

CAP097: Revision to the Contractual Framework for Small and Medium Embedded Power Stations under CUSC 6.5

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Background

- CAP097 has been proposed in order to revise and clarify the processes to be followed regarding the energisation of Embedded Power Stations
- Currently CUSC 6.5.1 prohibits a User who owns or operates a Distribution System from Energising a Power Station until such Power Station has in place the appropriate Bilateral Agreement with NGC
- CAP097 is designed to clarify the 6.5.1 obligations specifically in respect of Small and Medium Power Stations and recognises that not all parties will have a Bilateral Agreement with NGC
- CAP097 introduces the concept of a Statement of Works
 - This sets out the GB Transmission System Works that must be completed prior to the energisation of an Embedded Power Station

Background

- A change to CUSC 6.5.1 was made through the BETTA Transition Period to clarify the position regarding Embedded Exemptable Large Power Stations (EELPS)
 - EELPS cannot have their connection energised by a DNO until that Party has acceded to the CUSC (and entered into either a BEGA or a BELLA) and
 - NGC has confirmed to the DNO that any Transmission Reinforcement Works associated with the EELPS have been completed.
- The proposals in CAP097 would seek to align the treatment of EELPS with those for Medium and Small Embedded Power Stations.
- It is currently envisaged by NGC that only certain Small Power Stations would be impacted by the proposals.
 - Those connected at the same voltage level as the LV side of the GSP Transformer – consistent with CAP001 and CAP067

Background - LEEMPS Proposals

- Alongside the proposals contained within CAP097 are those currently being progressed through the Grid Code relating to Licence Exempt Embedded Medium Power Stations. These are:
 - That the DNO forms the sole contractual counterparty for the Embedded Medium Power Station
 - That any technical requirements in the Grid Code for Embedded Medium Power Stations are backed off through the Distribution Code.
 - Glossary and Definitions
 - Planning Code
 - Connection Conditions
 - Operating Codes
- Though relevant to the assessment of CAP097 NGC believe that the proposals put forward by CAP097 may be implemented separately to any of the Grid Code LEEMPS proposals

Background – Related CUSC Modifications

- CAP097 is related to two previous CUSC Amendment Proposals
 - CAP002
 - CAP067
- CAP002 rejected by the Authority due to interactions with CAP043 – CAP002 would have reintroduced obsolete text into the CUSC
- CAP067 withdrawn by NGC – concerns over cross-governance

CAP097: Way Forward

- NGC would propose that this modification is sent to Working Group
- NGC would invite the views of the CUSC Panel regarding the duration any such Working Group should sit to consider CAP097