



CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

CUSC Amendment Proposal CAP123

Quorum at Amendments Panel meetings held via teleconference

*The purpose of this document is to
consult on Amendment Proposal CAP123
with CUSC Parties and other interested
Industry members*

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1.0 SUMMARY AND VIEWS

Executive Summary

- 1.1 CAP123 - Quorum at Amendments Panel meetings held via teleconference was proposed by National Grid and submitted to the Amendments Panel on 31st March 2006. CAP123 proposes to amend CUSC 8.9.2 to ensure the available conference provisions within CUSC 8.7.8 can be fully utilised and that meetings held via this provision are capable of being quorate.

National Grid's View

- 1.2 National Grid, as the proposer of CAP123 is supportive of the Amendment Proposal, believing that it would better facilitate achievement of the Applicable CUSC Objective (a).

Amendment Panels View

- 1.3 The Amendments Panel agreed that CAP123 should proceed to wider consultation by National Grid, for a period of 3 weeks.

1.0 PURPOSE AND INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This is a consultation document issued by National Grid under the rules and procedures specified in the Connection and Use of System Code (CUSC) as designated by the Secretary of State.
- 1.2 Further to the submission of Amendment Proposal CAP123, this document seeks views from industry members relating to the Amendment Proposal.
- 2.3 CAP123 was proposed by National Grid and submitted to the CUSC Amendments Panel for consideration at their meeting on 31st March 2006. The Amendments Panel determined that CAP123 was appropriate to proceed to wider industry consultation by National Grid.
- 2.4 This consultation document outlines the nature of the CUSC changes that are proposed. Representations received in response to this consultation document will be included in National Grid's Amendment Report that will be furnished to the Authority for their decision.
- 2.5 This consultation document has been prepared in accordance with the terms of the CUSC. An electronic copy can be found on the National Grid website, at www.nationalgrid.com/uk/Electricity/Codes/ and the Amendment Proposal form. This document invites views upon CAP123 and the **closing date is 25th April 2006 for responses** including any Consultation Alternatives.
- 2.6 CUSC Parties are reminded that any Consultation Alternatives must be submitted by the above closing date and must be in writing and contain sufficient detail in accordance with the requirements within CUSC 8.15.2

3.0 PROPOSED AMENDMENT

- 3.1 CAP123 proposes to amend CUSC 8.9.2 to ensure the available conference provisions within CUSC 8.7.8 can be fully utilised and that meetings held via

this provision are capable of being a quorate meeting of the Amendments Panel.

3.2 CUSC 8.9 details the quorum requirements for all Amendments Panel meetings. CUSC 8.9.2 requires a quorum of 6 Panel Member votes "in person" (not persons) and one of those votes shall be National Grid's.

3.3 This means all meetings need a minimum of 6 votes "in person" to be quorate (i.e. one National Grid Panel Member, one Panel Member and 2 rightly appointed Alternates by 4 Panel Members which equals 6 votes in person) . Therefore without a reference to CUSC 8.7.8 any Panel meetings not held "in person" i.e. via teleconference are incapable of being quorate in accordance with 8.9.2

4.0 ASSESSMENT AGAINST APPLICABLE CUSC OBJECTIVES

Proposed Amendment

4.1 CAP123 would better facilitate CUSC Objective;

(a) *the efficient discharge by the Licensee of the obligations imposed upon it by the act and the Transmission Licence*

4.2 By providing the Amendments Panel with the flexibility to arrange meetings without the need to travel to a specified place thus ensuring time and resources are utilised in an economic and efficient manner. Also urgent meetings can be held as soon as possible using teleconference facilities.

5.0 PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION

5.1 National Grid proposes CAP123 should be Implemented 10 business days after an Authority decision, because it has no material impact or effect on CUSC Parties. In accordance with 8.19.3(b) views are invited on this proposed implementation date.

6.0 IMPACT ON THE CUSC

6.1 CAP123 requires amendments to CUSC 8.9.2. The text required to give effect to the Proposal is contained in Annex 1 of this document.

7.0 IMPACT ON INDUSTRY DOCUMENTS

7.1 CAP123 has no impact upon Core Industry Documents or Industry Computer Systems/Processes as it is a straightforward Amendment to rectify a minor defect.

8.0 INITIAL VIEW OF THE AMENDMENTS PANEL

8.1 The Amendments Panel agreed that CAP123 should proceed to wider consultation by National Grid, for a period of 3 weeks.

9.0 INITIAL VIEW OF NATIONAL GRID

- 9.1 National Grid believes CAP123 would ensure conference provisions can be fully utilised by the Amendments Panel as and when required and would better achieve CUSC Applicable Objective (a).

10.0 VIEWS INVITED

- 10.1 National Grid is seeking the views of interested parties in relation to the issues raised by Amendment Proposal CAP123 and issues arising from the proposed timescale for implementation.
- 10.2 Please send your responses to this consultation to National Grid by no later than close of business on **25th April 2006**
- 10.3 Please address all comments to the following e-mail address:

Beverley.viney@uk.ngrid.com

Or alternatively, comments may be addressed to:

Beverley Viney
Amendments Panel Secretary
Electricity Codes
National Grid
National Grid House
Warwick Technology Park
Gallows Hill
Warwick
CV34 6DA

ANNEX 1 - PROPOSED LEGAL TEXT TO MODIFY THE CUSC

The CUSC baseline text shall be amended as detailed below by inserting the coloured and underlined text.

- 8.9.2 Subject to Paragraph 8.9.3, a quorum shall be 6 **Panel Members** who have a vote present (Subject to 8.7.8) in person or by their alternates, of whom at least one shall be appointed by **The Company**.

ANNEX 2 – CUSC Amendment Proposal Form

CUSC Amendment Proposal Form	CAP:123
Title of Amendment Proposal: Quorum at Amendments Panel meetings held via teleconference	
Description of the Proposed Amendment (<i>mandatory by proposer</i>): It is proposed to change CUSC 8.9.2 to ensure the available conference provisions within CUSC 8.7.8 can be fully utilised and that meetings held via this provision are capable of being a quorate meeting of the Amendments Panel.	
Description of Issue or Defect that Proposed Amendment seeks to Address (<i>mandatory by proposer</i>): CUSC 8.9 details the quorum requirements for all Amendments Panel meetings. CUSC 8.9.2 requires a quorum of 6 Panel Member votes “in person” (not persons) and one of those votes shall be National Grid’s. This means all meetings need to be “in person” to be quorate. Therefore without a reference to CUSC 8.7.8 any Panel meetings not held “in person” i.e. via teleconference is incapable of being quorate in accordance with 8.9.2 This Amendment proposes to include a reference to CUSC 8.7.8 within the Quorum provisions to ensure any Amendments Panel meetings in the future held via conference are capable of being a quorate meeting.	
Impact on the CUSC (<i>this should be given where possible</i>): Section 8 - CUSC Amendment Change to CUSC 8.9.2 as detailed below by inserting the coloured and underlined text. Subject to Paragraph 8.9.3, a quorum shall be 6 Panel Members who have a vote present (<u>Subject to 8.7.8</u>) in person or by their alternates, of whom at least one shall be appointed by The Company .	
Impact on Core Industry Documentation (<i>this should be given where possible</i>): None	
Impact on Computer Systems and Processes used by CUSC Parties (<i>this should be given where possible</i>): N/A	
Details of any Related Modifications to Other Industry Codes (<i>where known</i>): N/A	
Justification for Proposed Amendment with Reference to Applicable CUSC Objectives** (<i>mandatory by proposer</i>): National Grid believes that by amending the quorum provisions to ensure quorate meetings can be held via conference (if required) would better achieve the applicable CUSC objective (a) <i>(The efficient discharge by the licensee of the obligations imposed upon it under the Act and by the Transmission Licence) by providing the Amendments Panel the flexibility to arrange meetings without the need to travel to a specified place thus ensuring time and resources are utilised in a economic and efficient manner also urgent meetings can be held as soon as possible.</i>	

Details of Proposer: Organisation's Name:	National Grid
Capacity in which the Amendment is being proposed: (i.e. CUSC Party, BSC Party or “energywatch”)	CUSC Party

Details of Proposer's Representative: Name: Organisation: Telephone Number: Email Address:	Emma Carr National Grid 01926 655843 Emma.i.carr@uk.ngrid.com
Details of Representative's Alternate: Name: Organisation: Telephone Number: Email Address:	Shafiq Ullah National Grid 01926 654874 Shafiq.ullah@uk.ngrid.com
Attachments (Yes/No): If Yes, Title and No. of pages of each Attachment: No	

Notes:

1. Those wishing to propose an Amendment to the CUSC should do so by filling in this "Amendment Proposal Form" that is based on the provisions contained in Section 8.15 of the CUSC. The form seeks to ascertain details about the Amendment Proposal so that the Amendments Panel can determine more clearly whether the proposal should be considered by a Working Group or go straight to wider National Grid Consultation.
2. The Panel Secretary will check that the form has been completed, in accordance with the requirements of the CUSC, prior to submitting it to the Panel. If the Panel Secretary accepts the Amendment Proposal form as complete, then he will write back to the Proposer informing him of the reference number for the Amendment Proposal and the date on which the Proposal will be considered by the Panel. If, in the opinion of the Panel Secretary, the form fails to provide the information required in the CUSC, then he may reject the Proposal. The Panel Secretary will inform the Proposer of the rejection and report the matter to the Panel at their next meeting. The Panel can reverse the Panel Secretary's decision and if this happens the Panel Secretary will inform the Proposer.

The completed form should be returned to:

Beverley Viney
 Panel Secretary
 Commercial Frameworks
 National Grid
 National Grid House
 Warwick Technology Park
 Gallows Hill
 Warwick, CV34 6DA
 Or via e-mail to: beverley.viney@uk.ngrid.com

(Participants submitting this form by email will need to send a statement to the effect that the proposer acknowledges that on acceptance of the proposal for consideration by the Amendments Panel, a proposer which is not a CUSC Party shall grant a licence in accordance with Paragraph 8.15.7 of the CUSC. A Proposer that is a CUSC Party shall be deemed to have granted this Licence).

3. Applicable CUSC Objectives** - These are defined within the National Grid Company Transmission Licence under Section C7F, paragraph 15. Reference should be made to this section when considering a proposed amendment.