

**Minutes and Actions Arising from Meeting No.77
Held on 25 January 2008
At National Grid Office, Warwick and via teleconference**

Present:

Richard Court	RC	Panel Chairman
Beverley Viney	BV	Panel Secretary
Hedd Roberts	HR	Panel Member (National Grid)
Duncan Burt	DB	Panel Member (National Grid)
Tony Diccio	TD	Panel Member (Users Member)
Paul Jones	PJ	Panel Member (Users Member)
Paul Mott	PM	Panel Member (Users Member)
Bob Brown	BB	Panel Member (Users Member)
Hugh Conway	HC	energywatch Representative
Jon Dixon	RH	Authority Representative

In Attendance:

Kathryn Coffin	KC	BSC Panel Representative
Dave Wilkerson	DW	Centrica

1 Introductions/Apologies for Absence

1364. Apologies were received from Simon Cocks and Garth Graham. Bob Brown, Paul Mott, Jon Dixon, Dave Wilkerson and Kathryn Coffin joined the meeting via teleconference.

2 Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th December 2007

1365. The draft minutes v0.3 of the 76th CUSC Amendments Panel meeting held on 14th December 2007 were AGREED.

3 Review of Actions

1366. **Action 1329:** Ofgem to explore whether consumers would continue to be represented at the CUSC Panel when energywatch disbanded later in the year. JD advised that Ofgem are lobbying Consumer Voice to provide a CUSC representative and Ofgem will keep the CUSC Panel updated with the progress they make.

1367. **Action 1352:** DB to update on issues with legal text of CAP144 – DB advised the Panel that a meeting had been held with some of the Grid Code Panel and the Grid Code representatives have agreed a way forward and legal text is now being drafted. Following the Authority decision on CAP144 a consequential further legal text change to the CUSC may be required.

1368. **Action 1325:** BV to circulate and publish headline report - complete.

4 New Amendment Proposals (as at 17/01/08)

1369. None

5 Standing/Working Group Reports

1370. **BSSG (Balancing Services Standing Group)** – Nothing further to report since the December CUSC Panel meeting as no meeting has been held. A further BSSG meeting is expected to be held late February/ early March.

6 Consultation Papers (as at 17/01/08)

1371. None

7 CUSC Amendment Panel vote

1372. **CAP149 –TEC Lite:** HR gave a presentation which can be found on the National Grid Web site at <http://www.nationalgrid.com/NR/rdonlyres/234EA743-08B0-4A6C-A3E5-747EA80C6E33/22932/CAP149vote.pdf>

1373. Discussion was had following the comments made by Scottish and Southern Energy regarding National Grid raising Consultation Alternatives, all the Panel present confirmed that they were happy that the correct process had been followed for CAP149 CAA2. However, it was agreed that for future Consultation Alternatives proposed by National Grid it would be helpful if the Consultation Alternative form was completed and included in the report appendix as with Consultation Alternatives proposed by other CUSC parties.

1374. Following the presentation the result of the Panel Recommendation Vote as to whether the following BETTER facilitated the Applicable CUSC Objectives was as follows:

Original	Yes - majority
WGA	Yes - unanimously
CAA1	No – majority
CAA2	Yes - majority
Best	WGAA – majority

1375. For the ‘Best’ vote 4 Panel Members voted that WGA was the best, 3 voted CAA2 was the best and 1 voted CAA1 was the best.

1376. **CAP159 – Arrangements for CUSC Mid- Term elections:** BV gave a presentation which can be found on the National Grid Web site at <http://www.nationalgrid.com/NR/rdonlyres/8C3DDF04-1AB7-4994-83E2-5B741C212339/22933/CAP159Panelvote.pdf>.

1377. In view of the amount of outstanding CUSC Amendments awaiting Authority decision BB requested that CAP159 should receive a quick decision. JD confirmed that this should be possible.

1378. Following the presentation the result of the Panel Recommendation Vote as to whether the following BETTER facilitated the Applicable CUSC Objectives was as follows:

Original	YES – unanimously
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8 Pending Authority Decisions (as at 17/01/08)

- 1379. **CAP131:** User Commitment for New and Existing Generators; JD indicated that Ofgem intended to publish a Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA) for CAP131.
- 1380. **CAP144:** Emergency Instructions to Emergency Deenergise; Ofgem had issued a “minded to approve” letter for CAP144 but are awaiting the consequential Grid Code changes before making a final decision.
- 1381. **CAP148:** Deemed Access Rights to the GB Transmission System for Renewable Generators; Ofgem are minded to conduct a RIA however no date has yet been set for this.
- 1382. **CAP151:**Construction Agreements Works Register; Decision expected next week.
- 1383. **CAP152-155:**Exhibit B, D, F and I revisions; Decision expected next week.
- 1384. **CAP157:**Extension of Qualified Company Definition – Decision expected next week.

9 Authority Decisions (as at 17/01/08)

- 1385. **CAP146 Responsibilities and liabilities associated with Third Party Works and Modifications made by Modification Affected Users:** WGAA D approved by the Authority and implemented on 12th January 2008.
- 1386. **CAP158 Provision of interim response volume information:** Original proposal approved by the Authority and implemented on 28th January 2008.

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

- 1387. **BSC** – The Regulatory Impact Assessment for cash out modifications P211 and P212 have been issued. P217 has also been raised and covers the same cashout area of the BSC as P211 & P212.
- 1388. P215 & P219 are currently undertaking additional cost benefit analysis by their respective working groups.
- 1389. **Grid Code** – There are a number of Grid Code Working Groups operating at the moment. At the Compliance Working group the question of LEEMPS has arisen and it was stated that clarification as to who has overall responsibilities for LEEMPS was required. The GIS joint Working Group with CUSC will be held late February. Rated MW is ongoing at Grid Code, and it is now believed that there will not be any CUSC implications.
- 1390. D07 – Compliance Frequency Response needs further work jointly with CUSC; this will probably be undertaken at the BSSG pending Ofgem decision on the Grid Code proposed changes.
- 1391. Offshore – communication session taking place at the same time as the CUSC Panel (25th January 2008).

1392. GBSQSS – Workshops and consultation have been held on 5 intermitting wind outputs. Further consultation will follow on the preferred approach.

11 A.O.B

1393. **Comments on CAP158 decision letter** – Whilst the Authority had suggested in the decision letter that further analysis on the Consultation Alternative was required this was also a concern expressed by the CUSC Panel at the time of the CAP158 vote, however the current process does not allow further analysis of Consultation Alternatives.
1394. Discussion was had as to whether to await the Governance Review being undertaken by Ofgem or to reconvene the Governance Standing Group to look at this issue. It was agreed that National Grid would look into this further with the view to bringing a suggested way forward to the next CUSC Panel.

Action: BV

1395. PM asked about the comment he had been given by National Grid at an earlier Panel, that the alternative to CAP158, although not appropriate for a CUSC CAP, would nonetheless be implemented via the frequency response information in commercial contracts. PM asked when this might be undertaken by National Grid. DB agreed to investigate this.

Action: DB.

12 Record of Decisions – Headline Reporting

1396. 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

1397. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday 29th February 2008, at National Grid House, Warwick Technology Park, Gallows Hill, Warwick, CV34 6DA.