

Minutes

Meeting name	CUSC Modifications Panel
Meeting number	157
Date of meeting	20 December 2013
Location	Teleconference

Attendees

Name	Initials	Position
Mike Toms	MT	Panel Chair
Emma Radley	ER	Panel Secretary
Alex Thomason	AT	Code Administrator
Abid Sheikh	AS	Authority Representative
Patrick Hynes	PH	National Grid Panel Member
James Anderson	JA	Users' Panel Member
Kyle Martin	KM	Users' Panel Member
Michael Dodd	MD	Users' Panel Member
Garth Graham	GG	Users' Panel Member
Paul Jones	PJ	Users' Panel Member
Paul Mott	PM	Users' Panel Member
Bob Brown	BB	Consumers' Panel Member
David Kemp	DK	ELEXON
Jade Clarke	JC	Observer

Apologies

Name	Initials	Position
Simon Lord	SL	Users' Panel Member
Ian Pashley	IP	National Grid Panel Member

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

3779. Introductions were made around the group.

2 Approval of Minutes from the last meeting

3780. The minutes from the last meeting held on 29 November 2013 were approved subject to comments pending from GG and are available on the National Grid website.

3 Review of Actions

3781. **Minute 3760: ER to provide summary of Code Administrator Consultation responses in CMP219 Final Report.** Complete.

3782. **Minute 3770: Check KPIs for differences in timescales for Standard versus Charging Modification Proposals.** ER advised that she had reviewed the last two years worth of CUSC Modification Proposals to check whether Charging proposals generally take longer than other proposals. The results were that on average, Charging proposals took 7.1 months from being raised to having the Workgroup Report presented to the Panel, whereas all other proposals took an average of 4.6 months. ER added that this latter figure included complex modifications such as CMP192 which was not strictly a Charging proposal. ER noted that the timescales in the CUSC state that the Workgroup Report should be presented to the Panel within four months, but it is ultimately for the CUSC Panel (having considered the views of the Authority) to set the timescales at the point of the proposal being raised.
3783. PH advised that it is not necessarily just Charging modifications that would take longer than the standard CUSC modification, this would also include modifications which require complex technical discussions and analysis, and the Panel should be considerate of this when setting timescales for a proposed modification.

4 New CUSC Modification Proposals

3784. There were no new CUSC Modification Proposals this month.

5 Workgroup / Standing Groups

3785. **CMP222 User Commitment for Non-Generation Users.** PH stated that the CMP222 Workgroup Consultation had been sent to Industry on 18 December 2013 and will close for comments on 20 January 2014. The Workgroup Report is due to be presented to the CUSC Panel at their meeting in February 2014.
3786. **CMP223 Arrangements for Relevant Distributed Generators under the Enduring Generation User Commitment.** PH stated that after receiving substantial comments back from the Workgroup on the draft CMP223 Workgroup Consultation, the Proposer was in favour of delaying the publication of the Workgroup Consultation. This is to ensure all Workgroup Members' views are considered and to create a more robust Workgroup Consultation. The draft Workgroup Consultation is currently with the Workgroup for comment and is likely to be published in early-mid January.
3787. PH requested a one month extension to the CMP223 timetable to allow for more Workgroup discussion and a 3-4 week Consultation period. The Panel agreed to the extension. The CMP223 Workgroup Report will now be presented to the March 2014 CUSC Panel meeting.
3788. **CMP224 Cap on the Total TNUoS Target Revenue to be recovered from Generation Users.** PH advised that the Workgroup Consultation had been published on 19 December 2013 and will close for comment on 23 January 2014. The Workgroup Report is due to be presented to the CUSC Panel at their meeting in February 2014.
3789. **CMP225 Consequential changes following implementation of the Third Package and other miscellaneous changes.** The Panel noted that the like for like BSC Proposal P298 had been accepted by the BSC Panel at their meeting on 12 December 2013 and that the first joint Workgroup meeting would be held on 6 January 2014.
3790. **Governance Standing Group (GSG).** GG advised that no meeting had been held recently and that the next meeting is scheduled for 30 January 2014.

3791. **Joint European Standing Group (JESG).** GG advised that a meeting had taken place on 17 December 2013 and had discussed the HVDC Network Code following a Technical Workshop that had been held on 11-12 December 2013. GG informed the Panel that the HVDC public consultation opened on 7 November 2013 and closes on 7 January 2014. GG advised that updates had been provided on ECCAF, the Electricity Balancing Network Code and the Ten Year Network Development Plan (TYNDP). GG noted that after the JESG meeting, a session had been hosted by Ofgem and DECC on the CACM Network Code.
3792. **European Code Coordination Application Forum (ECCAF).** GG advised that no meeting had been held since the last Panel meeting but that the slides from the last ECCAF could be circulated to the Panel for information.
- ACTION: ER to circulate ECCAF slides from previous JESG meeting and send the CUSC Panel a link to the ECCAF papers on the website.**
3793. **Transmission Charging Methodologies Forum (TCMF).** PH advised that no meeting had taken place since the last CUSC Panel and that the next meeting is planned for 22 January 2014.
3794. **Commercial Balancing Services Group (CBSG).** ER advised that no meeting had taken place since the last CUSC Panel and that the next meeting is planned for 15 January 2014, but that this may be postponed slightly.
3795. **Balancing Services Standing Group (BSSG).** ER advised that no meeting had taken place since the last CUSC Panel and that the next meeting is planned for 15 January 2014, but that this may be postponed slightly.

6 European Code Development

3796. AS advised he had nothing further to add to the EU Developments update circulated via email on 16 December 2013.

7 CUSC Modifications Panel Vote

3797. There were no votes at this meeting.

8 Authority Decisions as at 12 December 2013

3798. No Authority decisions were received this month. MT asked AS for an update on CMP201 (Removal of BSUoS Charges from Generation) and CMP213 (Project Transmit TNUoS Developments). AS advised that the CMP201 Impact Assessment closes on 16 January 2014 and a decision may be made around March / April 2014. MT requested that AS advise the Panel if any further information on a decision date is made available. AS noted that the Impact Assessment provided information on a likely decision date. DK asked if a decision on the like-for-like BSC Modification (P286) would be made at the same time, to which AS responded that a decision is expected at the same time. DK noted that the BSC Panel would need to approve additional implementation dates if an Authority decision to approve P286 came later than the end of March 2014.
3799. The Panel noted that Ofgem had published a document advising that a decision on CMP213 was likely to be made in March 2014 as further information had been received as a result of Ofgem's Impact Assessment which had provided new evidence. This means that if approved, an implementation of April 2015 is to be expected. AS advised that the new provisional implementation date is based on

feedback from a range of stakeholders and that it is a substantive process to review the new evidence that had been received. GG reviewed the date issues of an Authority decision and noted that a decision would be required before mid March 2014 in order to give parties time for their internal clearance processes if they were intending to change their TEC position as a result of the decision. MD strongly supported this view and added that parties need as much time as possible for an implementation of April 2015.

3800. GG asked AS if it would be possible to clarify the wording in Ofgem's draft Forward Work Programme 2014-15 (published 18 December 2013) regarding the comments about Project Transmit and in particular the statement 'following a future industry code panel recommendation'. AS requested GG to send the link and he would check the wording.

Action: GG to send AS the link to Ofgem's Work plan for 2014 – 15 and AS to clarify wording. [Post-meeting note – GG circulated link and AS advised that the statement is an error and has been noted.]

9 Update on Industry Codes / General Industry updates relevant to the CUSC

3801. PH advised that National Grid would be publishing their draft TNUoS tariffs on the 20 December 2013 based on the existing methodology.
3802. PH advised that National Grid's embedded generation benefit review report would be published on 20 December 2013 and would close on 14 February 2014.
3803. MD noted that Ofgem has approved National Grid's proposals for Supplemental Balancing Reserve (SBR) and Demand Side Balancing Reserve (DSBR). MD questioned whether this had an impact on the CUSC and if so, had the Code Administrator considered when changes to the CUSC may be required.
3804. PH advised that there should be no changes required to the CUSC and any requirements from these proposals would be taken into account with bilateral contracts.
3805. GG questioned whether National Grid would publish the TEC equivalent (MW) capacity and power station information from each of these agreements as it was important, for market transparency, that all parties can have visibility of this information as SBR parties would have, under the CUSC, full visibility of non SBR parties' TEC holdings. MD highlighted that information on how much is being contracted needs to be made available to the market. PH responded that his view is that these contracts are not under the CUSC. MD emphasised the need for transparency between parties and PJ agreed that the most important point is clarity on what products have been agreed and what the prices are.

Action: PH to clarify if there is a need for change within the CUSC following the Balancing Services proposals and what information may be published. [Post meeting note – PH circulated information to Panel via email confirming that no CUSC Modification Proposal is planned by National Grid to implement Supplemental Balancing Reserve (SBR) and that the issue of SBR parties holding TEC is covered in Ofgem's decision letter.]

10 AOB

3806. AT gave some background on the changes to the Code Administration Code of Practice (CACoP) that had been circulated to the Panel and how they had been compiled. AT noted that there is an obligation to adhere to the Principles that are

outlined in the CACoP and that the concept of the CACoP was input into Section 8 of the CUSC following the first Code Governance Review. AT advised that the changes are minor and are the culmination of discussions held by the Code Administrators recently.

3807. GG asked if there is still a review group in existence for the CACoP and whether it would include industry stakeholders as well as Code Administrators. It was also questioned whether proposals to change the CACoP would be recommended by the review group to Ofgem on behalf of both Code Administrators and stakeholders. AT advised that there will be, but at this stage, the current Code Administrators are welcoming the new Code Administrators (following the Code Governance Review phase 2) and were concentrating on knowledge sharing and consistency. AT added that the next stage would be to invite industry stakeholders to be involved in this, and advised that any Party can suggest amendments to the CACoP. GG asked if this would be an ongoing tripartite group that meets going forward, to which AT responded that there will not necessarily be an established group, but that a meeting would be held at least once a year and that the industry would be invited to this. GG highlighted the importance of transparency and AT noted that the CUSC has the safeguard of the Code Administrator being required to bring any proposed changes forward to the CUSC Panel for agreement. AT noted that this is not reciprocated in all the industry codes.

3808. The CUSC Panel agreed to the changes proposed in the CACoP.

3809. GG highlighted an issue with CMP212 (Alignment of CUSC compensation arrangements for across different interruption types), in that he is aware of an outstanding claim from February 2013. GG also asked if National Grid were on track to provide the 12 monthly report that was outlined in Annex 3 of the CMP212 Final Report. AT advised that the report is still on track to be produced, and that she would speak to GG after the meeting to obtain further information on the outstanding claim and investigate.

Action: AT to discuss outstanding claim with GG.

3810. AT noted that National Grid have recently made changes to their website and requested that the Panel provide feedback on this. It was also advised that AT would be available for website tutorials if required.

3811. GG pointed out that Ofgem decision letters need uploading for CMP205, CMP206, CMP211, CMP212, CMP215 and CMP217 on the new National Grid website.

Action: ER to upload missing decision letters onto National Grid website.

3812. MT reflected on the previous year and thanked the CUSC Panel and Code Administrator for all their hard work.

11 Next Meeting

3813. The next meeting will be held on 31 January 2014 at National Grid House, Warwick.