

**Minutes and Actions Arising from Meeting No.60
Held on 15 December 2006
At National Grid Office, Warwick**

Present:

Simon Cocks	SC	Panel Chairman
Beverley Viney	BV	Panel Secretary
Duncan Burt	DB	Panel Member (National Grid)
Hedd Roberts	HR	Panel Member (National Grid)
Malcolm Taylor	MT	Panel Member (Users Member)
Tony Dicicco	TD	Panel Member (Users Member)
Garth Graham	GG	Panel Member (Users Member)
Simon Lord	SL	Panel Member (Users Member)
Dick Cecil	DC	Alternate Panel Member (Users Member)
David Edward	DE	Authority Representative (part of meeting)
Hugh Conway	HC	Energywatch Representative

In Attendance:

Richard Ford	RF	Renewable Energy Systems Group
Emma Carr	EC	National Grid
John Greasley	JG	National Grid
Wayne Mullins	WM	National Grid

1 Introductions/Apologies for Absence

880. Apologies were received from Simon Goldring, Paul Jones and Kathryn Coffin. Dick Cecil was appointed Simon's alternate and Malcolm Taylor was appointed as Paul's alternate.

2 Minutes of the Meeting held on 24 November 2006

881. The minutes of the 59th Amendments Panel meeting held on 24th November 2006 were AGREED with minor amendments.

3 Review of Actions

882. **Action 793** – CB to speak to Nigel Williams (Customer Agreements Manager) to see if more information can be published (re Application Fees) – HR replied to this in CB absence and updated the Panel that no further information was available- this action is now complete.
883. **Action 732** – Terms of Reference (CAP140) to be discussed at December Panel – this is an agenda item later.
884. **Action 833** – BV to circulate the presentations for all the new (November) amendments to Panel Members – Complete these were issued with November Headline report.

- 885. **Action 857** – HR to check proposed CAP126 legal text. This is complete and CAP126 was circulated for Consultation 7th December 2006.
- 886. **Action 859** – BV to circulate the CAP 127 Working Group presentations to Panel Members – Complete these were issued with November Headline report.
- 887. **Action 873** – BV to place DCUSA modification update in standing item on report on other industry documents – complete see agenda items.
- 888. **Action 875** – (discussion of CUSC Panel Member participation in a Working Group and being able to vote) – see later agenda item for December Panel.
- 889. **Action 877** – KC to give update to December Panel (re how the BSC and BSC Panel deal with item 875) – KC provided this update to BV and this is part of a later agenda item.
- 890. **Action 833** – BV to circulate and publish (November Headline) – Complete.

Outstanding actions

- 891. Gas Control Room Visit – agenda item for December Panel.
- 892. Offshore presentation by John Greasley – agenda item for December Panel.

4 New Amendment Proposals (as at 7/12/06)

- 893. **CAP143:** Interim Transmission Entry Capacity (“ITEC”) product – RF gave a presentation on behalf of Dr Keith MacLean of SSE Generation Limited. Allows earlier connection for some generation with the defining features of not fully firm, generation may be constrained, no constraint payments, limits to constraint volumes, time bounded, starts when conditions met and ends when TEC granted.
- 894. The amendment would apply anywhere within the GB. It was asked if it would be constraint neutral - RF replied that this was largely expected to be the case with a “zero price” constraint volume set to provide National Grid with an appropriate incentive. The number of constraints would be relatively low in a year and National Grid would have to reserve the “zero price” constraints for when they were required.
- 895. TD stated that generators typically submit positive bid prices and therefore a “zero price” was not a “no charge” product to the industry. TD questioned why ITEC was required when other existing TEC products were available.
- 896. RF recommended that the maximum hours would be enshrined in CUSC, with 100 hours the suggested figure for “free” constraint. After 100 hours it would be chargeable.
- 897. It was asked what the charge would be; RF assumed the charge would be equivalent to TEC.
- 898. The Panel pointed out that if this product was not constraint neutral, then BSUoS charging arrangements would have to be considered.

899. It was also stated that a Working Group would have to consider if it was going to be a single value for the number of 'free' hours for all of GB.
900. The Panel agreed for CAP143 to proceed to Working Group with nominations to be sent to BV by 22nd December 2006. The first meeting is scheduled for Thursday 11th January 2007. Both TD and HR volunteered to chair this Working Group. It was agreed that HR would be the chair for CAP143.

5 Standing/Working Group Reports

901. **CAP127: Clarification of the applicability and definition of Qualifying Guarantee and Independent Security** – HR apologised for the delay in issuing the Working Group Report and thanked the Panel for accepting it as a late paper.
902. HR gave a presentation on the contents of the CAP127 Working Group Report. The Panel commented that Transitional details need to be added to the Working Group Report, HR agreed to update this.
903. **Action:** HR to update CAP127 Working Group Report.
904. The Panel agreed for CAP127 to proceed to Consultation for a period of 5 weeks. The Panel stated that it was a tribute to the Working Group that no alternatives had been raised.
905. **CAP131: User Commitment for New and Existing Generators.** HR gave a brief update, it has been agreed by the Working Group that implementation will be 12 months after Authority decision. The next meeting was scheduled for 18th December at Northampton.
906. **CAP140: Change to BSC Party Obligations.** This Working Group held a meeting on Thursday 14th December. A paper copy of the Terms of Reference were distributed to the Panel, who agreed for them to be distributed electronically with the Headline Report. It was agreed if no objections to the Terms of Reference were sent to BV by 22nd December then they would be deemed to be accepted.
907. **Action:** BV to issue Terms of Reference with Headline Report.
908. It had been discussed at the Working Group whether if this amendment was agreed would there be any benefit of signing a BEGA. The next meeting is scheduled for 15th January.
909. **CAP141: Clarification of the content of a Response to a Request for a Statement of Works.** This Working Group had not meet on 7th December as intended as not enough nominations had been received to reach a quorum.
910. The CUSC Panel believed the perspective of STC and DCUSA should be present at the Working Group and it was agreed that the STC and DCUSA Panels would be asked to nominate a representative for the Working Group.
911. **Action:** Request nomination from STC and DCUSA Panels.

912. If no further nominations are received it was agreed that National Grid would provide 2 representatives and the next meeting would be held on January 15th 2007 with CAP140.

913. **CAP142: Temporary TEC Exchanges** – this first meeting is scheduled for 18th December. Draft Terms of Reference have been circulated to the Working Group and it is hoped these will be agreed on 18th.

6 Consultation Papers (as at 07/12/06)

914. **CAP126 – Clarification of the applicability and definition of qualifying Guarantee and Independent Security.** – DB informed the Panel that this was issued for Consultation on 7th December 2006 with a closing date for comments of 4th January 2007. If no alternatives are raised this will be on the agenda for January 2007 for a CUSC Panel Vote.

7 CUSC Amendment Panel vote

915. **CAP128 – Removal of Section 10 – Transitional Issues** The result of the Panel Recommendation Vote as to whether CAP128 BETTER facilitated the Applicable CUSC Objectives for the majority were as follows:

CAP128 original - YES - unanimous
CAP128 alternative - YES - unanimous
BEST - Original - unanimous

Further details on these discussions can be found within the CAP128 Amendment Report.

8 Pending Authority Decisions (as at 07/12/06)

916. CAP125, CAP129 and CAP130 are all pending Authority Decision, no further update was received.

9 Authority Decisions (as at 07/12/06)

917. None.

10 Report on other Industry Documents (BSC, STC, Grid Code and DCUSA)

918. BSC – MT updated the CUSC Panel that a minor housekeeping modification was currently being progressed. He recommended the Panel read John Lucas's paper on microgeneration and issues which is currently on the Elexon website.

919. STC – nothing relevant to report.

920. Grid Code – nothing to report.

921. DCUSA – first panel is Wednesday 20th December where EC will raise the issued of CAP141 Working Group and request nominations.

11 A.O.B

922. As per Action 875 from the November CUSC Panel, the CUSC Panel discussed whether a Panel Member should vote on any CUSC Amendments where they had participated in the Working Group.
923. A Paper had been distributed prior to the meeting which reminded Panel members that when voting at the Panel they did this as an independent rather than a representative of a company or Working Group.
924. DB and MT reported that the matter had been discussed at the BSC Panel and that the BSC Panel had commented that the CUSC Panel should be advised there were very specific circumstances surrounding certain voting abstentions at the BSC Panel and that these were unlikely to be broadly applicable to the CUSC. Each case should be considered on its own merits but Panel members should not avoid voting at the CUSC Panel because they had been a Working Group member as there is significant value in CUSC Panel members being party to Working Groups.
925. The Panel agreed that they should vote even if they had participated in the Working Group.
926. The Panel were thanked by SC for the good work they had undertaken this year.
927. SC and the Panel thanked BV for her work as CUSC Panel Secretary.
928. **Presentation by John Greasley** – JG gave the Panel a detailed presentation on Offshore.
929. **Control Room Tour:** A number of Panel Members participated in a tour of the nearby Gas Control Room.

12 Record of Decisions – Headline Reporting

930. The Panel Secretary would circulate an outline Headline Report after the meeting and place it on the National Grid website in due course.

Action – BV to circulate and publish.

13 Date of Next Meeting

931. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday 26 January 2007, at National Grid, Warwick Technology Park, Gallows Hill, Warwick, CV34 6DA.