

Governance Standing Group Report to the CUSC Panel 23rd September 2005

Summary

Since the June Meeting, when the GSG was re-established with new terms of reference, it will have met four times. On 12th July it considered the implications of the new Appeals Procedures and on 4th and 31st August it specifically assessed CAPs 100,101,102, and 103, that were proposed by National Grid as a direct result of the previous GSG discussions in order to fully implement the Appeals Procedures within CUSC. The GSG were also charged with reviewing Section 8 of the CUSC and it has identified a number of areas where further debate is required, which may in time lead to further CAPs being brought forward. The meeting on 19th September would focus on this wider review.

Progress on the CAPs

CAPs 100/101 – The Working Group assessment has been completed and the report is presented at this CUSC Panel Meeting.

CAP102 – Following a brief assessment and the recommendation of the WG, the Proposer has sought to withdraw this proposal.

CAP103 - The Working Group assessment has been completed and the report is presented at this CUSC Panel Meeting.

Progress on the Wider Review

Having identified a number of areas for discussion, the GSG Members agreed to prioritise the review of Section 8 into the following order:

- Filter mechanism for CAP Submissions
- Limitation on number of Working Group Alternative Amendments (WGAA)
- What constitutes a WGAA?
- Treatment of pending proposals in the new Appeals Process
- Process timescales
- Alternate's Votes
- Role of Working Group Chairman
- Independent CUSC Panel Chairman

At the 31st August meeting, the GSG begun discussions on the first three items. This was in the hope that it could quickly identify ways of reducing the potential for a plethora of Alternative Amendments being brought forward, be it through introducing a filtering process, limiting the number of Alternatives that can be put forward or strengthening existing provisions. No solution was found at that time; the group in fact agreed that the current process could be the most efficient and effective.

Further Update

The CUSC Panel will be updated on any further progress following the GSG meeting on Monday 19th September.

Terms of Reference

The Amendment Panel is asked to agree that the Group's TOR is further amended to that of only reviewing Section 8.

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12th September 2005