

CUSC Amendment Proposal 172: Request for Urgent Status

National Grid believes that this Amendment Proposal merits progress via an urgent amendments process, as the nature of the proposal exhibits the following characteristics:

- The proposal is linked to an imminent date related event

CAP172 proposes a Capacity Pricing Mechanism through which significant reform of the existing Transmission Access arrangements is proposed. This amendment proposal is closely linked to the package of proposals developed as part of the Transmission Access Review (CAPs 161 – 166) and is especially closely related to CAP166 – Entry Capacity Auctions. Given that Ofgem are about to carry out an impact on those proposals, and the high degree of interactivity between this proposal and CAPs 161 – 166, National Grid believes that the assessment of this proposal be expedited to allow the Authority to consider this amendment alongside the other TAR CUSC proposals as soon as possible.

National Grid would therefore propose the following timetable for the assessment of CAP172:

Amendment Raised	02 April 2009
CUSC Panel Meeting to discuss CAP172	03 April 2009
Amendment submitted to Working Group (WG)	03 April 2009 (TBC)
WG report submitted to Panel	05 May 2009
Panel consider WG report	08 May 2009
Amendment submitted to Company Consultation	13 May 2009
Company Consultation closes	28 May 2009
Draft Amendment Report circulated to Industry	02 June 2009
Panel undertake Recommendation Vote	05 June 2009
Final Amendment Report submitted to the Authority	12 June 2009

Comparison with “non Urgent” Amendment Assessment Process

Although the Proposer is firmly of the view that this amendment requires an expeditious assessment timetable that can only be achieved through use of the Urgent Amendment Proposal CUSC provisions, it is mindful that the CUSC Panel may form an alternative view. Two potential timetables are therefore shown below the first is the timetable that, in the view of the proposer, would allow the amendment to be assessed under the “non-urgent” procedures as soon as practicable, the other is the maximum length of the assessment timetable under the non-urgent procedures:

Event	Expeditious Timetable	Maximum Timetable
Amendment submitted to CUSC Panel	02 April 2009	02 April 2009
CUSC Panel Meeting	03 April 2009	03 April 2009
Amendment Submitted to Working Group	03 April 2009 (TBC)	03 April 2009 (TBC)
Working Group assesses Amendment proposal and forms draft Working Group Alternative Amendments	06 April – 06 May (4 working weeks)	06 April – 08 June (2 months)
Working Group Consultation	07 May – 21 May (2 weeks)	08 June – 06 July (4 weeks)
Working Group considers responses to WG Consultation	22 May – 18 th June (3 working weeks)	06 July – 23 July (2½ weeks)
Working Group report submitted to CUSC Panel	19 June	24 July
CUSC Panel Meeting	26 June	31 July
The Company Consultation issued	02 July	04 August
The Company Consultation closes	21 July	02 September
Draft Amendment Report sent to CUSC Panel	24 July	18 September
CUSC Panel Meeting (vote on proposal)	31 July	25 September
Final Amendment Report sent to Authority	05 August	02 October