

## Workgroup Consultation Response Proforma

### CMP308: Removal of BSUoS charges from Generation

Industry parties are invited to respond to this consultation expressing their views and supplying the rationale for those views, particularly in respect of any specific questions detailed below.

Please send your responses to [cusc.team@nationalgrideso.com](mailto:cusc.team@nationalgrideso.com) by 5pm on **26 April 2021**. Please note that any responses received after the deadline or sent to a different email address may not receive due consideration by the Workgroup.

If you have any queries on the content of this consultation, please contact Kavita Patel [Kavita.Patel@nationalgrideso.com](mailto:Kavita.Patel@nationalgrideso.com) or [cusc.team@nationalgrideso.com](mailto:cusc.team@nationalgrideso.com)

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#### For reference the Applicable CUSC Objectives are:

- a) *That compliance with the use of system charging methodology facilitates effective competition in the generation and supply of electricity and (so far as is consistent therewith) facilitates competition in the sale, distribution and purchase of electricity;*
- b) *That compliance with the use of system charging methodology results in charges which reflect, as far as is reasonably practicable, the costs (excluding any payments between transmission licensees which are made under and accordance with the STC) incurred by transmission licensees in their transmission businesses and which are compatible with standard licence condition C26 requirements of a connect and manage connection);*
- c) *That, so far as is consistent with subparagraphs (a) and (b), the use of system charging methodology, as far as is reasonably practicable, properly takes account of the developments in transmission licensees' transmission businesses;*
- d) *Compliance with the Electricity Regulation and any relevant legally binding decision of the European Commission and/or the Agency \*; and*
- e) *Promoting efficiency in the implementation and administration of the system charging methodology*

**Please express your views regarding the Workgroup Consultation in the right-hand side of the table below, including your rationale.**

Standard Workgroup Consultation questions		
1	Do you believe that CMP308 Original proposal better	Yes, CMP308 will implement part of the recommendations from the BSUoS Task Force and

	<p>facilitates the Applicable Objectives?</p>	<p>will better facilitate the Applicable CUSC Charging Objectives.</p> <p><b>Applicable Objective (a) – Positive</b></p> <p>Currently, BSUoS charges are not paid by generators in many interconnected countries or by embedded generators in GB. This results in a market distortion and uneven playing field. The removal of this distortion will promote competition and reduce costs for end consumers.</p> <p>As illustrated in Figure 3 of the report, the majority of European countries do not levy “Balancing Charges” on generators. The removal of BSUoS charges from GB generation would enable GB and continental generation to compete on a more equal basis and remove the potential for BSUoS to distort cross border trade. Analysis done by the proposer using 2017 data suggested that removing BSUoS from GB generation would have resulted in changes in interconnector flows throughout the year. In particular, had CMP308 been in place there would have been times where GB generation was cheaper than imports from Europe, resulting in reduced costs for consumers.</p> <p><b>Applicable Objective (c) – Positive</b></p> <p>The growth in interconnection capacity increases the importance of removing BSUoS charges from GB generation. As interconnection capacity increases, the current market distortion between GB and continental generators will increase.</p> <p><b>Applicable Objective (e) – Positive</b></p> <p>BSUoS costs are passed through various markets and mechanisms before ultimately being recovered from the end consumer. Whilst difficult to quantify, economic theory would suggest that this is inefficient as it unnecessarily increases the number of transaction costs. Given BSUoS should be treated as purely a cost recovery mechanism and considering Ofgem’s TCR principles, BSUoS should be recovered from final demand only to promote efficiency and reduce whole system costs.</p>
2	Do you support the proposed	Yes, we support an April 2023 implementation. This provides sufficient time for suppliers to price BSUoS

	implementation approach?	into customer contracts, and for the wholesale market price to adjust reflecting the removal of BSUoS from a generators cost stack.
3	Do you have any other comments?	No.
4	Do you wish to raise a Workgroup Consultation Alternative Request for the Workgroup to consider?	No.
<b>Modification Specific Workgroup Consultation questions</b>		
5	Please provide your thoughts on the Workgroup's discussions post reconvening after the outcome of the Second Balancing Services Charges Task Force. Is there anything else that the Workgroup may need to consider?	No.
6	What are your thoughts on the workgroup's discussions in regard to final demand data? Do you think the suggested solutions are appropriate? Please provide your rationale	We are happy with the suggested solution to obtain final demand data.
7	What are your thoughts on the draft legal text outlined in Annex 3? Please provide any comments you may have.	<p>14.29.4 states "All CUSC Parties acting as <b>Generators</b> (unless excluded by 14.30.6) and Suppliers acting as Generators and Suppliers (for the avoidance of doubt excluding all BMUs and Trading Units associated with either Interconnectors or Virtual Lead Parties) are liable for Balancing Services Use of System charges based on their Final Demand energy taken from or supplied to the National Grid system in each half-hour Settlement Period."</p> <p>Given the definition of final demand, we are not convinced it's necessary to retain the legal text that Generators are liable for BSUoS charges. We are not aware of a situation where a generator would</p>

		have non-final demand and suggest this is discussed at the next workgroup.
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