

## Minutes and Actions Arising from Meeting No.80 Held on 16 May 2008

### Present:

Alison Kay	AK	Panel Chairman
Beverley Viney	BV	Secretary
Hêdd 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) via teleconference
Garth Graham	GG	Panel Member (Users Member)
Bob Brown	BB	Panel Member (Users Member)
Barbara Vest	BAV	Panel Member (Users Member)
Simon Lord	SL	Panel Member (Users Member) via teleconference
Jenny Booth	JB	Authority Representative via teleconference

### In Attendance:

Dave Wilkerson	DW	Alternate Panel Member (Users Member)
Craig Maloney	CM	National Grid
Fiona Navesy	FN	Centrica
Chris Stewart	CS	BSC Panel Representative

### 1 Introductions/Apologies for Absence

1532. There was a full attendance and therefore no apologies.

### 2 Minutes of the Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2007

1533. The draft minutes of the CUSC Amendments Panel meetings held on 25<sup>th</sup> April and 1<sup>st</sup> May were AGREED with minor amendments.

### 3 Review of Actions

1534. **Action 1512:** BV to circulate and publish headline report - complete.

1535. **Action 1519:** BV to write to the STC to invite them to send a representative to the TA WGs – complete

1536. **Action 1521:** strict process guidelines to be discussed at each TA Working Group – complete, this was discussed at each Working Group and all members were asked to be mindful of this.

1537. **Action 1522:** To be included in the TA Working Group ToR details about attendance and alternate nominations – complete this was discussed at each Working Group and all members were asked to be mindful of this

1538. **Action 1526:** AT to inform Ian Moss of Panel's agreement for IM to participate in TA WG 3 – IM contacted and he did not wish to participate in WG3. However he will now be an alternate for BAV for WG1 and an alternate for NF at WG2
1539. **Item 1527:** AT inform TA WG members of David Walkers offer to be an alternate- complete
1540. **Item 1529:** All to feed suggestions for TA WG ground rules to HR - complete
1541. **Action 1530:** BV to circulate and publish headline report for 1<sup>st</sup> May - complete.

#### 4 New Amendment Proposals (as at 08/05/08)

1542. **CAP167 – Definition of a threshold(s) associated with the request for a Statement of Works** CM gave a presentation to the Panel which is available on the National Grid Website at <http://www.nationalgrid.com/NR/rdonlyres/3C3E6070-EE29-4A23-9C88-2CD415154885/25709/CAP167MayPanel.pdf>
1543. CM explained that National Grid (NG) had sought not to be in this position. However, NG have now reached the conclusion that an Amendment Proposal is now required, and are recommend CAP167 should proceed to Working Group and the variations to the proposed approach should be considered.
1544. Discussion was had about the wording of the Amendment Proposal however everyone was in agreement that CAP167 should proceed to Working Group for 3 months.
1545. It was recommended that the Working Group should include DNO representation and it should consider
- the impact
  - demand
  - statement of works
  - what information National Grid reasonably needs
1546. It was requested that the GSG consider ways in which the wording of an Amendment Proposal could be amended with the proposer's agreement without the creation of an alternative proposal to create a more efficient process.

**Action: BV to add to GSG**

#### 5 Standing/Working Group Reports

1547. **Governance Standing Group (GSG):** The GSG meet on 15<sup>th</sup> May and discussed the draft legal text for CAP160. A request was made to The Panel for the GSG Terms of Reference to be amended as per 8.19.1 to allow for the GSG to comment on CAP160 which was approved. Future areas of work the GSG are going to consider include the User Friendliness of Section 8, validity and rejection of Amendment Proposals, and the role of Standing Groups.

**Balancing Services Standing Group (BSSG):** The BSSG were requested by the Grid Code Rated MW Working Group to consider a commercial mechanism for the procurement of Reactive Power to cover potential reactive shortfalls due to the

potential changes to reactive power obligations being considered by the Grid Code. Approval was sought for a joint Working Group to start in September to consider the appropriate efficient minimum standards and other mechanisms required to efficiently secure the system. This was approved. The BSSG is also considering a modification to the definition of HF response due to current issues with the relationship with MEL and SEL. It is hoped to have an agreed modification proposal by the end of Summer.

1548. **Transmission Access Working Groups (CAP161-166):** The first meetings of these had been held w/c 12<sup>th</sup> May, it was agreed that the Working Group members will approve the draft terms of reference prior to the CUSC Panel being requested to approve these.
1549. A very good start has been made and robust discussion has commenced however the Working Groups will need to develop the amendments and assess them. The CUSC Panel were made aware that although no request is currently being made for an extension to the Working Group timeframe, 3 months is a very tight timescale for the level of work being undertaken.
1550. JB stated that Ofgem's wish is that CAP161-166 should try to deliver within the 3 month timescale. AK replied that everyone involved in the process is aware of the pressures however everyone has to be mindful to get it right as well as being mindful of the tight timescales.
1551. GG stated that this is the most important market change for Generators since NETA and the likelihood of Government legislation before the completion of these Working Groups is unlikely. GG reiterated the importance of adequate time being allowed for the Working Groups to allow for a robust amendment.
1552. TD stated that for all Working Groups to be completed over the 3 month timescale is a stretch and both WG1 and 2 is dependant on the work of WG3.
1553. HR confirmed that these are multiple fundamental modifications which are interactive.
1554. BAV expressed concern that the Ofgem representative had been unable to stay to all of the Working Group meetings to date, and therefore had not been able to hear all of the discussions and the work load involved.
1555. JB noted these concerns and agreed to convey them within Ofgem. **Action JB**
1556. The Panel agreed that the Working Group Chair will provide a monthly headline report of these Working Groups to the CUSC Panel and that these will not be subject to the usual 5 day submission rule for papers.
1557. It was requested that the Working Groups common risk/ issues/ assumptions across CAP161-166 be placed on future Panel agendas as an information item. **Action: BV to add to agenda**
1558. The request for Dennis Gowland to join the short-term access working group (which includes consideration of CAP163 and CAP164) was discussed. The CUSC Panel agreed that the most appropriate course of action would be for Dennis to act as an alternate to the member proposed by SRF (Helen Snodin) for the short-term access working group which is considering CAP163 and CAP164. The Panel believed that

the Working Groups had sufficient representation from the industry and wished to maintain a practical number of Working Group members. In addition Barbara Vest also stated that she would be happy for Dennis to act as her alternate for the long-term access working group if this was of interest to him.

### 6 Consultation Papers (as at 08/05/08)

1559. None

### 7 CUSC Amendment Panel vote

1560. None

### 8 Pending Authority Decisions (as at 08/05/08)

1561. **CAP131: User Commitment for New and Existing Generators** - IA is hopefully being published early June, consideration is being given to the timeline for the consultation.

1562. **CAP144: Emergency Instructions to emergency deenergise** – the Grid Code report has now been received and a decision is likely in June.

1563. **CAP148: Deemed Access Rights to the GB Transmission System for Renewable Generators** – IA is hopefully being published early June, consideration is being given to the timeline for the consultation.

### 9 Authority Decisions (as at 08/05/08)

1564. **CAP150: Capacity Reduction;** Information – CAA implemented on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2008.

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

1565. **BSC** – no decision since last CUSC Panel, E.ON have raised a reactive power amendment. There are currently 2 issues group being undertaken on Black Start and Fuel Security Code.

1566. **Grid Code** – National Grid presented a paper about Grid Code compliance arising from the impending introduction of new technologies which is available on the internet at [http://www.nationalgrid.com/NR/rdonlyres/18EE6072-C4DA-4526-97C1-FEE54C81E88B/25330/pp08\\_21\\_NewGenTechfinal.pdf](http://www.nationalgrid.com/NR/rdonlyres/18EE6072-C4DA-4526-97C1-FEE54C81E88B/25330/pp08_21_NewGenTechfinal.pdf). There will be a series of Grid Code Working Groups starting over the next 6 months to address these issues.

1567. The Panel requested that a link and the slides be forwarded to the Panel.

**Action BV**

### 11 A.O.B

1568. **Post Implementation Evaluation of the proposed TAR changes - setting clear targets and objectives** – GG brought to the Panels attention the recent documentation relating to post implementation evaluation. The issue was discussed

and the question was asked as to whether this is something the Working Groups should do or is it for the Authority. JB agreed to get advice and report back prior to the TAR Working Groups progressing the issues of post implementation evaluation.

**Action JB**

1569. It was also agreed that this issued would be added to the TAR issues register and a legal view sought.

**Action HR**

1570. **CUSC Environmental Standing Group – formal invites to other industry Panels (BSC, STC and Grid Code)** BV requested Panel approval for formal invitations to be sent to all other industry code Panels to participate in a cross codes standing group. This was approved.

**Action: BV to issue invitations.**

### **12 Record of Decisions – Headline Reporting**

1571. 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**

1572. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2008, at National Grid House, Warwick Technology Park, Gallows Hill, Warwick, CV34 6DA.