

CUSC MODIFICATIONS PANEL
Governance Standing Group – September 2011
Terms of Reference

Introduction

1. This paper outlines the working arrangements and Terms of Reference for the Governance Standing Group (GSG).

Governance

2. The GSG is established as a Standing Group under the CUSC Modifications Panel and shall act in accordance with Section 8.20 of the CUSC. The GSG shall have regard for Core Industry Documents and other key Industry documentation.

Membership

3. The GSG shall comprise a suitable and appropriate cross section of experience and expertise from across the industry:

Role	Name	Representing
Chairman	Garth Graham	Scottish & Southern Electricity
Technical Secretary	Bali Virk	National Grid Electricity Transmission plc
National Grid representative	Alex Thomason	National Grid Electricity Transmission plc
Member	Barbara Vest	Association of Electricity Producers
Member	Robert Longden	Mainstream Renewable Power
Member	Merel van der Neut Kolfshoten	Centrica
Member	Peter Bolitho	E.ON
Member	Stuart Cotten	Drax Power
Member	Steven Eyre	EDF Energy
Observer	Kathryn Coffin	ELEXON
Authority Representative	Abid Sheikh	Ofgem

Meeting Administration

4. The frequency of GSG meetings shall be defined as necessary by the GSG chair to meet the scope, objectives and time-scales as defined by the CUSC Modifications Panel.
5. National Grid will provide technical secretary resource to the GSG and handle administrative arrangements such as venue, agenda and minutes etc.
6. The GSG will have a dedicated page under the CUSC section of the National Grid UK website. This will enable GSG information such as minutes and presentations etc to be available to a wider audience.

Scope and Objectives

7. The GSG is tasked to prepare a report for the CUSC Modifications Panel regarding the following areas:
- Review of CUSC urgent process within section 8 & supporting guidance for the Panel and industry. Report to the Panel in June 2009. **Status: complete. Refer to June 2009 GSG minutes.**
 - Review of the new CUSC Modification Process introduced by CAP160 in light of the Transmission Access amendments. In terms of what worked well and any suggestions for improvements, e.g. Workgroup vote process, alternatives in relation to unsupported proposals going forward to consultation, consultation process, templates etc. **Status: complete. Refer to October 2009 and December 2009 minutes.**
 - Support the CUSC Panel in relation to Ofgem's Industry Code Governance Review (ICGR) as directed by the CUSC Panel, including but not limited to:
 - Support the National Grid CUSC representative at the Code Administrators Working Group and develop ideas and suggestions.
 - Develop and recommend practical advice to improve transparency and accessibility for all parties in particular new parties
 - Prepare draft responses to ICGR consultations and other related consultations for consideration by the CUSC Panel**Status: complete. Refer to September and November 2010 minutes.**
 - Review process for dealing with private and confidential responses. **Status: Complete. Refer to January 2011 and February 2011 minutes.**
 - Review the current CUSC provisions for Workgroup membership and nomination process. **Status: complete. CAP180 implemented 30 June 2010.**
 - Review of current practices to ensure good industry practice, linked with supporting Ofgem's development of Code of Practice in the Code Administrators Working Group. **Status: Review after Ofgem COP meeting.**
 - Review the process of CUSC and charging methodology interaction in light of the Transmission Access amendments. **Status: covered by CAP188. Review after 6-tweleve months after implementation July/December 2011. At minimum review April 2012 after Project TransmiT**
 - Review the process for determining implementation dates and the transition process. **Status: complete, October 2009.**
 - Consider and make recommendations regarding the relevance and operation of post implementation evaluations. **Status: Complete March 2011.**
 - Consider the issues associated with the applicability and relevance of analysis undertaken during the process before a decision is made by the Authority. **Status: Review at September 2011 Meeting (some aspects are covered by CAP179/CAP186).**

- Review the validity and rejection of new CUSC Modification Proposals – including the option of the CUSC Modifications Panel being able to refer a proposal to a Standing Group to understand / define the issue further. The ability for the Panel to manage new CUSC Modification Proposals with existing workload. **Status: Review at March 2011 Meeting. Complete March 2011**
 - Review the role of Standing Groups going forward including the ability to undertake Consultations on draft CUSC Modification Proposals to obtain industry opinion prior to raising a CUSC Modification Proposal. **Status: Review at March 2011 Meeting. Complete**
 - General review of the governance section to identify areas which will aid efficiency and transparency e.g. replacing existing Progress Report and CUSC Modifications Register and clarifying of Section 8. **Status: Complete CAP195**
 - Review of Commercial Balancing Services Group governance. **Status: outstanding, to be reviewed in September 2011 meeting**
 - Consider and make recommendations for the appointment process for an independent Panel Chairman and a Deputy Panel Chairman. **Status: Complete**
 - Review draft CUSC Modifications Proposal forms once they have been drafted by National Grid. **Status: complete December 2010.**
 - **Consider payment for CUSC Panel Members and Workgroup Members to claim expenses. Status: to be discussed at September GSG meeting**
8. It should be noted that, in accordance with Section 8 of the CUSC, the GSG as a Standing Group under the CUSC Modifications Panel cannot itself propose an CUSC Modification to the CUSC.
9. In considering the above issues, the GSG should be cognisant of any related developments that may progress in any other Industry forums.