

Headline Report

Meeting Name	CUSC Amendments Panel
Meeting No.	45
Date of Meeting	20 th May 2005
Time	10.30 – 13:00
Venue	Brandon Hall Hotel, Brandon, near Coventry

This note sets out the headlines and key decisions of the most recent meeting of the CUSC Amendments Panel under the CUSC constitution. Full minutes of the meeting will be produced and approved at the next meeting of the Panel and will then be published on the website.

1) Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the Panel meeting held on 22nd April 2005 were APPROVED by the Panel.

2) New Amendment Proposals – CAPs088-CAP091

CAPs088-CAP090 were submitted by NGC and CAP091 was submitted by BizzEnergy and comprised proposed Amendments to the credit arrangements within the CUSC to align with the Ofgem Conclusions document “Best Practice Guidelines for Gas and Electricity Network Operator Credit Cover”. Paul Murphy (NGC) and Keith Munday (BizzEnergy) gave the Panel presentations on the respective Amendment Proposals.

The Panel AGREED that CAPs088-CAP091 should be considered by a Working Group chaired by Ben Graff of NGC. The Panel agreed the Membership of the Working Group (subject to several confirmations) and draft Terms of Reference (TORs). The Working Group would refine the TORs and submit them for approval to the June Panel meeting. The Working Group’s final Report should be submitted to the August Panel Meeting although if the Working Group completes its deliberations on any Amendment Proposal earlier than this the Group should report accordingly to the Panel.

3) Standing and Working Groups

Balancing Services Standing Group

John Greasley, Chairman of the BSSG, gave the Panel an update on the work of the Group to date.

4) Possible Options to Incorporate Panel Members’ Recommendations in CUSC Amendment Reports

After consideration the Panel agreed to defer detailed discussion of this issue until the Panel meeting scheduled for 24th June in order to await further advice from NGC and the publication of the DTI conclusions on its consultation on the appeals arrangements under the Energy Act 2004.

Future key meetings are as follows:

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Next CUSC Panel meeting – 24th June at Brandon Hall Hotel, Brandon, near Coventry.

Next BSSG meeting – 24th May at Brandon Hall Hotel.

CAPs088-091 Working Group – tba