

Headline Report

Meeting Name: CUSC Amendments Panel
Meeting No: 82
Date of Meeting: 16 May 2008
Time: 10.00 -11.30
Venue: National Grid, National Grid House, Warwick

This note sets out the headlines and key decisions of the most recent meeting of the CUSC Amendments Panel under the CUSC constitution. Full minutes of the meeting will be produced and approved at the next meeting of the Panel and will then be published on the website.

1) Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the Panel meeting held on 25th April 2008 and 1st May, were APPROVED by the Panel, with minor amendments.

2) New Amendment Proposals

- CAP167: Definition of a threshold(s) associated with the request for a Statement of Works - The Panel agreed for CAP167 to proceed to Working Group, nominations to be sent to beverley.viney@uk.ngrid.com

3) Consultation Papers

None

4) Standing/Working Groups

Governance Standing Group (GSG): The GSG meet on 15th 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. This was approved. Future areas of work the GSG are going to consider include the improving the clarity of Section 8, validity and rejection of new Amendment Proposals by the Panel, and the role of Standing Groups.

Balancing Services Standing Group (BSSG): Reactive Power Provision is being discussed by the BSSG and work has been fed back to the Grid Code Rated MW Working Group. Approval was sought for a joint Working Group to consider the appropriate efficient minimum standards and other mechanisms required to efficiently secure systems. This was approved.

Transmission Access Working Groups (CAP161-166): The first meetings were held w/c 12th May, it was agreed that the Working Group members will approve the draft terms of reference prior to requesting the Panel's approval.

A very good start has been made and robust discussion has commenced however the Working Groups will need to separate the development and assessment of the amendments to ensure progress is made. The Panel were made aware that although no requests have currently being made for an

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extension to the Working Group timeframe, all groups believe the 3 months timescale is a very tight for the level of work being undertaken.

It was agreed that the Working Group Chair will provide a monthly headline report covering the work of all the Working Groups to the Panel and that these will not be subject to the usual 5 day submission rule for papers.

The request for Dennis Gowland to join the short-term access Working Group (which includes consideration of CAP163 and CAP164) was discussed. The Panel agreed that the most appropriate course of action would be for Dennis to act as an alternate to the members proposed by SRF (Nigel Scott and 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.

5) **Recommendation Vote**

None

6) **A.O.B**

Post Implementation Evaluation of the proposed TAR changes – the issue was discussed and the question was asked as to whether this is something the Working Groups should undertake. The Ofgem representative agreed to seek advice and report back prior to the TAR Working Groups progressing the issues of post implementation evaluation.

7) **Next Meeting**

Next CUSC Panel meeting: 27th June 2008 at National Grid, Warwick.