

CUSC Amendment Proposal Form	CAP:085
<p>Title of Amendment Proposal: “Revised Treatment of Housekeeping Amendments.”</p>	
<p>Description of the Proposed Amendment (<i>mandatory by proposer</i>): CAP085 would provide for a more efficient, lighter touch approach, to the progressing of HouseKeeping Amendments. It is proposed that where such proposals have been raised, the CUSC Panel will agree whether or not they believe such Amendments are in fact Housekeeping.</p> <p>Where agreement has been reached with the Panel, NGC will publish the proposed Housekeeping Amendments on our Website for 5 business days, prior to writing to Ofgem requesting that the Housekeeping Amendments be approved. (Where agreement can not be reached, the Amendment will not be treated as a Housekeeping Amendment, and will follow the normal CUSC Amendment route.)</p> <p>The Authority will take the final executive decision as to whether or not to approve the Amendments based on the normal criteria as to whether or not they believe the proposal better facilitates the relevant applicable objectives. Were the Authority to believe that Amendments that had followed the Housekeeping route were not in fact Housekeeping Amendments, it would be at the Authority’s discretion as to whether they asked NGC to take the proposal back through the normal Consultation route, or rejected it, in these circumstances.</p> <p>NGC propose to further work up the definition of “Housekeeping,” for the Consultation report. However, we would envisage it would broadly encompass typos, spelling mistakes, inaccurate references, omissions to contents pages, and updates to addresses. Where an Amendment could conceivably have any genuine form of material impact on parties, it would not constitute a Housekeeping Amendment.</p>	
<p>Description of Issue or Defect that Proposed Amendment seeks to Address (<i>mandatory by proposer</i>): Currently all Amendments that are progressed, follow an identical process. This involves the publication of Consultation Documents, Draft Amendment Reports and Final Amendment Reports. In relation to Housekeeping Amendments the error in question will be obvious and we believe such extensive Consultation is an unnecessary exercise on the part of NGC, and risks excessively burdening the industry with Consultation Documents.</p> <p>This proposal would significantly reduce this burden, whilst also preserving three key procedural protections. Firstly, the Panel will need to agree that Amendments should be treated as Housekeeping, which acts as an initial check that NGC are acting in an appropriate manner. Secondly, NGC will publish all proposals on our website for a week after Panel Agreement prior to sending to the Authority. CUSC parties on our mailing list will also be notified by e-mail that this material is on our Website, and again when the proposals are sent to Ofgem. This will ensure that all Signatories are fully aware as to what is being proposed. Thirdly, Ofgem will continue to take the final executive decision as to whether or not to agree the proposed change, which gives the industry the added comfort of knowing that CAP085 does not in anyway</p>	

dilute the Executive role of the Authority.

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

A change to Section 8 will be required.

Impact on Core Industry Documentation *(this should be given where possible):*

None

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

None

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

None

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. The revised treatment of Housekeeping Amendments would aid the efficient discharge by the licensee of the obligations imposed upon it under the Act and by the NGC Transmission Licence.

Details of Proposer: Organisation's Name:	NGC
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 NGC 01926 656312 ben.graff@uk.ngrid.com
Details of Representative's Alternate: Name: Organisation: Telephone Number: Email Address:	Mark Duffield NGC 01926 656211 richard.dunn@uk.ngrid.com
Attachments (Yes/No): If Yes, Title and No. of pages of each Attachment:	

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:

Richard Dunn
Panel Secretary
Commercial Frameworks
National Grid Company plc
NGT 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 C10, paragraph 1. Reference should be made to this section when considering a proposed amendment.