

CUSC Amendment Proposal Form	CAP:103
<p>Title of Amendment Proposal:</p> <p>Flexibility of Working Group Internal Procedures</p>	
<p>Description of the Proposed Amendment <i>(mandatory by proposer):</i></p> <p>This proposal would provide increased flexibility to the Working Group process by providing the Working Group with the ability to unilaterally alter membership for the period up to the next Amendments Panel, following which the Amendments Panel could either uphold or overturn the Working Group changes of membership.</p> <p>Furthermore, it proposes that Working Group members are able to agree a three day timetable for the approval of Working Group Reports by the Working Group if all Working Group Members agree to this. However, in the event of no agreement, the standard five day timetable for approval would remain.</p>	
<p>Description of Issue or Defect that Proposed Amendment seeks to Address <i>(mandatory by proposer):</i></p> <p>Currently all Working Groups must process all changes of membership through the CUSC Amendments Panel and also abide by strict timetables for the circulation of WG documentation for agreement prior to Panel submission.</p> <p>These rules are potentially too prescriptive as Working Groups often have requests to vary their membership between Panel meetings. It is proposed that by confirming that Working Groups have the right to agree interim changes of membership, Working Groups will work more efficiently. Equally, ensuring that the Amendments Panel has the opportunity to uphold or overturn the Working Group decisions in relation to changes of membership acts as a safeguard that enables the Amendments Panel to continue to ultimately act as a check on Working Group decisions in this area.</p> <p>Secondly, given that Working Group Reports need to be circulated 5 days before a Panel meeting, Groups sometimes find the rule in 8.17 (c) that states Working Group Reports must be circulated in draft to Members 5 days before being signed off problematic in achieving the CUSC Panel Paper Submission date. Therefore, it is proposed that where the Working Group Members all agree, the 5 day circulation rule can be varied to a 3 day rule. However, where Working Group Members are not comfortable to agree a relaxation of the five day rule, 5 days would remain the default position.</p>	
<p>Impact on the CUSC <i>(this should be given where possible):</i></p> <p>Section 8.17 - Working Groups</p>	
<p>Impact on Core Industry Documentation <i>(this should be given where possible):</i></p> <p>None</p>	
<p>Impact on Computer Systems and Processes used by CUSC Parties <i>(this should be given where possible):</i></p> <p>None</p>	
<p>Details of any Related Modifications to Other Industry Codes <i>(where known):</i></p> <p>None</p>	

Justification for Proposed Amendment with Reference to Applicable CUSC Objectives**

(mandatory by proposer):

We believe that this proposal will better facilitate Licence Objectives (a). It will allow NGC to facilitate the efficient discharge by the licensee of the obligations imposed upon it under the Act and by this Licence, by ensuring that the provisions of the CUSC are practical and effective and allow Working Groups to function as well as possible, whilst also retaining the appropriate safe-guards in relation to the Panel ultimately confirming or rejecting Working Group decisions to change Membership and ensuring that where Working Group Members are not comfortable with a variation from the 5 day rule, the 5 day rule will remain.

Details of Proposer: Organisation's Name:	National Grid Company
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:	Ben Graff National Grid Company 01926 656312 Ben.Graff@uk.ngrid.com
Details of Representative's Alternate: Name: Organisation: Telephone Number: Email Address:	Emma Carr National Grid Company 01926 655843 Emma.Carr@uk.ngrid.com
Attachments (Yes/No): No	

Notes:

- 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.
- 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:

Lindsey Paradine
Panel Secretary
Commercial Frameworks
National Grid Company plc
National Grid Transco House
Warwick Technology Park
Gallows Hill
Warwick, CV34 6DA
Or via e-mail to: CUSC.Team@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.