

CUSC MODIFICATIONS PANEL
Governance Standing Group – April-September 2011
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 Standing Group under the CUSC Modifications Panel and shall act in accordance with Section 8.20 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:

Role	Name	Representing
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	Mainstream Renewable Power
Member	Merel van der Neut Kolfshoten	Centrica
Member	Esther Sutton	E.ON
Member	Stuart Cotten	Drax Power
Member	Steven Eyre	EDF Energy
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 CUSC Modifications 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 Modifications Panel regarding the following areas:
 - Review process for dealing with private and confidential responses.
 - 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.
 - 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 CUSC Modification Proposals – including the option of the CUSC Modifications 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 CUSC Modification Proposals with existing workload.
 - Review the role of Standing Groups going forward including the ability to undertake Consultations on draft CUSC Modification Proposals to obtain industry opinion prior to raising an CUSC Modification.
 - General review of the governance section to identify areas which will aid efficiency and transparency e.g. replacing existing Progress Report and CUSC Modifications 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.
 - Consider payment for CUSC Panel Members and Workgroup Members to claim expenses
8. It should be noted that, in accordance with Section 8 of the CUSC, the GSG as a Standing Group under the CUSC Modifications Panel cannot itself propose an CUSC Modification 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.

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