

Headline Report

Meeting Name	STC Committee
Meeting No.	36
Date of Meeting	17 th July 2007
Time	10:00
Venue	Various via Teleconference

This note sets out the headlines and key decisions of the STC Committee on the 17th July 2007. Full minutes of the meeting will be produced and subsequently approved at the next Committee meeting and will then be published on the website.

1) Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the STC Committee meeting held on 19th June 2007 were approved and will be made available from the National Grid's Industry Information (STC) website.

2) Proposed Amendment Reports

The Committee NOTED that an extraordinary meeting of the Grid Code Review Panel (GCRP) has been arranged for Tuesday, 31st July 2007. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the interaction between the Grid Code provisions and Schedule 3 of the STC as highlighted by CA023 (Exchange of Best View Investment Planning Data outside the Boundary of Influence).

The Committee NOTED that to mitigate Users concerns regarding the exchange of User Data, it will be proposed at the extraordinary GCRP that going forward National Grid will notify, via e-mail, the GCRP and Users of any proposed amendments to STC which would affect the exchange of User Data. This notification will act as a reminder to Users to review the STC Amendment Proposal and to formally respond to the associated consultation document (if appropriate) specifying any queries/concerns which they may have, in accordance with the STC governance arrangements.

The Committee AGREED to establish a discussion forum which will review the STC governance arrangements with particular reference to the allowable period for industry consultation. The Committee NOTED that any changes to the consultation period may also have an impact on the overall timeline required to process an Amendment Proposal, both of which necessitate formal changes to Section B (Governance) of the STC.

STC Parties and Ofgem will provide nominees for the discussion forum; the first meeting of such will take place via teleconference (date and time to be arranged).

Action: All and Committee Secretary

National Grid will circulate information prior to the discussion forum regarding the governance timelines for the STC (and other industry codes) and 'strawman' options which will act as a discussion aid.

Action: National Grid

The STC Committee Chairperson requested a further extension for CA023, CA024 (Clarification of Construction Planning Assumption Data Requirements) and CA026 (Exchange of Data Amongst Relevant Parties in schedules 5, 6, 7, 11 and 13) such that STC Amendments are deferred until such time that the proposed changes to Grid Code have been progressed.

Ofgem agreed to a one month extension which will be reviewed at August's STC Committee. Any further extension will be reflective of discussion/decisions made at July's Extraordinary GCRP meeting.

Action: Ofgem

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The STC Committee Chairperson will formally request a summary of the Extraordinary GCRP meeting discussion/decisions from the GCRP Chairperson.

Action: STC Committee Chairperson and Committee Secretary

The Committee AGREED that it was important that the JPC identified the issues/risks associated with not having access to/not being able to transfer the data as outlined by CA023 for the purposes for this year's investment planning process and to provide additional justification/rational regarding the transfer of additional data as identified by CA023, CA024 and CA026.

The Committee AGREED that a summary of the JPC discussions should be made available to August's STC Committee.

Action: JPC Chairperson, STC Committee Chairperson and Committee Secretary

3) STC Procedures

The Committee NOTED that comments had been received from SPT regarding PA048 (Alignment of STC and STCP16-1 Obligations regarding User Works); National Grid was in the process of replying back to SPT's comments.

Action: National Grid

The Committee NOTED that PA048 was still to be formally discussed at the JPC; as previously agreed the STC Committee would await feedback from the JPC regarding the proposed changes prior to the formal sign off of the proposals by the STC Committee.

The Committee AGREED to the proposed changes as outlined by PA049 (Amendment to STCP19-3 regarding obligations in respect of Connection Site Specifications), subject to the incorporation of minor comments received from SPT. National Grid will circulate a revised final version of STCP19-3 to the Committee.

Action: National Grid

The Committee NOTED that the incorporation of PA049 is dependant on the approval and subsequent implementation of CA025, as such the formal sign-off (if appropriate) of the proposed changes will occur after the Authority's determination of CA025.

4) Interface between PLDs and TOGA

The STC Parties AGREED to contact their outages planning representative regarding the scheduling of proposed tri-party meeting to discuss changes to STCP11-1 (Outage Planning). An update from the discussions will be tabled at August's STC Committee, subject to the tri-party meeting taking place prior to the next Committee meeting.

Action: National Grid, SPT and SHETL

5) Reports from Sub-Committees

Safety Standing Group

The Committee NOTED that Grid Code proposed changes outlined by consultation document A/07 (Management of No System Connection) were implemented on 16th July 2007.

6) Impact of Other Codes Modification

The Committee NOTED that Consultation Alternative Amendments had been proposed for CAP146 (Responsibilities and liabilities associated with Third Party Works and Modifications made by Modification Affected Users). This necessitated an additional stage of industry consultation on the new proposals which was due to finish on 26th July 2007. The Committee NOTED that CAP146 Consultation Alternative Document was available on National Grid's Industry Information (CUSC) website.

National Grid will arrange teleconference with representatives from SHETL and SPT regarding CAP146. The aim of the meeting will be to discuss current process Third Party Works arrangements and the implications of CAP146 should it be approved and subsequently implemented into the CUSC.

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The Committee NOTED that the first Grid Code Rated MW Working Group took place on 19th June 2007. The Committee NOTED that the issue and any enduring solution identified may have implications on each Transmission Owner's investment plans and associated Price Control allowance.

SHETL and SPT AGREED to review the possible implication of Generating Units exceeding their Rated MW; National Grid will circulate the minutes from the first meeting for reference purposes.

Action: National Grid, SHETL and SPT

7) Offshore Transmission

Ofgem informed the Committee that there was a delay in the publication of the second consultation document regarding Offshore Transmission; consequently the associated external briefing session has been rearranged to 10th August 2007.

The Committee NOTED that Ofgem's Offshore Transmission team would be contacting each Transmission Owner in order to obtain a confidential clause for the purposes of offshore transmission.

8) STC Review

The Committee AGREED to discuss the findings of SHETL and SPT internal STC review at August's STC Committee meeting; the item will be placed on next month's agenda.

Action: Committee Secretary

9) AOB

The Committee were INFORMED of an inconsistency between the Grid Code and STCP11-1 (Outage Planning) provisions regarding the timing of week 28 outage notification for non-embedded customers.

National Grid will circulate a summary of the proposed changes prior to August's STC Committee, prior to the submission of amendment proposals which will be discussed by Committee Members (if applicable).

Action: National Grid

10) Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 21st August 2007 at 10am, via teleconference.