

# ***STCP 25-1 Issue 004 Significant Code Review Process***

## ***STC Procedure Document Authorisation***

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The Company			
National Grid Electricity Transmission plc			
SP Transmission plc			
Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc			
Offshore Transmission Owners			
Competitively Appointed Transmission Owners			

## ***STC Procedure Change Control History***

Issue 001	20/11/2013	New STCP - PM071 & CM051
Issue 002	01/04/2019	Issue 002 incorporating National Grid Legal Separation changes
Issue 003	25/04/2023	Issue 003 incorporating use of 'The Company' definition as made in the STC PM0130
Issue 004	26/11/2025	Issue 004 incorporating Competitively Appointed Transmission Owners to TO Lists on all Definitions – PM0151

## **1 Introduction**

### **1.1 Scope**

- 1.1.1 This procedure applies to The Company, as defined in the STC and meaning the licence holder with system operator responsibilities, and each TO. For the purposes of this document, TOs are:
- 1.1.2 NGET;
- 1.1.3 SPT;
- 1.1.4 SHET;
- 1.1.5 All Offshore Transmission Owners as appointed by the Authority. (For the avoidance of doubt, this includes Preferred Bidders); and
- 1.1.6 All Competitively Appointed Transmission License holders as appointed by Ofgem.

### **1.2 Objectives**

1.2.1 The objective of this document is to set out the Process that shall apply in respect of a Significant Code Review and any STC Modification Proposals raised during a Significant Code Review Phase.

1.2.2 The Significant Code Review process seeks to require certain Licence holders to raise code modifications in line with the directions issued by the Authority following a Significant Code Review. The Significant Code Review will allow the Authority to initiate a review of one or more matters which it considers to:

- Have significant impacts on electricity consumers or competition
- Have significant impacts on the environment, security of supply or sustainable development
- Create significant cross code or cross Licence issues
- Have a significant impact on the Authority's principal objective (under Section 3A of the Act), statutory functions or relevant obligations bound by EU law.

1.2.3 The Significant Code Review process approaches change in a holistic manner, creating benefits compared to the use of consequential change mechanisms. These benefits allow a more timely, streamlined and coordinated change process to take place.

## **2 Key Definitions**

### **2.1 For the purposes of STCP 25-1:**

2.1.1 **Process Diagram** means the diagrams at Appendix A to this STCP 25-1.

## **3 Procedure**

### **3.1 Background**

3.1.1 The Significant Code Review is a code review process initiated and led by the Authority, on one of a number of potential triggers. The Authority will launch a Significant Code Review on publication of a notice setting out matters such as the scope of the review, reasons for it and announcing the start date.

3.1.2 The Significant Code Review Phase will last approximately 12 months after which the Authority should publish the conclusions of the Significant Code Review.

## **3.2 Process**

3.2.1 The Parties shall follow the process set out in this STCP 25-1 in respect of a Significant Code Review or any STC Modification Proposals raised during a Significant Code Review Phase. The diagrams illustrate this process and form part of this STCP 25-1, but in the event of any conflict between the main body of this STCP 25-1 and the Process Diagrams, then the main body of this STCP 25-1 shall prevail.

3.2.2 During a Significant Code Review Phase:

3.2.2.1 If any Party makes an STC Modification Proposal during a Significant Code Review Phase, unless exempted by the Authority or unless 3.2.2.6(b) applies, the STC Modifications Panel shall assess whether the STC Modification Proposal falls within the scope of a Significant Code Review and the applicability of the exceptions set out in 3.2.2.6 and shall notify the Authority of its assessment, its reasons for that assessment and any representations received in relation to it as soon as practicable;

3.2.2.2 Any statement provided by the STC Panel pursuant to Section B Paragraph B 7.2.3.1A (d) shall be in the form of the written statement at Annex B.3 detailing:

- (a) Any representation received in relation to the relevance of the Significant Code Review; and
- (b) The STC Panel's final assessment of whether the proposal falls within the scope of the Significant Code Review and its reasons for that assessment.

3.2.2.3 Once the Authority has received this final assessment, they will make a decision whether the proposal should:

- (a) proceed and the proposal would enter the standard modification process, or
- (b) be subsumed and the proposal would enter the Significant Code Review Phase process

3.2.2.4 The STC Modifications Panel shall proceed with the STC Modification Proposal made during a Significant Code Review Phase in accordance with Section B Paragraph 7.2.2.3 (notwithstanding any consultation undertaken pursuant to 3.2.2.8 and its outcome), unless directed otherwise by the Authority pursuant to 3.2.2.6.

3.2.2.5 Subject to 3.2.2.7, the Authority may at any time direct that a STC Modification Proposal made during a Significant Code Review Phase falls within the scope of a Significant Code Review and must not be made during the Significant Code Review Phase. If so directed, the STC Modifications Panel will not proceed with that STC Modification Proposal and the STC Modification Proposal shall be suspended until the end of the Significant Code Review Phase. At the end of the Significant Code Review Phase the STC Modification Proposal shall be considered and taken forward in the manner decided upon by the STC Modifications Panel at the next meeting, and it is open to the STC Modifications Panel to take into account any work previously undertaken in respect of that STC Modification Proposal.

3.2.2.6 A STC Modification Proposal that falls within the scope of a Significant Code Review may proceed in accordance with the standard modification process where:

- (a) the Authority so determines, having taken into account (among other things) the urgency of the subject matter of the STC Modification Proposal; or
- (b) the STC Modification Proposal is made by a Party pursuant to Section B Paragraph 7.2.6A.2.

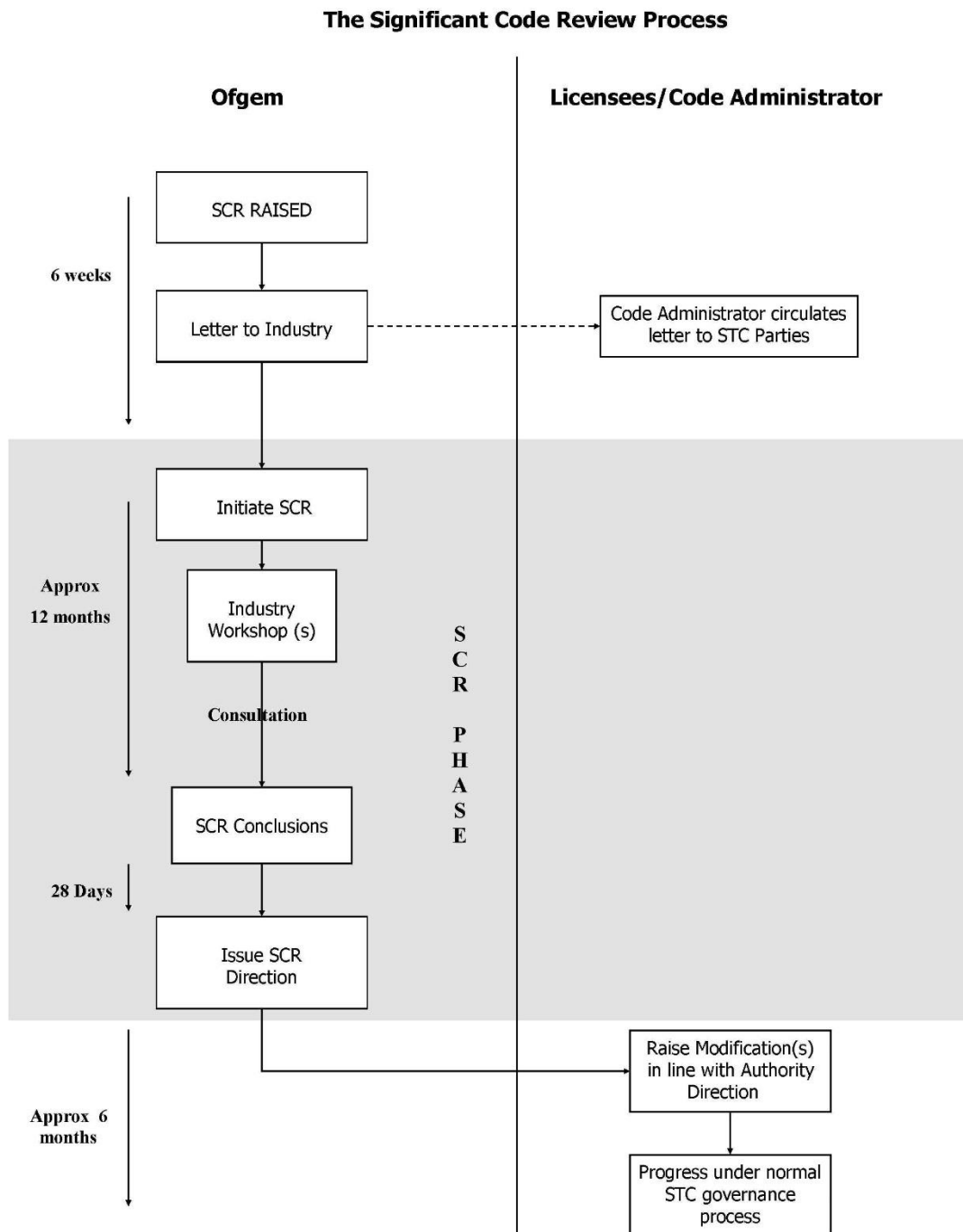
- 3.2.2.7 Where a direction under 3.2.2.5 has not been issued, 3.2.2.6 does not apply and the STC Modifications Panel considers that a STC Modification Proposal made during a Significant Code Review Phase falls within the scope of a Significant Code Review, the STC Modifications Panel may (but shall not be required to) consult on its suitability as part of the Standard STC Modification Proposal route set out in Section B Paragraphs 7.2.5 and 7.2.6. If, following submission of the STC Modifications Panel's assessment to the Authority in the STC Modification Report, the Authority has not made a determination on whether or not the STC Modification Proposal falls within the scope of a Significant Code Review, the STC Modification Proposal will continue to progress along the Standard STC Modification route.
- 3.2.2.8 The progress of any STC Modification Proposals which (notwithstanding that the STC Modification Proposal may have been sent by the Authority back to the STC Modification Panel pursuant to Section B Paragraph 7.2.5.15) was submitted to the Panel Secretary pursuant to Section B Paragraph 7.2.2.2 prior to the commencement of the Significant Code Review Phase shall not be affected by the Significant Code Review and the STC Modification Proposal will continue to progress along the Standard STC Modification route

### **3.3 Additional Information**

- 3.3.1.1 If the Authority subsumes a new STC Modification Proposal within the Significant Code Review, the original STC Modification Proposal will be deemed as suspended and may not be adopted by another party. A subsumed STC Modification Proposal which is suspended will go back to the STC Panel for consideration as to how it should be progressed, once the Significant Code Review Phase ends or is deemed to have ended.

***Appendix A – Process Diagrams***

Note that the Process Diagrams shown in this Appendix A are for information only. In the event of any contradiction between the process represented in this Appendix and the process described elsewhere in this STCP 25-1, then the text elsewhere in this STCP 25-1 shall prevail.



**Modification During SCR Phase**

