

**The Connection and Use of System Code (CUSC)
Users' Panel Members Election Report
(For the period from 1st October 2011- 30th September 2013)**

Summary

1. The process to elect Users' Panel Members of the Connection and Use of System (CUSC) Modifications Panel and Alternate Members for the period 1st October 2011 to 30th September 2013 commenced on 24th June 2011.
2. The general arrangements to be followed for an election are set out in Annex 8A of the CUSC. The Code Administrator administers each election. A User Guide to the Elections was provided to all CUSC Users on 24th June 2011 before the electoral process began and was also placed on the National Grid CUSC Website¹. The purpose of the User Guide was to:
 - provide a summary of the election arrangements for 2011 in order to help CUSC Users to participate actively and effectively in the forthcoming election arrangements; and
 - clarify the approach that would be adopted for the election in a number of detailed areas of the voting arrangements where Annex 8A is silent or ambiguous.
3. For the purposes of the 2011 election arrangements, CUSC Users were defined as those persons who were a Party to the CUSC Framework Agreement, with the exception of National Grid, as at 20th June 2011.
4. Seven nominations were received by the deadline of 15th July 2011. CUSC 8A.2.2.3 states "if seven or fewer candidates are nominated no further steps in the election shall take place". Therefore, as seven nominations were received, the nominated candidates will become Users' Panel Members for 2 years commencing 1st October 2011. On this basis, the full CUSC elections process did not take place.
5. In accordance with Annex 8A, the Code Administrator announced the nomination result on the 18th July 2011, as follows:
 - Barbara Vest – nominated by Wyre Power
 - Simon Lord – nominated by First Hydro Company
 - Paul Mott – nominated by Nuclear Decommissioning Agency
 - Garth Graham – nominated by Keadby Generation Limited
 - Fiona Navesey – nominated by British Gas Trading Ltd

¹ A copy of the User Guide is available at:
<http://www.nationalgrid.com/uk/Electricity/Codes/systemcode/Panel/Elections/>

- Paul Jones – nominated by E.ON UK plc
- Bob Brown – nominated by Immingham CHP LLP/ConocoPhillips (UK) Ltd

Electoral Timetable and Electoral Process Issues

6. Annex 8A of the CUSC stipulates a clear timetable the Code Administrator must follow when administering the Panel Elections, subject to Code Administrator's discretion to amend the timetable to achieve the overriding requirement to announce the election result.
7. The timetable adopted in the 2011 CUSC Panel Election is set out below:
 - Nominations - the date by which nominations of candidates were to be received was 5pm on 15th July 2011.
 - The results of the nominations were notified to the industry via email on 18th July 2011.
8. No issues were raised by eligible parties concerning the validity of the election documentation or the election process.
9. The administration of the 2011 CUSC Panel Elections was conducted predominantly via e-mail. As with previous elections, CUSC Users appeared to be comfortable with the conduct of the election via e-mail and no security or related issues were raised.
10. The Code Administrator is satisfied with the integrity of the CUSC Panel Elections, and commends the results to Authority.