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Meeting Name: CUSC Modifications Panel Meeting

Meeting No: 167

Date of Meeting: 31 October 2014

Venue: National Grid House, Warwick

All presentations given at this Modifications Panel meeting can be found in the Modifications Panel area on the National Grid website¹

This note sets out the headlines and key decisions of the most recent meeting of the CUSC Modifications 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 from the meeting held on 26 September 2014 were approved subject to changes and are available on the National Grid website.

2) New CUSC Modification Proposals

CMP238 'Application of Statement of Works Process when a Modification application is made'. CMP238 was raised by National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc and seeks to change the CUSC so that when a Distribution Network Operator (DNO) receives a distribution connection application and the DNO knows this will impact the Transmission System, the DNO may directly submit a Modification Application omitting the Statement of Works process.

The CUSC Panel decided unanimously that CMP238 should not be considered as Self-Governance but should proceed directly to Code Administrator Consultation.

CMP239 'Grandfathering Arrangements for the Small Generator Discount'. CMP239 was raised by Fred.Olsen Renewables and seeks to implement 'grandfathering' arrangements in the CUSC from the expiry of Licence Condition C13 on 31 March 2016.

The CUSC Panel decided unanimously that CMP239 should be developed by a Workgroup and set an initial Workgroup timetable of six months, to report back to the April 2015 Panel meeting.

3) Workgroup Updates

CMP227 'Change the G:D split of TNUoS charges, for example to 15:85'
CMP227 aims to change the G:D split, reducing the proportion of TNUoS charges paid by generators. The Workgroup met on 22nd October 2014 to discuss the Workgroup Consultation Responses and decided that additional analysis should be done. The Workgroup requested a three month extension which was approved by the CUSC Panel, the Workgroup are now due to report back to the Panel in February 2015.

¹ <http://www2.nationalgrid.com/UK/Industry-information/Electricity-codes/CUSC/Panel-information/Panel-meeting-dates-and-documents-2014/>

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CMP235/CMP236 'Introduction of a new Relevant Interruption type / Clarification of when Disconnection Compensation payments can be expected under a Relevant Interruption'. CMP235/CMP236 aims to amend the description of an Interruption to include a type of Emergency Deenergisation and seeks to clarify that where station suppliers are disconnected solely by National Grid plant or apparatus and the effect of this is to lose the generating units' output, that this is a Relevant Interruption and that under the CUSC, Interruption payments can include these situations. The Workgroup met for the first time on 30th October 2014 to discuss the Proposal and the Workgroup Terms of Reference.

CMP237 'Response Energy Payment for low fuel cost Generation' CMP237 aims to take into account the different financing approaches of generators with low or negative energy costs of those that receive additional financial incentives, by settling the Response Energy Payment at £0/MWh. The Workgroup will meet for the first time on 7th November 2014 to discuss the Proposal and the Workgroup Terms of Reference.

4) **CUSC Modifications Panel Determination Vote**

CMP234 'Incorporation of Biddable Indexation of OFTO revenues in TNUoS'. CMP234 is a Self-Governance modification and seeks to change the indexation of local Offshore Transmission Network Use of System tariffs to match the rate applied to each Offshore Transmission Owner's revenue under their licence instead of Retail Price Index (RPI). The CUSC Panel voted unanimously to approve CMP234. A 15 day appeals window commenced on 31st October and closes on 21st November 2014. Subject to any appeals, CMP234 will be implemented at the start of the next charging year on 1st April 2015.

5) **Authority Decisions**

CMP201 'Removal of BSUoS Charges from Generators'. The Authority chose to reject CMP201.

CMP222 'User Commitment for Non-Generation Users'. The Authority approved CMP222 WACM1 and the implementation date will be 1st April 2015.

CMP224 'Cap on the total TNUoS target revenue to be recovered from generation users'. The Authority approved CMP224 Original Proposal, this was implemented on 22nd October 2014.

6) **Authority send back**

CMP223 'Arrangements for Relevant Distributed Generators under the enduring Generation User Commitment'

The Authority requested that CMP223 be revised and resubmitted. The CUSC Panel agreed to re-form the Workgroup on CMP223 to provide additional information within a revised report.

7) **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will take place on 28 November 2014 at National Grid House, Warwick.