

CUSC Amendment Proposal 171: Request for Urgent Status

National Grid believes that this Amendment Proposal merits progress via an urgent amendments process, as the nature of the proposal exhibits the following characteristics:

- The proposal is linked to an imminent date related event
- There is a very real likelihood of significant commercial impact upon, NGET, industry parties, or customers if the Amendment Proposal is not treated as urgent.

CAP171 proposes a Capacity Pricing Mechanism through which significant reform of the existing Transmission Access arrangements is proposed. This amendment proposal is closely linked to the package of proposals developed as part of the Transmission Access Review (CAPs 161 – 166) and is especially closely related to CAP166 – Entry Capacity Auctions. Given that Ofgem are about to carry out an impact on those proposals, and the high degree of interactivity between this proposal and CAPs 161 – 166, National Grid believes that the assessment of this proposal be expedited to allow the Authority to consider this amendment alongside the other TAR CUSC proposals as soon as possible.

National Grid would therefore propose the following timetable for the assessment of CAP171:

Amendment Raised	25 March 2009
Amendment submitted to Working Group (WG)	26 March 2009
WG report submitted to Panel	28 April 2009
Panel consider WG report	01 May 2009
Amendment submitted to Company Consultation	07 May 2009
Company Consultation closes	21 May 2009
Draft Amendment Report circulated to Industry	26 May 2009
Panel undertake Recommendation Vote	29 May 2009
Final Amendment Report submitted to the Authority	05 June 2009