be considered at the same time due to the related subject matter.

5.4 For PM0159, further Workgroup activity is required before the timeline can be approved by the Authority. Engagement with the Proposer will continue, and progress remains dependent on developments with CMP471.

5.5 The Authority Representative also highlighted the publication on 7 August 2026 of the decision on code text for the Code Modification Process and Stakeholder Advisory Forum as part of Energy Code Reform. The Panel noted that the Stakeholder Advisory Forum will replace the current Panel arrangements once code managers are designated.

6. Draft STC/STCP Modifications

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

7. New Modifications

PM0158 'Changes to TNUoS Timings Protocol

7.1 TP introduced PM0158 and noted that the modification had previously been considered by Panel, that materiality had been agreed, and that the Authority had confirmed it wished to make the final decision.

7.2 AR presented PM0158 to the Panel, explaining that the modification seeks to amend the TNUoS timings process for the exchange of revenue forecast information between Transmission Owners, Offshore Transmission Owners and NESO.

7.3 KC explained that the proposed changes are intended to improve the quality and timeliness of TNUoS tariffs and forecasts. The proposal would bring forward Offshore Transmission Owner revenue submission deadlines and allow NESO to request additional forecasts outside the standard October 2026 and January 2027 timetable. It would also enable the use of substitute data where more up-to-date information is available, provide for longer-term forecasts and high/low sensitivities, and support greater industry engagement through NESO webinars.

7.4 Panel members broadly supported the objective of improving transparency and forecasting information for industry but raised concerns whether the proposed additional obligations were practical, proportionate and supported by sufficient evidence of consumer benefit. Concerns included the level of evidence for the proposal, the operational effort required to produce ad hoc and longer-term forecasts, the proposed 60-day notice period, the lack of clear limits on frequency and scope, and the risk that longer-term forecasts or sensitivities could imply a level of certainty that does not exist

7.5 Offshore Transmission Owner representatives noted specific concerns around exceptional event determinations and the potential impact of earlier submission deadlines where decisions from the Authority are received close to, or after, the proposed deadline. AR confirmed that they had engaged with Offshore Transmission Owners and that the proposed approach reflected feedback on, but acknowledged the additional concerns raised.

7.6 The Panel discussed whether further engagement should take place before the recommendation vote. AR confirmed that, while they remained willing to continue engagement with impacted parties, they wished the Panel to proceed to a recommendation vote due to the timing of the 2027 forecast process and the January tariff setting timetable. TP noted that any Panel recommendation and supporting voting statements would be provided to the Authority, and that the Authority may determine that further work is required.

7.7 The Panel recommendation vote was one vote in favour and four votes against. Voting statements were requested from Panel representatives and it was noted that these will be submitted to the Authority alongside the proposal and legal text. The Panel Chair noted that, if approved by the Authority, implementation would take place 10 working days after the Authority decision.

8. In Flight Modification Updates

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

8.1 TP explained that the proposer had withdrawn their support for CM079 on 23 July 2026, following the withdrawal of CMP330 and CMP374. As CM079 was consequential to those modifications, it could no longer proceed on that basis. The five-business day withdrawal window had closed with no party coming forward to become proposer. The Panel agreed to the withdrawal of the modification under STC Section B, paragraph 7.2.2.6.

9. Workgroup Reports

9.1 There were no Workgroup Reports presented to the Panel.

10. Draft Final Modification Reports (DFMR)

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

11. Code Administrator Update

11.1 There were no Code Administrator Updates presented to the Panel.

12. Update on other Industry Codes

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

13. Any Other Business

2027 Scheduled STC Panel Meetings

13.1 TP presented the proposed 2027 STC Panel meeting dates. No concerns had been raised in advance and Panel members were broadly comfortable with the proposed schedule. TP noted that the dates would be kept under review and meetings would be cancelled where appropriate if there were no agenda items.

Close

Dates of next Panel meeting

The next STC Panel meeting will be held on 30 September 2026.

STC Panel Papers Day is 22 September 2026.

New Modification Proposals are to be submitted by 15 September 2026.