

Headline Report

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| Meeting Name | CUSC Amendments Panel |
| Meeting No. | 43 |
| Date of Meeting | 18 th March 2005 |
| Time | 10.30 – 13:00 |
| Venue | Brandon Hall Hotel, Brandon, near Coventry |

This note sets out the headlines and key decisions of the most recent meeting of the CUSC Amendments Panel under the CUSC constitution. Full minutes of the meeting will be produced and approved at the next meeting of the Panel and will then be published on the website.

1) Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the Panel meetings held on 17th December 2004 and 12th January 2005 had been APPROVED by the Panel in correspondence and had been placed on the National Grid CUSC website.

2) New Amendment Proposals – CAP079-CAP084 (Housekeeping Amendments)

CAP079-CAP084 were submitted by NGC and comprised a number of minor Housekeeping Amendments to the CUSC. The Panel AGREED that CAP079-CAP084 should go straight to industry consultation for a period of four weeks. NGC agreed to consider a more streamlined approach for Housekeeping Amendments in due course.

3) Standing and Working Groups

Balancing Services Standing Group

In the absence of John Greasley, Chairman of the BSSG, Bob Brown gave the Panel a presentation on the work of the Group to date and future topics for consideration.

4) GB Offers and Connection Boundaries

Phil Collins gave the Panel a presentation on the principles that had been established for demarcation between Transmission and Distribution connections especially in the context of forthcoming GB offers

5) Appeals Arrangements against Ofgem Code Decisions under the Energy Act 2004

Steve Drummond informed the Panel that there would be delays in the introduction of appeals arrangements as the DTI and Competition Commission consultations were still progressing. The Panel agreed that the Governance Standing Group's consideration of these issues should be held in abeyance until the outcome of the consultations was known.

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6) Authority Decisions on changes to CUSC in preparation for BETTA

Ben Graff gave the Panel a presentation on the changes made to the CUSC in recent weeks and due to be made from 1st April in preparation for BETTA Go- Live following Directions to NGC from Ofgem.

Future key meetings are as follows:

Next CUSC Panel meeting – 22nd April at Brandon Hall Hotel, Brandon, near Coventry