

## CAP149 Working Group

Meeting Name	CAP149 Working Group
Meeting No.	Five
Date of Meeting	17 <sup>th</sup> September 2007
Time	10.00 – 15.00
Venue	Lakeside House, Northampton

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### 1. Introductions/Apologies for Absence

The following working group members were unable to attend the meeting: Garth Graham, John Morris, Alec Morrison, Karron Baker, Stephen Ayre and Emma Carr.

### 2. Re-cap from 4<sup>th</sup> September Meeting

TD recapped the meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> September.

### 3. Actions

TD reviewed the actions from the last meeting:

#### **Action TI: Email OC2 requirements to Working Group Members**

Completed 06/09/07

#### **Action SH: Email Tony Tom's TRA presentation**

Completed 04/09/07

#### **Action TI: Look at what the licence says about informing users of charges**

National Grid fulfils its licence obligations by producing the charging statements

#### **Action AML: Amend 2.13.7 appropriately**

The group reviewed the new text for 2.13.7. It was noted that availability information should be requested for rather than automatically provided because in some situations the user may not want the information and would not wish to pay for it. A small change was made to the text to clarify that the availability information was an additional part of the connection offer.

#### **Action AML: Amend section 10 appropriately considering the Grid Code requirements**

BR suggested that a notification separate from the OC2 requirements would be operationally useful.

TI pointed out that there was already a notification of circuit outage

BR would be more comfortable if there was a notification template in the BCA.

The group decided to include an appendix in the BCA to include:

Notification of outage

Notification of restriction

Notification of restriction being lifted

**Action AML: Draft notification appendix to BCA**

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### **Action TI: Find out if National Grid would prefer to standardise existing agreements**

TI spoke to colleagues at National Grid. Most agreements are in very similar forms. The only significant difference with standardising existing arrangements would be that this would take six months to implement. It would however simplify future changes.

The group were concerned about this additional implementation time. The group considered that WGAA1 should not standardise the existing arrangements if they are substantially in the form of the new agreement.

Existing users can choose to have their agreement changed for a fee if they wish.

### **Action TI check existing agreements are substantially in the form of the new agreement**

The new notification arrangements should be discussed in the Working Group Report to ensure users are aware of them.

### **Action TD Update working group report to mention notification arrangements.**

**Action TD: Email draft report to Working Group before Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September.**  
Completed 11/09/07

## 4. Review of Working Group Report

### **RL asked what would happen if your availability was reduced significantly.**

This is unlikely to happen as when a new user is connected to the grid their connection is not allowed to negatively affect any user already on the system.

**AML noted there may be some interaction with changes in CAP152**

### **Action TD mention interaction in report and discuss with Chairperson of CAP152 Working Group**

### **TI made the following comments on the report.**

- There are still quite a few references to charging in the report.
- The GBSQSS does not state a maximum limit of 8% of connections being single circuit. Paragraph 4.5.1.1 should be removed.
- Interruptions are 'allowed interruptions' if they are stated in the BCA
- Is the table in 1.5 standard? – It was copied from CAP148
- An extra paragraph explaining 2.15 of the SQSS should be included in section 3. This section should also mention the design variation charging consultation.

#### **Action TI send text to TD**

#### **Action TD update report accordingly**

- Paragraph 4.3.2.2 should use the term lesser charge rather than rebate or discount
- The GBSQSS and Grid Code will not need to change
- The report should include illustrations of generic design variations

#### **Action AM send TD information about possible designs**

### **MK Asked if a definition of transmission related agreements should be included in the CUSC**

The group considered if a definition of TRA should be included in the CUSC. The group decided to seek further advice from National Grid.

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### Action TI Ask colleagues if TRA should be defined in the CUSC

#### The team discussed if there was a template for WGAAs

It was decided it would be useful to include a table with differences between the original amendment and the alternative and a template should be used if it was relevant.

### Action TD check for a relevant template and include in report

## 5. Candidates for any Working Group Alternatives

The Working Group Report will include the original amendment and one Working Group Alternative Amendment.

## 6. Impact on Industry Documents

The impact on industry documents was considered and the following points were raised:

- CAP149 will effect STC Section 18
- BCAs and BEGAs should be included in the paragraph on the CUSC in the WG report.
- Connection charging will be affected by CAP149
- There will be no change required in the Grid Code, GBSQSS or BSC

## 7. Implementation Issues

The group considered that WGAA1 should not standardise the existing arrangements if they are substantially in the form of the new agreement.

## 8. Assessment of Original and WGAAs against Applicable CUSC Objectives

The group considered whether the original and the WGAA would better facilitate the achievement of the Applicable CUSC Objectives. The key objectives considered were:

*(a) the efficient discharge by the licensee of the obligations imposed upon it under the Act and by this licence*

*(b) facilitating effective competition in the generation and supply of electricity, and (so far as consistent therewith) facilitating such competition in the sale, distribution and purchase of electricity*

### 9. Voting on Original and WGAA

Voting Results	Pro	Anti	Abstain
Original better than Baseline	1	4	3
WGAA1 better than Baseline	8	0	0
WGAA1 better than Original	8	0	0

- The group noted that the original could have problems with implementation and unnecessarily created a new access product.
- The original reasons behind the amendment were valid but it was not the most efficient way of dealing with the issues raised
- The proposer of the original amendment supports WGAA1
- WGAA1 deals with the issues raised by the original amendment in a more efficient manner
  - It does not create an new access product
  - It will be easier to implement
  - It provides clarification of notification procedure

### 10. AOB

The group discussed if CAP149 would help the renewable objectives. It was considered that the amendment would make the agreements more formalised and transparent which would be good for all users.

## Appendix 1 – Working Group Attendance

### Members Present:

Tony Diccico	TD	Chairman
Paul Jones	PJ	E.ON
Aileen McLeod	AML	Scottish and Southern (Phone)
James Anderson	JA	Scottish Power
David Scott	DS	EDF
Tom Ireland	TI	National Grid
Merel Van der Neut Kolfshoten	MK	Centrica
Bill Reed	BR	RWE
Robert Longden	RL	Airtricity
Sarah Hall	SH	Technical Secretary

### Apologies:

Emma Carr	EC	National Grid
Garth Graham	GG	Scottish and Southern
John Morris	JM	British Energy
Alec Morrison	AM	Scottish and Southern
Steven Ayre	SA	British Energy
Karron Baker	KB	Ofgem