

# Governance Amendment Proposals

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# Introduction

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- **Issues raised and discussions at Amendments Panel and Governance Standing Group (GSG) meetings**
- **Further discussion at GSG to develop proposals**
- **Draft Amendment Proposal discussed at November GSG**
- **Subsequently, internal discussion at National Grid**
- **Today's objective: compare original proposal to National Grid's suggested alternative approach**

# I. Extend rights to raise Working Group Consultation Alternative Request (WGCAR) to any “legitimate” party

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**Suggestion: Extend to Balancing and Settlements Code (BSC) and National consumer Council (NCC)**

## Considerations:

- Impact of a non-code parties raising a WGCAR which does not impact them particularly at this late stage.
- For any WGCAR raised Working Group would still have to ‘consider and analyse’ proposal – implications on resource and delays in development.
- What is a “legitimate party”? Could this result in possible exclusions?
- Extending to BSC and NCC therefore more parties to approach.

## II. Right for all interested parties to self nominate to become Working Group member

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**Suggestion: Extend to BSC and NCC**

### Considerations:

- Existing provisions (CUSC Parties and National Grid)
- Extending parties to BSC and NCC therefore more parties to select nomination
- Reflect in TOR who the individual represents (also who has nominated)

## V. Right for all interested parties to self nominate to observe at a Working Group meeting [inc vetting and removing]

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**No change to the CUSC required**

### Considerations:

• Existing provisions in CUSC for non-CUSC parties to observe. The following parties can nominate an observer to a Working Group meeting.

- CUSC
- BSC
- NCC
- Independent Working Group Chairman
- Working Group Members

• 8.17.9 states Working Group can adopt its own working procedures therefore have added to TOR.

### III. Clarify CUSC provisions for voting rights on alternates.

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**Suggestion: Refer back to Amendments Panel for consideration in light of UNC/ BSC process**

Considerations:

- **Concerns - should the CUSC dictate how a Panel Member should vote?**
- **BSC states “*it is completely inappropriate for an alternate to agree in advance with appointing panel member about how the alternate will vote on an issue*”.**
- **however Uniform Network Code (UNC) states where a member is acting as an alternate thus having two votes “*shall not be required...to exercise in the same way*”.**

## IV. Amend CUSC to enable only a Working Group Chairman to invite an observer to speak.

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### Approve the proposed solution

#### Suggested change to CUSC:

8.17.9 Subject to the provisions of this Paragraph 8.17.9 and unless otherwise determined by the **Amendments Panel**, the **Working Group** shall develop and adopt its own internal working procedures for the conduct of its business and shall provide a copy of such procedures to the **Panel Secretary** in respect of each **Amendment Proposal** for which it is responsible. Unless the **Amendments Panel** otherwise determines, meetings of each **Working Group** shall be open to attendance by a representative of any **CUSC Party**, any **BSC Party** or the **National Consumer Council** and any person invited by the chairman or any other member of that **Working Group**, and the chairman of a **Working Group** [or any other member of that Working Group] may invite any such person to speak at such meetings.