

## Minutes

<b>Meeting name</b>	CUSC Modifications Panel
<b>Meeting number</b>	155
<b>Date of meeting</b>	25 October 2013
<b>Location</b>	via Teleconference

## Attendees

<b>Name</b>	<b>Initials</b>	<b>Position</b>
Mike Toms	MT	Panel Chair
Louise McGoldrick	LM	Panel Secretary
Abid Sheikh	AS	Authority Representative (via teleconference)
Patrick Hynes	PH	National Grid Panel Member
Ian Pashley	IP	National Grid Panel Member
James Anderson	JA	Users' Panel Member (via teleconference)
Michael Dodd	MD	Users' Panel Member (via teleconference)
Garth Graham	GG	Users' Panel Member (via teleconference)
Bob Brown	BB	Consumer Futures Panel Member (via teleconference)
Paul Jones	PJ	Users' Panel Member (via teleconference)
Simon Lord	SL	Users' Panel Member
Paul Mott	PM	Users' Panel Member
David Kemp	DK	ELEXON (via teleconference)
Kyle Martin	KM	Users' Panel Member (via teleconference)

## Apologies

<b>Name</b>	<b>Initials</b>	<b>Position</b>
Alex Thomason	AT	Code Administrator
Emma Clark	EC	Panel Secretary

## Alternates

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

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

### 1 Introductions/Apologies for Absence

3714. Introductions were made around the group. Apologies were received from AT and EC.

### 2 Approval of Minutes from the last meeting

3715. The minutes from the last meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2013 were approved subject to minor changes and are available on the National Grid website. The Panel

agreed that Action 3706: EC to provide information on GSR016 and scaling issues in relation to a potential impact on CM213 should be forwarded to all Panel Members.

**Action: PJ to forward information to LM for circulation to Panel Members.**

### 3 Review of Actions

3716. **Ongoing action: IP to provide an update to the Panel on progress with work regarding how the European Codes will interact with the domestic codes.** IP advised that the first ECCAF meeting is scheduled to take place on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2013. Key aims of the first meeting will be to formally elect a Chair for the meeting before looking in more detail at options to adapt the GB codes to apply the requirements of the ENC's into a coherent set of GB rules.

The bulk of the detailed discussions will focus on options for applying the requirements of the RfG code.

Separately, National Grid has been asked to present on ECCAF and wider ENC implementation issues at the DECC/Ofgem electricity stakeholder group meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2013. One of the aims of this slot will be to promote discussion on how the ECCAF can feed information to this meeting and also how this meeting can be used to look at implementation issues beyond the immediate scope of the GB Codes; for example where changes to licensing regimes may be required.

The Panel agreed IP's suggestion that the ongoing update should be removed from the review of actions and be included within the agenda item Working/Standing Groups.

### 4 Workgroup / Standing Groups

3717. **CMP222 – User Commitment for Non-Generation Users.** PH confirmed that the first Workgroup meeting had been held on the 18<sup>th</sup> October and as a result of this meeting the Workgroup Chair had notified the Panel of a request to change the Terms of Reference (TOR) for CMP222. The Panel approved the changes to the CMP222 TOR's. PH advised that there was no Interconnector representation within the Workgroup and that National Grid had been actioned to contact these parties to see whether they wished to participate in the Workgroup. AS welcomed National Grid's approach. PH also raised a concern relating to the classification of generation projects as to whether they should be classified as interconnectors rather than generators when the project is in another sovereign jurisdiction but also connected to the GB network. PH asked if DECC had views as to whether these projects should be classified as generators or interconnectors. AS confirmed that Ofgem would look into this issue and will feedback the outcome into the Workgroup via Ofgem Workgroup representative. PH confirmed that the next Workgroup meeting would be held on the 7<sup>th</sup> November.

**Action: LM to update and circulate CMP222 Terms of Reference.**

**Action: Ofgem to respond to Workgroup via Ofgem Workgroup representative on the interconnector/generator classification issue.**

3718. **CMP223 – Arrangements for Relevant Distributed Generators under the Enduring Generation User Commitment.** PH confirmed that the first Workgroup meeting had been held on the 18<sup>th</sup> October and as a result of this meeting the Workgroup Chair had notified the Panel of a request to change the Terms of Reference (TOR) for CMP223. The Panel approved the changes to the CMP223 TOR. PH raised concerns relating to DNO representation at this Workgroup as DNO

involvement may be required for quantification of the risks. PH confirmed National Grid is intending to contact DNOs requesting a broader representation at the CMP223 Workgroup. PH also advised that, from an efficiency perspective, the Workgroup intended to consider alternatives and interim solutions earlier in the Workgroup process and that the Proposer had been made aware that they have ownership of the original solution. PH confirmed that the next Workgroup meeting would be held on the 6<sup>th</sup> November.

**Action: LM to update and circulate the CMP223 Terms of Reference.**

3719. **CMP224 – Cap on the Total TNUoS Target Revenue to be recovered from Generation Users.** PH confirmed that the first Workgroup meeting had been held on the 24<sup>th</sup> October and that the Terms of Reference had been agreed. PH outlined the key issues to be addressed by CMP224 Workgroup. PH confirmed that Ofgem had requested the Workgroup to seek a legal opinion on whether Local Generation TNUoS charges should be excluded from the overall Generation TNUoS revenue. The Panel confirmed that National Grid would procure the legal opinion externally if required, and discussed if this legal view would impact the final decision and whether there was a precedent for a Workgroup to obtain a legal opinion. GG noted that there had been at least one previous occasion where external legal advice had been obtained by a CUSC Workgroup. Following the discussions PH & MT summarised that the way forward was for Ofgem to clarify the issue in writing to PH and clarifications would be sought if required. It was agreed that this request would be discussed further within the Workgroup and the Workgroup Chair would report back to the next Panel meeting.

**Action: Ofgem to clarify the CMP224 issue in respect to procuring a legal opinion.**

**Action: CMP224 Workgroup Chair to report back to the CUSC Panel.**

3720. **Governance Standing Group (GSG).** GG advised that no meeting had been held since the last CUSC Panel as the meeting date scheduled for 24<sup>th</sup> October 2013 was utilised by the CMP224 Workgroup.
3721. **Joint European Standing Group (JESG).** GG advised that the JESG had met on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2013. GG informed the Panel that in order to provide an effective information sharing forum, it is proposed to revise the Terms of Reference for the JESG to include updates from Ofgem and Department for Energy and Climate Change (DECC). GG advised that there were some concerns raised relating to overlap and duplication of updates to various forums. GG advised that the revised TOR for the JESG will be circulated to the BSC, CUSC and Grid Code Panels for agreement and approval via email. GG also advised that the JESG discussed the Transparency Regulations which have come into force with an implementation date of 5<sup>th</sup> January 2015. GG also noted that an Electricity Balancing Workgroup had taken place.
3722. **Transmission Charging Methodologies Forum (TCMF).** PH advised that the next TCMF is scheduled for the 13 November 2013. PH informed the Panel that the next TCMF will be discussing indicative tariffs within the Quarterly Updates.
3723. **Commercial Balancing Services Group (CBSG) and Balancing Services Standing Group (BSSG).** LM advised that no meeting had been held since the last CUSC Panel and that the next scheduled meeting is on the 20<sup>th</sup> October 2013.

3724. GG advised the Panel that ACER had recently published its proposed change guidance for the European Codes and commented that it is likely that the European Codes would be reviewed every five years and the amendment process would include an urgency criterion. AS confirmed that there is nothing further to be added to his email sent on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2013 advising of the key updates.

## 6 CUSC Modifications Panel Vote

3725. There were no votes made at this meeting.

## 7 Authority Decisions as at 17<sup>th</sup> October 2013

3726. There have been no Authority Decisions received this month.

## 8 Update on Industry Codes / General Industry updates relevant to the CUSC

3727. LM advised that a decision to modify gas and electricity licence conditions following the implementation of Third Package and other house-keeping issues had been published on the 22<sup>nd</sup> October by Ofgem. LM advised that it is National Grid's intention to bring a CUSC proposal to the November CUSC Panel and BSC proposal to the December BSC Panel with the intention of running a joint Workgroup.

3728. LM mentioned that a draft process for an Industry-Led Review of the Code Administration Code of Practice had been circulated to the CUSC Panel and invited comments. GG commented that the TOR should be amended to give the opportunity for Panel members to be involved. AS suggested that the review of the CACoP ought to involve wider stakeholders including code Users.

**Action: LM to feedback comments to ElectraLink**

3729. GG requested that the Quarter 3 KPI information circulated to the Panel be reviewed to confirm whether the average number of respondents to industry consultation year to date figure of 5.1 is correct.

**Action: LM to review KPI information.**

## 9 AOB

3730. PH advised that due to the changes in the incentive scheme the Balancing Services Use of System Charging Methodology will need to be updated and the changes will be presented at the CUSC Panel in the near future.

## 10 Next Meeting

3731. The next meeting will be held on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2013 at National Grid House, Warwick.