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Meeting Name: CUSC Amendments Panel
Meeting No: 104
Date of Meeting: 27 November 2009
Venue: National Grid, National Grid House, Warwick

All presentations given at this Amendments Panel meeting can be found in the Amendments Panel area on the National Grid website:

http://www.nationalgrid.com/uk/Electricity/Codes/systemcode/Panel/2009_current/3/

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 Amendments Panel meeting held on 30 October 2009 were APPROVED by the Amendments Panel, subject to minor amendment, and will be published on the Company Website shortly.

2) New Amendment Proposals

No new CUSC Amendment Proposals were raised.

3) CUSC Amendments Panel Vote

The result of the CUSC Amendments Panel Recommendation Vote as to whether the following BETTER facilitate the Applicable CUSC Objectives was as follows:

CAP175: Urgent Amendment Proposal

It is proposed that the Urgent Amendment Proposals process within the CUSC be revised to provide enhanced understanding, clarity and process specification for the process through which a recommendation for urgency would be progressed.

The Amendments Panel voted unanimously that CAP175 should be implemented and that it better meets the CUSC Applicable Objective (a) the efficient discharge by The Company of the obligations imposed on it by the Act and the Transmission Licence.

CAP176: Correction of errors contained in the CUSC provisions for post implementation reviews for Urgent Amendment proposal Amendment to Exhibit B to require provision of location of proposed Offshore Connection Site

This Amendment Proposal seeks to amend the process described in the CUSC through which a review will be conducted following implementation of an Urgent Amendment Proposal (8.21.1.9). This proposal seeks to make explicit how such a review will take place and tidy up the existing CUSC provisions which currently contain some errors.

The proposal also seeks to correct an error in the clause relating to post-implementation review after implementation of an amendment in accordance with the Transmission Licence other than pursuant to the standard Amendment Procedures (8.23.5).

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The Amendments Panel voted unanimously that CAP176 should be implemented and that it better meets the CUSC Applicable Objective (a) the efficient discharge by The Company of the obligations imposed on it by the Act and the Transmission Licence.

CAP177: Removal of CUSC Amendments Panel's ability to raise Amendment Proposals

This proposal seeks to amend section 8.15.1 of the CUSC in order to remove the ability for the CUSC Amendments Panel to raise Amendment Proposals, as currently provided for in certain circumstances laid out in the CUSC.

The Amendments Panel voted unanimously that CAP177 should be implemented and that it better meets the CUSC Applicable Objective (a) the efficient discharge by The Company of the obligations imposed on it by the Act and the Transmission Licence.

CAP178: Amendment to the process for the approval of CUSC Amendments Panel meeting minutes when a Amendments Panel meeting has been cancelled

This proposal seeks to amend the governance process for the approval of CUSC Panel meeting minutes if a CUSC Amendments Panel meeting is cancelled.

The Amendments Panel voted unanimously that CAP178 should be implemented and that it better meets the CUSC Applicable Objective (a) the efficient discharge by The Company of the obligations imposed on it by the Act and the Transmission Licence.

5) Authority Decisions

The Amendments Panel noted that the Authority had approved the following CUSC Amendment Proposals on 19 November 2009:

CAP173 – Reactive Power Market Tender Process

This Amendment Proposal looks to amend a section of the CUSC following a review of the reactive power market tender process as set out in Schedule 3. More specifically the proposal seeks to condense the timescales associated with various elements of the reactive power market tender process (detailed in the section below) as prescribed in Clause 3 of Schedule 3 so as to reduce the overall process from 26 weeks to 14 weeks.

Implementation date: 1 April 2010

CAP174 – Amendment to Exhibit B to require provision of location of proposed Offshore Connection Site

Following "Go-Active" of the Offshore regime on 24 June 2009, it was noted that the application form contained within Exhibit B to the CUSC (for a directly connected Power Station, Non-Embedded Customer or Distribution System directly connected to the National Electricity Transmission System) does not require an Applicant to provide the specific location of the Offshore Connection Site. It is proposed to amend Exhibit B to require an Applicant to provide the longitude and latitude of the proposed Connection Site.

This proposal was implemented on 24 November 2009.

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The Authority decision letters for CAP173 and CAP174 can be found at:
<http://www.nationalgrid.com/uk/Electricity/Codes/systemcode/amendments/currentamendmentproposals/>

6) Codes Governance Review

The Authority confirmed that the likely timing of the publication for the Final Proposals is end of January 2010 and therefore implementation is likely to be May rather than April 2010.

7) Next Meeting

The next scheduled CUSC Amendments Panel meeting is 18 December 2009 at National Grid House, Warwick.