

# CAP160 – Improvements to the assessment of Amendments

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*CUSC Panel*  
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# Defect

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- ◆ Recent experience has highlighted the difficulties posed by a large number of Amendment alternatives within the assessment process.
- ◆ Ofgem have raised concerns regarding the ability to undertake analysis and the level of analysis when a Consultation Alternative Amendment is raised at a later stage in the process.

# Proposed solution

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- ◆ Will enhance and create flexibility in the governance process for Amendment Proposals to ensure robust analysis of Amendment Proposals and Alternatives
- ◆ It will give the flexibility to send an Amendment Proposal back to Working Group or to instigate a Working Group for further work if required.

# Process

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If sent to Working Group

- ◆ Working Group analysis and discussion
  - ◆ Working Group Consultation
  - ◆ Working Group review responses
  - ◆ Working Group report to CUSC Panel – including all alternatives
  - ◆ 2 week Consultation
  - ◆ Draft Amendment Report
  - ◆ Panel Vote

# Process

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If sent to Consultation

- ◆ Industry Consultation issued
  - ◆ Replies included in draft Amendment Report to Panel
  - ◆ Panel discuss responses – Panel can chose to instigate a Working Group if required
  - ◆ If no Working Group required – Panel Vote

# Applicable Objectives and Recommendation

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## Objectives

- ◆ CAP160 better facilitates CUSC Applicable Objectives (a) by ensuring that all CUSC Parties have the opportunity to input to the Working Group discussions and that the number of alternative options is efficiently managed and all have the same level of analysis to ensure a robust and efficient process for amendments to the CUSC has adequate membership to ensure quorum

## Recommendation

- ◆ National Grid recommends that CAP160 should proceed to Consultation, for a period of 4 weeks