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**CUSC AMENDMENTS PANEL**  
**Governance Standing Group – September 2010**  
**Terms of Reference**

**Introduction**

1. This paper outlines the working arrangements and Terms of Reference for the Governance Standing Group (GSG).

**Governance**

2. The GSG is established as a Standing Group under the CUSC Amendments Panel and shall act in accordance with Section 8.18 of the CUSC. The GSG shall have regard for Core Industry Documents and other key Industry documentation.

**Membership**

3. The GSG shall comprise a suitable and appropriate cross section of experience and expertise from across the industry:

<b>Role</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Representing</b>
Chairman	Garth Graham	Scottish & Southern Electricity
Technical Secretary	Bali Virk	National Grid Electricity Transmission plc
National Grid representative	Alex Thomason	National Grid Electricity Transmission plc
Member	Barbara Vest	Association of Electricity Producers
Member	Robert Longden	Wind Energy
Member	Merel van der Neut Kolfshoten	Centrica
Member	Peter Boliitho	E.ON
Member	Stuart Cotten	Drax Power
Observer	Kathryn Coffin	ELEXON
Authority Representative		

**Meeting Administration**

4. The frequency of GSG meetings shall be defined as necessary by the GSG chair to meet the scope, objectives and time-scales as defined by the Amendments Panel.
5. National Grid will provide technical secretary resource to the GSG and handle administrative arrangements such as venue, agenda and minutes etc.
6. The GSG will have a dedicated page under the CUSC section of the National Grid UK website. This will enable GSG information such as minutes and presentations etc to be available to a wider audience.

**Scope and Objectives**

7. The GSG is tasked to prepare a report for the CUSC Amendments Panel regarding the following areas:

- Review of CUSC urgent process within section 8 & supporting guidance for the Panel and industry. Report to the Panel in June 2009.
- Review of the new CUSC Amendment Process introduced by CAP160 in light of the Transmission Access amendments. In terms of what worked well and any suggestions for improvements, e.g. Working Group vote process, alternatives in relation to unsupported proposals going forward to consultation, consultation process, templates etc.
- Support the CUSC Panel in relation to Ofgem's Industry Code Governance Review (ICGR) as directed by the CUSC Panel, including but not limited to:
  - Support the National Grid CUSC representative at the Code Administrators Working Group and develop ideas and suggestions.
  - Develop and recommend practical advice to improve transparency and accessibility for all parties in particular new parties
  - Prepare draft responses to ICGR consultations and other related consultations for consideration by the CUSC Panel
- Review process for dealing with private and confidential responses.
- Review the current CUSC provisions for Working Group membership and nomination process.
- Review of current practices to ensure good industry practice, linked with supporting Ofgem's development of Code of Practice in the Code Administrators Working Group.
- Review the process of CUSC and charging methodology interaction in light of the Transmission Access amendments.
- Review the process for determining implementation dates and the transition process.
- Consider and make recommendations regarding the relevance and operation of post implementation evaluations.
- Consider the issues associated with the applicability and relevance of analysis undertaken during the process before a decision is made by the Authority.
- Review the validity and rejection of new Amendment Proposals – including the option of the Amendments Panel being able to refer a proposal to a Standing Group to understand / define the issue further. The ability for the Panel to manage new Amendment Proposals with existing workload.
- Review the role of Standing Groups going forward including the ability to undertake Consultations on draft proposals to obtain industry opinion prior to raising an Amendment.
- General review of the governance section to identify areas which will aid efficiency and transparency e.g. replacing existing Progress Report and Amendment Register and clarifying of Section 8.

- Review of Commercial Balancing Services Group governance.
  - Consider and make recommendations for the appointment process for an independent Panel Chairman and a Deputy Panel Chairman.
  - Review draft Amendment Proposal forms once they have been drafted by National Grid.
8. It should be noted that, in accordance with Section 8 of the CUSC, the GSG as a Standing Group under the Amendments Panel cannot itself propose an amendment to the CUSC.
9. In considering the above issues, the GSG should be cognisant of any related developments that may progress in any other Industry forums.