

TRANSMISSION ACCESS – CUSC AMENDMENT PROPOSALS

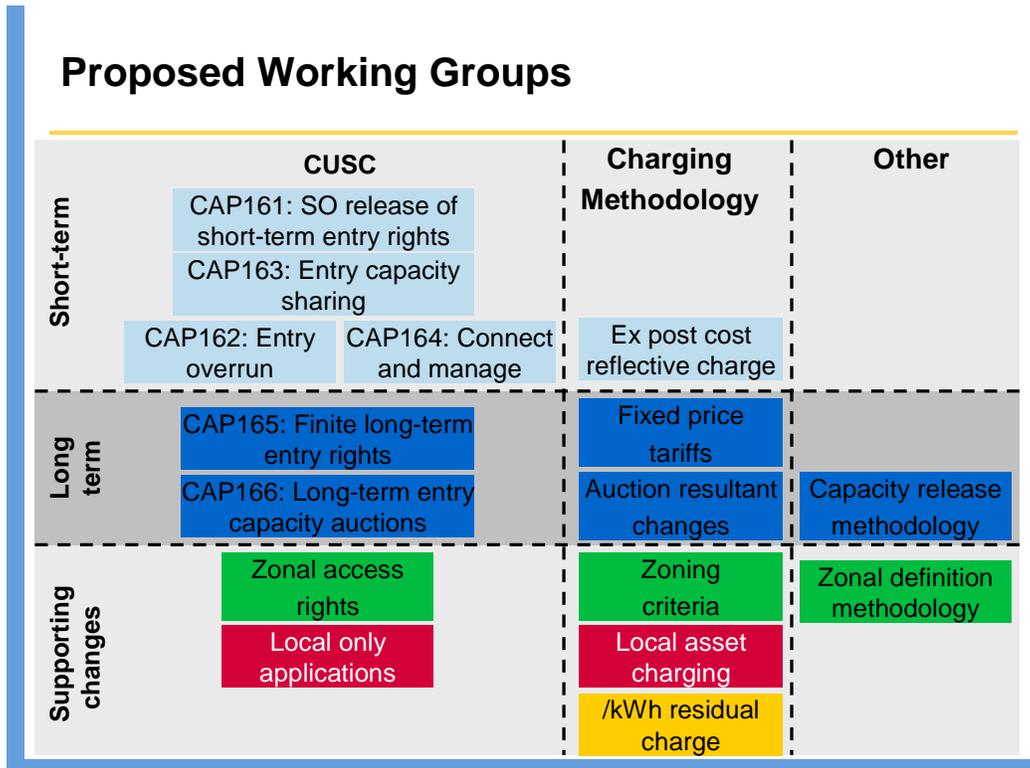
Nominations for Working Group Membership

National Grid has submitted six CUSC Amendment Proposals relating to Transmission Access to the CUSC Panel. These will be considered at the Panel’s meeting on Friday, 25th April 2008. The six proposals are:

- CAP161: Transmission Access – System Operator Release of Short-term Entry Rights
- CAP162: Transmission Access – Entry Overrun
- CAP163: Transmission Access – Entry Capacity Sharing
- CAP164: Transmission Access – Connect and Manage
- CAP165: Transmission Access – Finite Long-term Entry Rights
- CAP166: Transmission Access – Long-term Entry Capacity Auctions

In addition, National Grid has identified a number of related modifications to the Use of System Charging Methodology, and also a potential requirement for the development of certain further methodology statements.

Due to the large volume of complex, inter-related work that will result from these proposed amendments and modifications, National Grid will propose to the CUSC Panel that three working groups consider the CUSC, Charging and other issues in combination. However, the terms of reference and reporting requirements for these groups would be under the relevant industry governance, such that the output of each group would be used to produce CUSC Working Group reports, Charging Methodology pre-consultation and consultation documents, and drafts of any other methodology statements. The proposed structure of these groups is illustrated below:



In previous presentations to the industry (at a Seminar on 18th March 2008 and a Workshop on 10th April 2008) and to CUSC Panel members (at their informal meeting on 28th March 2008) the terminology Working Groups 1, 2 and 3 has been used, with first of these considering the short-term access proposals and the second assessing the long-term access proposals. The third group would assess a number of enabling changes, zonal access rights and local only applications, and, as these changes will form part of each of the six Amendment Proposals to be considered by the other two Working Groups, it would, in formal CUSC terms, be a sub-group to them.

Given that the six Amendment Proposals have now been submitted, in CUSC terms, the proposed groups would be the:

- CAP161-164 Working Group;
- CAP165-166 Working Group; and
- CAP161-166 Enabling Sub-group.

The membership of these Working Groups will need to be determined in line with the requirements of the CUSC, specifically those set out in paragraph 8.17.3. This states that:

- A Working Group shall comprise at least 5 persons (who may be Panel Members) selected by the CUSC Panel from those nominated by CUSC Parties;
- The Panel shall ensure (as far as possible) an appropriate cross-section of representation, experience and expertise;
- At least one member should be a representative of National Grid;
- If the Panel believes there is an impact on the STC, the Panel may invite the STC Committee to appoint a representative; and
- A representative of the Authority may attend as an observer.

Given that it may be impractical to accommodate all who wish to be involved (e.g. 75 people attended the 10th April Workshop), the CUSC Panel may need to formally select Working Groups from those persons nominated, based on their relevant experience and/or expertise as provided for by the CUSC. However, in order to keep all interested industry parties informed, National Grid will publish all meeting notes, presentations and papers on the National Grid website as soon as practicable. Further, trade associations may be able to help in co-ordinating nominations, such that all constituencies are appropriately represented on each group.

In order to enable the Working Groups to begin work promptly, and as discussed at the 10th April Workshop, National Grid is inviting nominees to express their interest in attending one or more Working Groups in advance of the CUSC Panel meeting. It is anticipated that, if the Panel accepts National Grid's proposals, the Panel will schedule an additional meeting on Thursday, 1st May 2008 to discuss nominations, if required.

Nominees should therefore e-mail andrew.truswell@uk.ngrid.com by midday on Wednesday, 30th April 2008, including the following information:

- **The name of the nominating CUSC Party (or Parties);**
- **Any supporting endorsements (e.g. from a trade association);**
- **Which of the groups the nominee wishes to attend (CAP161-164 Working Group, CAP165-166 Working Group and/or CAP161-166 Sub-group); and**
- **A brief summary of the nominee's relevant experience and expertise with respect to the nomination.**