

Consideration of Payment for CUSC Panel Members and Workgroup Members to claim expenses



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The issue of expenses for independent Panel Members was discussed, in particular in relation to self employed members. Members felt that this issue should be addressed but that it should be limited to neutral parties in the CUSC process, i.e. Panel Members or Chairs of Working Groups. It was also noted that it would be more appropriate if this was effected through a CUSC amendment to ensure transparency and National Grid agreed to consider this further. In the meantime members requesting payment of expenses should contact the CUSC Panel Secretary.

ELEXON process

- BSC Panel members/Workgroup/Standing Issues members and Alternates when acting as a Member are able to claim reasonable costs and expenses incurred for attending meetings
- Members of BSC Workgroups act independently and contribute as industry experts
- A letter of Agreement from the Company employing a Modification Group Member states the Code shall prevail over his duties as an employee therefore as Member of the Modification Group he shall act impartially

Current CUSC Provision

- 8.3.4 (i) CUSC Panel Members shall act impartially and in accordance with the requirements of the CUSC
- 8.20.4 The Code Administrator shall in consultation with the **CUSC Modifications Panel** appoint the chairman of the Workgroup who shall act impartially and as an independent chair

Current provisions for Workgroup members

Currently the CUSC is silent in terms of Workgroup/Standing Group members being impartial

- Terms of Reference, and CUSC Workgroup /Standing Groups Nomination Form are also silent in this area

Areas for discussion

- Do you represent your Company at Workgroup/Standing Group meetings?
- Would you attend more Workgroup/Standing Group meetings if travel expenses were paid ?
- Would your Company take up the benefit?
- Who funds the expenses ?