

STCP 6.1 Black Start

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1 Introduction

1.1 Scope

- 1.1.1 This document describes the planning and procedures required by NGC and the TOs to manage the Black Start recovery of Total System in an efficient manner.
- 1.1.2 This document covers the restoration of the Total System following a Partial Shutdown or Total Shutdown in accordance with the Local Joint Restoration Plan. The restoration process may include a TO carrying out the processes set out in Local Joint Restoration Plans.
- 1.1.3 TO network start up plans may be invoked in response to power island operation. Their use is outside the scope of this document. They are considered in STCP 6-2 Power Island Management.
- 1.1.4 This procedure applies to NGC and each TO. For the purposes of this document, the TOs are:
 - SPT; and
 - SHETL.

1.2 Objectives

- 1.2.1 The objective of this document is to enable, as far as possible, restoration of the TOs' Transmission Systems and interfacing Users' Systems in the shortest possible time using the most effective means following a Total Shutdown or Partial Shutdown.

2 Key definitions:

2.1 none

3 Procedure

3.1 Responsibilities

- 3.1.1 NGC shall establish the overall Black Start for the TOs' Transmission Systems. This shall require Black Start Stations and other Power Stations to be party to Local Joint Restoration Plans.
- 3.1.2 NGC shall establish Local Joint Restoration Plans (as described in this document) and associated Ancillary Service contracts.
- 3.1.3 Local Joint Restoration Plans shall be agreed by NGC, the relevant TO and relevant Users.
- 3.1.4 NGC shall provide each TO with a signed copy of each Local Joint Restoration Plan relevant to that TO's Transmission System.
- 3.1.5 Where requested by NGC, the relevant TO shall assist in the development and production of the Local Joint Restoration Plan.
- 3.1.6 The relevant TO and NGC shall each inform the other party if they become aware of any material change that may invalidate a Local Joint Restoration Plan.
- 3.1.7 NGC shall regularly review, update and re-issue the Local Joint Restoration Plans as necessary.
- 3.1.8 When a Total or Partial Shutdown exists, NGC shall notify the relevant TO and Users of the situation. The Parties shall agree the implementation of those Local Joint Restoration Plans (taking account of advised Genset availabilities and the availability of each TO's Transmission System).

- 3.1.9 The TO shall implement the Local Joint Restoration Plans. The TO shall only issue instructions to Black Start Stations and other Power Stations party to the relevant Local Joint Restoration Plan consistent with the provisions in that Local Joint Restoration Plan.
- 3.1.10 If there is a failure of the voice communications the procedure described in section 3.5 shall be applied.
- 3.1.11 NGC shall direct and manage the Black Start through:
- agreeing the implementation of the Local Joint Restoration Plan or other actions with the relevant TO;
 - overseeing the coupling of Power Islands; and
 - co-ordinating the operation of established parts of the GB Transmission System.
- 3.1.12 NGC shall ensure that Users shall abide with the Local Joint Restoration Plan.
- 3.1.13 NGC shall periodically carry out Black Start and remote synchronisation tests and NGC will advise TO of these. The relevant TO shall co-operate with NGC in facilitating these tests including the provision of additional staff and resources when identified as needed by NGC. NGC shall procure that relevant Users co-operate in facilitating such tests.

3.2 Local Joint Restoration Plans

- 3.2.1 The Local Joint Restoration Plan shall include the agreed method and procedures for Power Island creation. This may require the relevant TO to issue instructions to Power Stations (other than Black Start Stations) that are party to the relevant Local Joint Restoration Plan.
- 3.2.2 The Local Joint Restoration Plan (LJRP) shall detail the agreed method and procedures which the TO shall use to restore parts of the transmission network, and coordinate the actions of Black Start Station genset(s) that shall energise parts of the Transmission System, and meet complementary demand, so as to form a Power Island.
- 3.2.3 The Local Joint Restoration Plan shall go on to cover the creation of Power Islands within SPT's and SHETL's Transmission areas and may require the despatch of gensets other than those at Black Start Stations.
- 3.2.4 A Local Joint Restoration Plan shall include the agreed methods and procedures that a TO shall use to
- restore that TO's Transmission System and interfacing Users' Systems. These procedures shall be based on the following:
 - [Each User shall make available relevant demand blocks];
 - Generating Units at Black Start Stations shall [be available to?] energise the GB Transmission System and meet demand blocks;
 - Generating Units, other than those at Black Start Stations, shall be able to [receive supplies,] synchronise to the GB Transmission System and meet demand blocks, and
 - interaction between Generating Units at Black Start Stations and any other Generating Units included in the Local Joint Restoration Plan shall be managed by the TO in respect of frequency control and reactive power requirements in a Power Island.
- 3.2.5 The list of Local Joint Restoration Plans is contained in Appendix A, and shall be updated by NGC from time to time as required.

3.2.6 Creation of a new Local Joint Restoration Plan

- 3.2.6.1 When NGC identifies a requirement for a new Local Joint Restoration Plan, NGC shall discuss and agree such a plan with the relevant TO and Users.
- 3.2.6.2 The Local Joint Restoration Plan shall include a record of which TO and which TO sites are covered by the Local Joint Restoration Plan, and shall set out what actions are required by NGC and the TO should a Total Shutdown or a Partial Shutdown (and the need to implement a Local Joint Restoration Plan) arise.
- 3.2.6.3 Each Local Joint Restoration Plan shall be prepared by NGC to reflect the above discussions and agreement. The TO shall support NGC in developing the Local Joint Restoration Plans, including the provision of relevant information, data and resources, where necessary.
- 3.2.6.4 When a Local Joint Restoration Plan has been prepared, it shall be sent by NGC to the TO for confirmation of the agreement. NGC shall also send it to Users involved for confirmation of the agreement.
- 3.2.6.5 The Local Joint Restoration Plan shall then be signed by NGC and the relevant TO to confirm agreement to the Plan. NGC shall procure that involved Users also sign to confirm agreement.

Once signed by the relevant parties the Local Joint Restoration shall apply between NGC and the relevant TO as if it were part of this STCP.

- 3.2.6.6 NGC shall distribute a signed copy of the new Local Joint Restoration to each relevant TO and User indicating the date of implementation.

3.2.7 Changes to an Existing Local Joint Restoration Plan

- 3.2.7.1 If NGC becomes aware that a change is required to a Local Joint Restoration Plan, NGC shall initiate discussions with the relevant TO and Users to seek agreement for that change. NGC shall procure that Users (the Network Operator, relevant Generators, including those for Power Stations other than the Black Start Stations, which NGC reasonably require and Non Embedded Customers) shall join those discussions.
- 3.2.7.2 If the TO party to a Local Joint Restoration Plan becomes aware that a change is required to that Local Joint Restoration Plan, it shall contact NGC who shall then initiate such discussions with the relevant TO and Users to seek agreement for that change. NGC shall procure that Users (the Network Operator, relevant Generators, including those for Power Stations other than the Black Start Stations, which NGC reasonably require and Non Embedded Customers) shall join those discussions.
- 3.2.7.3 The principles applied in section 3.2.4 shall apply to discussions held under 3.2.5. and to any consequent changes.
- 3.2.7.4 When changes to Local Joint Restoration Plan are agreed, NGC shall update and reissue that Local Joint Restoration Plan to the relevant TO and Users indicating the issue number and the date that any change takes effect.

3.2.8 Failure to Agree

- 3.2.8.1 If NGC or the relevant TO do not agree on a Local Joint Restoration Plan, NGC shall develop and agree its own restoration plan.

3.3 *Black Start Incident Management*

- 3.3.1 When notified that a Total Shutdown or Partial Shutdown has occurred, all Parties shall establish communications routes and arrangements between Duty Managers or other representatives between NGC, TO, Generators and Relevant Users to provide urgent managerial communication channels. Under such conditions, it may also be necessary to invoke System Incident Management procedures under STCP 6.3.

3.4 Black Start Procedure

- 3.4.1 In the event of a Total Shutdown or Partial Shutdown NGC shall, as soon as reasonably practicable, notify the relevant TO and Users that a Total Shutdown or a Partial Shutdown exists and that Local Joint Restoration Plan shall be implemented.
- 3.4.2 Where voice communication between NGC and the relevant TO and/or Users is not available and prevents NGC from invoking Black Start, the provisions of section 3.5 shall apply.
- 3.4.3 The TO shall request Black Start Stations, other Generators party to the Local Joint Restoration Plan and affected Users to assess the condition of their assets, and report on their capability to carry out their obligations under the Local Joint Restoration Plan. The relevant TO shall gather these reports and feed them back to NGC as soon as reasonably practicable.
- 3.4.4 Where the availability and capability of the TO's Transmission System and Users' Systems, and the availability of Black Start Stations and other Power Stations in the Local Joint Restoration Plan are not significantly different with the Local Joint Restorations Plan's requirements, NGC shall give the TO the authority to implement the appropriate Local Joint Restoration Plan.
- 3.4.5 Where to the extent that the availability and capability of the TO's Transmission System or Users' Systems, or the availability of Black Start Stations or other Power Stations in the Local Joint Restoration Plan is significantly different to that set out in the Local Joint Restoration Plan, NGC may choose to manage the restoration of part of the TO's Transmission System outside the provisions of the Local Joint Restoration Plan, using STCP1-1 Operational Switching and normal energy balancing processes as appropriate.
- 3.4.6 When the relevant TO has been given the authority to implement the appropriate Local Joint Restoration Plan, it shall execute and progress the appropriate Local Joint Restoration Plan in accordance with its obligations under that LJRP.
- 3.4.7 When implementing a Local Joint Restoration Plan, the TO shall carry out operational liaison, complete appropriate Operational Switching actions and issue instructions to Users, including Black Start Stations and Generators party to the Local Joint Restoration Plan to establish and control a Power Island in accordance with the provisions of the Local Joint Restoration Plan.
- 3.4.8 Where possible, a Power Island should be operated in accordance with following frequency and voltage criteria:
- the frequency on the Transmission System shall be nominally 50Hz and shall be controlled within the limits 49.5 – 50.5Hz;
 - the voltage on the Transmission System shall normally remain within +/- 5% of nominal. The minimum voltage is -10% and the maximum is +10% of nominal. Voltages of +10% and -5% should not prevail for more than 15 minutes.
- 3.4.9 During the initial stages of implementing a Local Joint Restoration Plan normal operational standards may not be appropriate or possible and the TO's Transmission System may be operated outside normal voltage and frequency standards provided that it does not result in damage to Plant and/or Apparatus, or a safety hazard.

- 3.4.10 At any time during the implementation of the Local Joint Restoration Plan, the TO shall advise NGC of any circumstances that may require significant modification to the implementation of the Local Joint Restoration Plan. Where such modifications are required, both parties may agree a new course of action consistent with the aims of the Local Joint Restoration Plan.
- 3.4.11 At any time during the implementation of the Local Joint Restoration Plan and where there is good reason, NGC may choose to terminate operation in accordance with the Local Joint Restoration Plan and manage restoration of that part of the Transmission System without the bounds of the Local Joint Restoration Plan. NGC shall notify the relevant TO and any other affected parties of the termination of the Local Joint Restoration Plan.
- 3.4.12 At any time during the implementation of the Local Joint Restoration Plan and where there is good reason, the TO may choose to terminate operation in accordance with the Local Joint Restoration Plan. The TO will advise NGC of the termination of the Local Joint Restoration Plan. Operation and restoration of that part of the GB Transmission System will return to NGC. NGC shall notify the relevant affected parties of the termination of the Plan.
- 3.4.13 The TO shall keep NGC informed of progress in establishing the Power Island(s). At any time during establishing Power Islands the TO shall inform NGC if further resources becomes available, such that additional Power Islands can be established in accordance with the relevant Local Joint Restoration Plan. NGC and the TO shall decide if and when additional Local Joint Restoration Plans should be invoked.

3.4.14 Interconnection of Power Islands

- 3.4.14.1 NGC shall agree with the TO to the interconnection of any Power Islands which are not expressly allowed for in a Local Joint Restoration Plan. Local Joint Restoration Plan operation shall terminate at this point and NGC shall take back control of that part of the TO's Transmission System formed from the interconnected Power Islands. TOs shall not operate a Power Island that contains part of more than one TO's Transmission System.
- 3.4.14.2 NGC shall coordinate the interconnection of sub-systems, created from the interconnection of power Islands (or multiple power islands as allowed for in the Local Joint Restoration Plan), to form an integrated System. The completion of the integration of sub-systems shall eventually re-establish the TO's Transmission System or the re-connection of the relevant part of the TO's Transmission System, completing Black Start.
- 3.4.14.3 At any point during the connection of Power Islands or management of sub-systems, NGC may request the TO to resume Local Joint Restoration Plan operation of part of that TO's Transmission System, providing its operation would still remain within the bounds of an applicable Local Joint Restoration Plan.

3.4.15 Completion of Black Start

- 3.4.15.1 When the Black Start is complete NGC shall formally notify the TO and Users that the Black Start is complete and normal operation has been resumed.

3.5 Voice Communication Failure

- 3.5.1 In the event of a total communication failure between the TO and NGC during Black Start conditions, the TO may choose to invoke the Local Joint Restoration Plan (s) for its Transmission System and operate within its provisions.
- 3.5.2 Where voice communication failure is protracted, the TO may consider the interconnection of established Power Islands as allowed for in the Local Joint Restoration Plan(s).

- 3.5.3 The TO must seek to inform NGC as soon as reasonably practicable of all actions they have taken and the status of the restoration after communication is re-established.

3.6 *Black Start Training*

- 3.6.1 NGC shall carry out and make available appropriate and regular training for TO staff, to allow them to carry out their roles and responsibilities under a Black Start condition. The TO shall make available appropriately skilled personnel to complete the prescribed Black Start training.

3.7 *Black Start Testing*

- 3.7.1 NGC shall carry out Black Start and other related Tests on a routine basis. All Black Start or related Tests shall be carried out in accordance with the provision of STCP 8.3 Operational/System Testing.

3.8 *Black Start Test Bookings*

- 3.8.1 Black Start Tests shall be booked in the Outage database by NGC for information. Booking requests shall be agreed in accordance with STCP 11.1 Outage Planning.

4 Disputes

- 4.1.1 [In the event of an objection to an action, there should be an attempt to resolve the matter at the time. Should this not be possible, all parties may raise a dispute under the STC.]

Appendix A

[List to be added by NGC]

Appendix B - General Terms/Conditions

Terminology/ Abbreviations

STCP	System Operator –Transmission Owner Code Procedure
GBSO	Great Britain System Operator
TO	Transmission Owner
TSC	Transmission Status Certificate
GC	Grid Code

Definitions

STC definitions used:

Black Start
[Total System]
System
Network Operator

[Other STCPs:
Duty Managers]

Grid Code definitions used:

Total Shutdown
Partial Shutdown
Black Start Station
Power Station
Generating Unit
Generator