

comments thereon. Any unresolved comments made shall be reflected in the final report.

- 8.20.20 The chairman or another member (nominated by the chairman) of the **Workgroup** shall attend the next **CUSC Modifications Panel** meeting following delivery of the report and may be invited to present the findings and/or answer the questions of **Panel Members** in respect thereof. Other members of the **Workgroup** may also attend such **CUSC Modifications Panel** meeting.
- 8.20.21 At the meeting referred to in Paragraph 8.20.20 the **CUSC Modifications Panel** shall consider the **Workgroup's** report and shall determine whether to:-
- (a) refer the **CUSC Modifications Proposal** back to the **Workgroup** for further analysis (in which case the **CUSC Modifications Panel** shall determine the timetable and terms of reference to apply in relation to such further analysis); or
 - (b) proceed then to wider consultation.
- 8.20.22 If, at any time during the assessment process carried out by the **Workgroup** pursuant to this Paragraph 8.20, the **Workgroup** considers that a **CUSC Modification Proposal** or any **Workgroup Alternative CUSC Modification** should be included within a **Significant Code Review**, it shall consult on this as part of the **Workgroup Consultation** and include its reasoned assessment in the report to the **CUSC Modifications Panel** prepared pursuant to Paragraph 8.20.19. If the **CUSC Modifications Panel** considers that the **CUSC Modification Proposal** or the **Workgroup Alternative CUSC Modification** should be included within a **Significant Code Review**, it may consult with the **Authority**. If the **Authority** directs that the **CUSC Modification Proposal** or **Workgroup Alternative CUSC Modification** be included within the **Significant Code Review**, the **CUSC Modification Proposal** and any **Workgroup Alternative CUSC Modification** shall be suspended during the **Significant Code Review Phase**, unless withdrawn.

8.21 STANDING GROUPS

- 8.21.1 The **CUSC Modifications Panel** may set up one or more standing groups (each a "**Standing Group**") to consider and report to the **CUSC Modifications Panel** on issues specified by the **CUSC Modifications Panel** relating to the connection and use of system arrangements in **Great Britain**, including the **Charging Methodologies**. The **CUSC Modifications Panel** may change issues specified from time to time as it sees fit. In setting up a **Standing Group**, the **CUSC Modifications Panel** shall determine the terms of reference of the **Standing Group** (and may change those terms of reference from time to time as it sees fit) and specify a time period within which the **Standing Group** is to report to it on the issue it is to consider and may establish other timetable requirements in relation to the intended scope of the **Standings Group's** considerations. At the end of the time period by which the **Standing Group** is to report, the **CUSC Modifications Panel** shall decide whether the **Standing Group** is to continue and, if it is to continue, shall specify a time period in which it is to further report.
- 8.21.2 A **Standing Group** shall comprise at least five (5) persons (who may be **Panel Members**) selected by the **CUSC Modifications Panel** from those nominated by **CUSC Parties** for their relevant experience and/or expertise in the aspect or issue to be considered by such **Standing Group** (and the **CUSC**

Modifications Panel shall ensure, as far as possible, that an appropriate cross-section of representation, experience and expertise is represented on such **Standing Group**) provided that there shall always be at least one member representing **The Company** and if, and only if, the **CUSC Modifications Panel** is of the view that a **CUSC Modification Proposal** is likely to have an impact on the **STC**, the **CUSC Modifications Panel** may invite the **STC** committee to appoint a representative to become a member of the **Standing Group**. A representative of the **Authority** may attend any meeting of a **Standing Group** as an observer and may speak at such meeting.

- 8.21.3 The **Code Administrator** shall in consultation with the **CUSC Modifications Panel** appoint the chairman of each **Standing Group** who shall act impartially and as an independent chairman.
- 8.21.4 The **CUSC Modifications Panel** may add further members or the **Standing Group** chairman may add or vary members to a **Standing Group** after it is established.
- 8.21.5 The **CUSC Modifications Panel** may (but shall not be obliged to) replace any member of a **Standing Group** appointed pursuant to Paragraph 8.21.2 at any time if such member is unwilling or unable for whatever reason to fulfil that function and/or is deliberately and persistently disrupting or frustrating the work of the **Standing Group**.
- 8.21.6
- (a) Each **Standing Group** chairman shall prepare a report to the **CUSC Modifications Panel** responding to the matter detailed in the terms of reference in accordance with the time period set by the **CUSC Modifications Panel**.
 - (b) If a **Standing Group** is unable to reach agreement on any such matter, the report must reflect the views of the members of the **Standing Group**.
 - (c) The report will be circulated in draft form to **Standing Group** members and a period of not less than five (5) **Business Days** given for comments thereon. Any unresolved comments made shall be reflected in the final report.
 - (d) The chairman or another member (nominated by the chairman) of the **Standing Group** shall attend the next **CUSC Modifications Panel** meeting following delivery of the report and may be invited to present the findings and/or answer the questions of **Panel Members** in respect thereof. Other members of the **Standing Group** may also attend such **CUSC Modifications Panel** meeting.
- 8.21.7 Subject to the provisions of this Paragraph 8.21 and unless otherwise determined by the **CUSC Modifications Panel**, the **Standing 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**. Unless the **CUSC Modifications Panel** otherwise determines, meetings of each **Standing 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 **Standing Group**, and the chairman or any other member of that **Standing Group** may invite

any person to speak at such meetings.

8.22 THE CODE ADMINISTRATOR CONSULTATION

- 8.22.1 In respect of any **CUSC Modification Proposal** where a **Workgroup** has been established or a **Standing Group** identified and actioned Paragraph 8.22.2 to 8.22.6 shall apply.
- 8.22.2 After consideration of any **Workgroup** report on the **CUSC Modification Proposal** and if applicable any **Workgroup Alternative CUSC Modification** by the **CUSC Modifications Panel** and a determination by the **CUSC Modifications Panel** to proceed to wider consultation, the **Code Administrator** shall bring to the attention of and consult on the **CUSC Modification Proposal** and if applicable any **Workgroup Alternative CUSC Modification** with:
- (i) **CUSC Parties**; and
 - (ii) such other persons who may properly be considered to have an appropriate interest in it, including Small Participants and the **National Consumer Council**.

Where following the establishment of a **Workgroup**, the terms of reference of a **Standing Group** have been amended by the **CUSC Modifications Panel** to include the ability to comment on that **CUSC Modification Proposal**, that **Standing Group** as a body shall be deemed to fall within sub-paragraph (ii) above and therefore shall be able to respond to the **Code Administrator's** consultation. It shall not, however, in so doing undertake the functions of a **Workgroup**. In the absence of such a change in terms of reference, the **Standing Group** as a body shall have no ability to respond to any consultation.

- 8.22.3 The consultation will be undertaken by issuing a Consultation Paper (and its provision in electronic form on the **Website** and in electronic mails to **CUSC Parties** and such other persons, who have supplied relevant details, shall meet this requirement).
- 8.22.4 The Consultation Paper will contain
- (a) the proposed drafting for the **CUSC Modification Proposal** and any **Workgroup Alternative CUSC Modification** (unless the **Authority** decides none is needed in the **CUSC Modification Report** under Paragraph 8.22.5) and will indicate the issues which arose in the **Workgroup** discussions, where there has been a **Workgroup** and will incorporate The **Company's** and the **CUSC Modifications Panel's** initial views on the way forward; and
 - (b) the date proposed by the **Code Administrator** as the **Proposed Implementation Date** and, where the **Workgroup** terms of reference require and the dates proposed by the **Workgroup** are different from those proposed by the **Code Administrator**, those proposed by the **Workgroup**. In relation to a **CUSC Modification Proposal** that meets the **Self-Governance Criteria**, the **Code Administrator** may not propose an implementation date earlier than the sixteenth (16) **Business Day** following the publication of the **CUSC Modifications Panel's** decision to approve or reject the **CUSC Modification Proposal**. Views will be invited on these dates.