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Meeting Name: CUSC Amendments Panel

Meeting No: 110

Date of Meeting: 21 May 2010

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 website¹

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 April 2010 were APPROVED and will be published on the Company website shortly.

2) Implementation of code governance review update

The timescale for the implementation of the code governance review Final Proposals was discussed and the Panel have AGREED to send out a letter to Ofgem stating that a workshop for the industry is held as proposed by National Grid but with the option of providing Working Groups if required. The letter will also state that the November implementation date will be unlikely to be met if Working Groups are held. Instead, a January 2011 date should be achievable.

3) New Amendment Proposals

CAP182 – Provision of frequency response from DC (Direct Current) Converters was raised by National Grid. The proposal aims to update the CUSC to reflect the requirements for DC Converters to provide mandatory frequency response. The Panel AGREED that the proposal should go to a Working Group and submit the final report at the September 2010 Panel.

4) Industry Code Updates

CAP179 – Prevention of Timing Out of Authority Decisions on Amendment Proposals. The recommendation of the Working Group will be decided at the end of May and the Working Group Report will be presented at the June Panel.

Governance Standing Group (GSG). Due to a reduction in numbers for the GSG meeting to be held on 27 May, the Panel AGREED that the Quorum can be reduced to 4 members, only for the May meeting.

CAP181 – Consequential changes related to Grid Code Amendment A/10 (Compliance). An update was provided on the status of CAP181 and there have been concerns over how the proposal will meet the CUSC Objectives. The Panel AGREED an extension to the Working Group Report to be presented at the July Panel.

¹ http://www.nationalgrid.com/uk/Electricity/Codes/systemcode/Panel/

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Gas Insulated Switchgear (GIS) Working Group

Two amendments will be raised at the June Panel – Ownership boundaries for GIS and creation of a standard exhibit for a self build Distribution Network Owner (DNO) Construction Agreement (CONSAG).

Frequency Response Working Group

Issues regarding Synthetic Inertia to be brought to the September CUSC Panel and recommendations to be brought to the Grid Code Review Panel (GCRP) in September.

5) CUSC Amendments Panel Vote

None.

6) Authority Decisions

Ofgem approved the Consent to modify request to correct the paragraph numbering of section 8 within the CUSC.

7) Next Meeting

The next scheduled CUSC Amendments Panel meeting is 25 June 2010 at National Grid House, Warwick.