

CUSC Amendment Proposal Form	CAP051
Title of Amendment Proposal:	
Initiation of the Amendment Procedures by the Amendments Panel	
<p>Description of the Proposed Amendment <i>(mandatory by proposer):</i></p> <p>This proposal seeks to clarify the process for the review of an amendment made to the CUSC under section 8.23.5 where such a review is deemed necessary by the Amendments Panel. The proposed amendment makes clear that the Amendments Panel should establish a Standing Group (or use an appropriate existing Standing Group) as a body to consider whether another solution might better facilitate the Applicable CUSC Objectives in respect of the subject matter of the original amendment.</p>	
<p>Description of Issue or Defect that Proposed Amendment seeks to Address <i>(mandatory by proposer):</i></p> <p>Section 8.23.5 of CUSC states: <i>"If an amendment is made to the CUSC in accordance with the Transmission Licence but other than pursuant to the other Amendment Procedures in this Section 8, the Amendments Panel may, following such amendment, initiate the Amendment Procedures in order to consider whether any Alternative Amendment could better facilitate achieving the Applicable CUSC Objectives in respect of the subject matter of the original amendment."</i></p> <p>At present the CUSC is unclear as to how the Amendments Panel should initiate the Amendment Procedures. Paragraph 8.15.1 of the CUSC refers to the Amendments Panel submitting an Amendment Proposal under Paragraphs 8.21.8 and 8.23.5. However because an amendment to CUSC has been implemented it is likely that the issue/defect with which it was dealing will have been remedied. It is therefore unclear what information could be included in an Amendment Proposal submitted by the Panel under Paragraphs 8.23.5 to satisfy the mandatory requirement to describe the issue/defect that the Proposed Amendment seeks to address.</p> <p>This proposal provides for a Standing Group to be actioned to review the issues surrounding an amendment implemented under 8.23.5 of the CUSC. If that Standing Group determines that a defect remains and that an alternative approach is considered to be likely to better facilitate the Applicable CUSC Objectives, then the way would be clear for a CUSC party (or the Panel acting under 8.23.5) to submit an Amendment Proposal detailing the nature of the remaining defect and the proposed solution.</p>	
<p>Impact on the CUSC <i>(this should be given where possible):</i></p> <p>Paragraph 8.23.5 of the CUSC would require amendment in order to give effect to the proposed change. The draft text to give effect to this proposal is contained in Attachment 1.</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):*

The terms of the Transmission Licence require National Grid to establish and operate procedures for the modification of the CUSC, including the modification procedures themselves, so as to better facilitate achievement of the Applicable CUSC Objectives.

Amendment of the process for reviewing amendments made in accordance with 8.23.5 would improve the efficiency in the amendment procedures themselves as the current CUSC is unclear on initiation and process of review. Amendment of the process would enable National Grid to more efficiently discharge its obligations.

Details of Proposer: Organisation's Name	The National Grid Company plc
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:	Andy Balkwill The National Grid Company plc 024 76423198 andy.balkwill@uk.ngrid.com
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Attachments (Yes/No): Yes If Yes, Title and No. of pages of each Attachment: Attachment 1 – Draft Text to give effect to proposal. One page.	

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:

Richard Dunn
Panel Secretary
Commercial Development
National Grid Company plc
National Grid House
Kirby Corner Road
Coventry, CV4 8JY

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.

Attachment 1

Draft Text to give effect to the proposed amendment

8.23 IMPLEMENTATION

8.23.5 If an amendment is made to the **CUSC** in accordance with the **Transmission Licence** but other than pursuant to the other **Amendment Procedures** in this Section 8, the **Amendments Panel** may, following such amendment establish a **Standing Group** in accordance with Paragraph 8.18.1, or identify and action an existing **Standing Group** ~~initiate the **Amendment Procedures** in order~~ to consider whether any **Alternative Amendment** there may be another solution that could better facilitate achieving the **Applicable CUSC Objectives** in respect of the subject matter of the original amendment.