

Overview of being a CUSC Modification Panel Member or an Alternate Member

Introduction

This is a high level overview of the role and responsibilities of CUSC Modifications Panel Members and Alternate Members and contains an indication of the commitment required to serve as a member. It will be useful to people considering standing for the 2011 CUSC elections.

The current CUSC Panel Members' term of office expires on the 30th September 2011 and the newly appointed CUSC Panel Members will commence on 1st October 2011.

Roles and Responsibilities of CUSC Panel Members or Alternate Members

A summary of the areas of responsibility of CUSC Modifications Panel Member/ Alternate member is detailed below. A detailed explanation is set out in the CUSC Section 8, 8.3.4 which is available at: http://www.nationalgrid.com/NR/rdonlyres/8B81E9A0-F1B1-47B7-906D-41DA0DB69167/45131/CUSC_Section_8_v19_CAP179_WGAA2_31Jan11.pdf

The CUSC Modifications Panel oversees the governance arrangements for the CUSC. Its main area of responsibility is to ensure that the operation of the CUSC Modification process contained in Section 8 of the CUSC is carried out in an efficient, economical and timely manner. This includes but is not limited to the following:

- Agreeing the route each CUSC Modification Proposal should follow;
- Prioritising Modification Proposals;
- Establishing if a Workgroup is required to develop and assess Modification Proposals;
- Considering whether a Modification Proposal better meets the Applicable CUSC Objectives set out in the Transmission Licence;
- Recommending to the Authority whether a Modification Proposal should be approved or rejected;
- Establishing Standing Groups to consider issues relating to the CUSC subject matter.

Impartiality

CUSC Panel Members and Alternate Members must act impartially and not as a representative or in the interest of a company or person they are employed by. All CUSC Panel Members and Alternate Members must provide written confirmation of this to the CUSC Panel Secretary.

Term in Office

The term of office of CUSC Panel Members and Alternate Members is 2 years, commencing 1st October and expiring on 30th September. After the initial term of office, CUSC Panel Members and Alternate Members will be eligible for reappointment under the CUSC election process.

Time Commitment

The CUSC Panel meetings are held monthly on the last Friday of the month at National Grid's offices in Warwick. Teleconference facilities are also available.

Papers for the meeting are sent out via email 5 working days before the meeting and may involve varying degrees of complexity, depending on the issues or topics raised. Meetings are held in open session and may last up to 4 or 5 hours.

Under certain circumstances, such as the Urgent modifications process, CUSC Panel meetings may be convened at short notice. In order to facilitate these meetings, CUC Panel members must provide details so that National Grid can contact them at any time. Communications are generally conducted by email but depending on the urgency of a subject, Panel members will be contacted by telephone.

Further Information

If you would like to speak to the Code Administrator about becoming a Panel Member, please email cusc.team@uk.ngrid.com and one of the team will give you a call.