

# CUSC Modification Proposal Form

CMP217

**Title of the CUSC Modification Proposal:** *(mandatory by Proposer)*

**Clarification of the CUSC 'Interruption Payment' and 'Interruption Period' definitions**

**Submission Date** *(mandatory by Proposer)*

17 January 2013

**Description of the CUSC Modification Proposal** *(mandatory by Proposer)*

This modification proposes clarifying the 'Interruption Payment' and 'Interruption Period' definitions, which are set out in Section 11 of the CUSC, in order to allow the calculations set out by the legal text to be more easily derived.

The 'Interruption Payment' and 'Interruption Period' definitions were introduced in 2004, following the approval of CAP48 by the Authority. The 'Interruption Payment' definition was further amended in 2008 following the approval of CAP144 by the Authority. More recently, CMP211 has made changes to the Interruption Payment definition. CMP211 was progressed as a self-governance modification; at the 14 December 2012 meeting, the CUSC Panel voted to approve the modification with an implementation date of 24th January 2013.

This modification proposes to amend the 'Interruption Payment' and 'Interruption Period' CUSC text. The modification is not proposing to change the intent of CMP211 but simply introduce greater clarity into the CUSC definitions. For this reason, and to minimise industry resource, a straight to consultation route is preferred under the CUSC governance procedure.

**Description of Issue or Defect that CUSC Modification Proposal seeks to Address:** *(mandatory by Proposer)*

The CUSC Panel has approved CMP212, under the self-governance process, with an implementation date of 24<sup>th</sup> January 2013. CMP212 will set out a more robust process in relation to loss of transmission access claims, introducing time limits for users to submit claims and for National Grid to investigate claims.

The process for calculation of loss transmission access claims are set out in Section 11 of the CUSC under the definition of 'Interruption Payments'. Currently, the calculations can be difficult to follow. This modification proposes to clarify the 'Interruption Payment' definition such that it is easier for a third party, who is unfamiliar with the payment calculations to calculate the values involved. The modification will also clarify the 'Interruption Period' definition so that it is clearer as to what the period of payment is.

The modification will allow a user to more easily work out the materiality of any loss of transmission access claim and assist in the efficiency of the loss of transmission access claims process introduced under CMP212.

**Impact on the CUSC** *(this should be given where possible)*

Clarification of the 'Interruption Payment' and Interruption Period' definitions under the CUSC (Section 11).

**Do you believe the CUSC Modification Proposal will have a material impact on Greenhouse Gas Emissions? Yes/No** (mandatory by Proposer. Assessed in accordance with Authority Guidance – see guidance notes for website link)

No

**Impact on Core Industry Documentation. Please tick the relevant boxes and provide any supporting information** (this should be given where possible)

None

BSC

Grid Code

STC

Other   
(please specify)

**Urgency Recommended: Yes / No** (optional by Proposer)

No

**Justification for Urgency Recommendation** (mandatory by Proposer if recommending progression as an Urgent Modification Proposal)

n/a

**Self-Governance Recommended: Yes / No** (mandatory by Proposer)

Yes

**Justification for Self-Governance Recommendation** (Mandatory by Proposer if recommending progression as Self-governance Modification Proposal)

Self-Governance is the preferred route for this modification because it is not introducing a significant change into the CUSC but simply clarifying definitions in order to make calculations easier to follow. The basis for the calculations will not change; they will be set out in a more logical format.

**Should this CUSC Modification Proposal be considered exempt from any ongoing Significant Code Reviews?** (Mandatory by Proposer in order to assist the Panel in deciding whether a Modification Proposal should undergo a SCR Suitability Assessment)

Yes

**Impact on Computer Systems and Processes used by CUSC Parties:** (this should be given where possible)

None

**Details of any Related Modification to Other Industry Codes** (where known):

n/a

**Justification for CUSC Modification Proposal with Reference to Applicable CUSC Objectives:**  
(mandatory by proposer)

**Please tick the relevant boxes and provide justification:**

(a) the efficient discharge by The Company of the obligations imposed upon it by the Act and the Transmission Licence

(b) facilitating effective competition in the generation and supply of electricity, and (so far as consistent therewith) facilitating such competition in the sale, distribution and purchase of electricity.

The modification will allow users, including those who may not be familiar with the calculations, to more easily derive the materiality of any loss of access claims.

(c) compliance with the Electricity Regulation and any relevant legally binding decision of the European Commission and/or the Agency.

These are defined within the National Grid Electricity Transmission plc Licence under Standard Condition C10, paragraph 1

<b>Details of Proposer:</b> (Organisation Name)	National Grid
<b>Capacity in which the CUSC Modification Proposal is being proposed:</b> (i.e. CUSC Party, BSC Party or "National Consumer Council")	CUSC Party
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**Attachments (Yes/No): Yes**

**If Yes, Title and No. of pages of each Attachment:**

**Attached:** Authority CAP48 and CAP144 decision letters.



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**Attached:** Legal text for proposed revised Section 11 changes



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**Attached:** Section 11 text after the implementation of CMP211 on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2013 i.e. prior to the changes proposed by this modification



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