

# CUSC Modification Panel Elections 2021 Elections Report

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## Executive Summary

The process to elect Connection and Use of System Code (CUSC) Modification Users' Panel Members and Alternate Panel Members for the period 1 October 2021 until 30 September 2023 commenced on 1 July 2021 and concluded on 15 September 2021.

There were 7 Users' Panel Member vacancies available for appointment on the CUSC Modification Panel. Furthermore, there were an additional 5 Alternative Panel Member vacancies available. The Alternate Panel Members attend the CUSC Modifications Panel in the event that a Panel Member is unable to attend throughout the year. We received 8 nominations for these 12 vacancies.

The election results are as follows:

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Voting Panel Members	
1	Binoy DHARSI
2	Joseph DUNN
3	Garth GRAHAM
4	Paul JONES
5	Andrew ENZOR
6	Cem SULEYMAN
7	Grace MARCH

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Alternate Panel Members	
1	Mark DUFFIELD

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## CUSC Modifications Panel Election Voting and Outcome

### CUSC Modifications Panel Election Calculations

There were 453 ballot papers that were eligible to be cast in this election by CUSC Schedule 1 parties. There was a total of 408 company Voting Groups (a "Voting Group" means a User who is eligible to vote and all Affiliates of that User who are eligible to vote), and each Voting Group was eligible to cast a maximum of four ballot papers depending upon which Voting Sub-groups they were eligible to vote in. A total of 53 ballot papers were received across 40 Voting Groups for the 8 nominations received. Within the 53 ballot papers there were a total of 122 preferences expressed collectively across CUSC Parties first, second, and third preference votes for the candidates.

We have conducted the election calculation as stipulated in Annex 8A.3.2 of the CUSC. This section sets out how many votes each candidate received and corresponding calculated results for the election.

The candidates received the following number of preference votes:

Candidate Name	Nominating CUSC party	Total first preference votes	Total second preference votes	Total third preference votes
Binoy DHARSI	EDF	16	3	10
Mark DUFFIELD	National Grid Interconnectors Limited	2	2	0
Joseph DUNN	Scottish Power Renewables (UK) Limited	12	8	1
Andrew ENZOR	Cornwall Insight	4	6	5
Garth GRAHAM	SSE Generation Limited	9	3	9
Paul JONES	Uniper UK Limited	3	9	4
Grace MARCH	Sembcorp Energy UK Limited	3	4	1
Cem SULEYMAN	Drax Power Limited	4	2	2

### First Voting Round

There were 53 ballot papers in the first voting round.

In order to qualify for election in the first round, a candidate must achieve equal to or greater than the first round qualifying total.

The first round qualifying total is:

$$(T / N) + 1$$

where

**T** is the total number of first preference votes cast in all voting papers.

**N** is the number of Users' Panel Members and/or Alternate Members to be elected.

53 first preference votes were cast

**Calculation:**

T = 53

N = 8

$(53 / 8) + 1 = 7.63$  (rounded up to 8)

Candidate Name	First Voting Round Total
Binoy DHARSI	16
Mark DUFFIELD	2
Joseph DUNN	12
Andrew ENZOR	4
Garth GRAHAM	9
Paul JONES	3
Grace MARCH	3
Cem SULEYMAN	4

**Conclusion**

The following candidates met the first round qualifying total and have been appointed to the CUSC Modification Panel:

- Binoy Dharsi (Panel Member)
- Joseph Dunn (Panel Member)
- Garth Graham (Panel Member)

Therefore, there were 4 remaining Panel Members and 1 remaining Alternate Panel Member to be appointed through the subsequent voting rounds.

**Second Voting Round**

In order to be elected in the second round, a candidate must achieve equal to or greater than the second-round qualifying total. The remaining voting papers are all the voting papers except for those where the first preference vote was for a candidate successfully appointed in the first round. Of the 53 ballot papers, only 16 eligible were remaining to cast a vote for the second round.

The second round qualifying total is:

$(T' / N') + 1$

where

T' is the total number of first and second preference votes cast in all remaining voting papers.

**N'** is the number of Panel Members and/or Alternate Members remaining to be elected after the first voting round.

**Calculation:**

$T' = 16$  (first preference) + 13 (second preference)

$N' = 5$

$(16+13 / 5) + 1 = 6.80$  (rounded up to 7)

Candidate Name	Second Voting Round Total (first round + second round)
Mark DUFFIELD	2 + 0 = 2
Andrew ENZOR	4 + 0 = 4
Paul JONES	<b>3 + 6 = 9</b>
Grace MARCH	3 + 3 = 6
Cem SULEYMAN	4 + 1 = 5

**Conclusion**

The following candidate met the second round qualifying total and has been appointed to the CUSC Modification Panel:

- Paul Jones (Panel Member)

Therefore, there are 3 remaining Panel Members and 1 remaining Alternate Panel Member to be appointed.

**Third Voting Round**

In order to be elected in the second round, a candidate must achieve equal to or greater than the third-round qualifying total. The remaining voting papers are all the voting papers except for those where the first or second preference votes was for a candidate successfully appointed in the first or second round. Of the 53 ballot papers, only 5 were remaining to cast a vote for the third round.

The third round qualifying total is:

$(T'' / N'') + 1$

where

**T''** is the total number of first, second and third preference votes cast in all remaining voting papers.

**N''** is the number of Panel Members and/or Alternate Members remaining to be elected after the first and second voting round.

**Calculation:**

$T'' = 5$  (first preference) + 2 (second preference) + 2 (third preference)

N” = 4

$(5+2+2 / 4) + 1 = 3.25$  (rounded up to 4)

Candidate Name	Third Voting Round Total (first round + second round + third round)
Mark DUFFIELD	1 + 0 + 0 = 1
Andrew ENZOR	<b>4 + 0 + 0 = 4</b>
Grace MARCH	0 + 1 + 0 = 1
Cem SULEYMAN	0 + 1 + 0 = 1

### Conclusion

The following candidate has met the third round qualifying total and has been appointed to the CUSC Modification Panel:

- Andrew Enzor (Panel Member)

Therefore, there are 2 remaining Panel Members and 1 remaining Alternate Panel Member to be appointed. The candidates are ranked in order of the number of first preference votes they received across all 53 ballot papers to fill the remaining vacancies. The following candidates have been appointed to the CUSC Modifications Panel:

- Cem Suleyman - 4 first preference votes (Panel Member)
- Grace March - 3 first preference votes (Panel Member)
- Mark Duffield - 2 first preference votes (Alternate Panel Member)

## CUSC Modifications Panel Election Results

The result of the election is as follows:

Voting Panel Members	
1	Binoy DHARSI
2	Joseph DUNN
3	Garth GRAHAM
4	Paul JONES
5	Andrew ENZOR
6	Cem SULEYMAN
7	Grace MARCH



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## Alternate Panel Members

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1 Mark DUFFIELD

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## CUSC Modifications Panel Elections Process

The process to elect CUSC Modification Users' Panel Members and Alternate Panel Members for the period 1 October 2021 until 30 September 2023 commenced on 1 July 2021.

On 1 July 2021, the Code Administrator opened up the election nominations window for a period of three weeks. To facilitate this, links to the following documents were sent to CUSC Users via email and published on the Code Administrator's website:

- the electorate;

For the purposes of the 2021 election arrangements, CUSC Users were defined as those persons who were a Party to the CUSC Framework Agreement, with the exception of National Grid Electricity System Operator, as at 20 June 2021. Each CUSC User was allocated a unique reference number;

- nomination form;
- an Election Guide.

The Election Guide provided a summary of the election arrangements and a timetable to enable CUSC Users to participate actively and effectively in the forthcoming election arrangements. In addition, it provided clarity in relation to the approach that would be adopted for the election in a number of areas in relation to the voting arrangements where Annex 8A of the CUSC is silent or ambiguous.

## Industry Engagement

The Code Administrator committed to providing updates to industry in relation to the process.

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Date	Email Content
11 June 2021	<a href="#">CUSC Panel Elections are approaching – here is what you need to know and do.</a> This included a request for industry to check the CUSC Schedule 1 Voting Groups and Voting Sub-Groups and to feedback any issues by the 18 July 2021.
17 June 2021	Reminder: <a href="#">CUSC Panel Elections are approaching – here is what you need to know and do</a>
21 June 2021	<a href="#">CUSC Panel Elections for 2021 are approaching - here is the Election Guide.</a> This included the final CUSC Schedule 1 List of Users as on 20 June 2021, which formed the electorate for the Election.
1 July 2021	<a href="#">CUSC Panel Elections - Nominations are now open</a>
16 July 2021	<a href="#">Reminder CUSC Panel Elections - Nominations close next week on 23 July 2021</a>

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22 July 2021	<a href="#">Final Reminder CUSC Panel Election - Nominations close tomorrow 23 July 2021</a>
9 August 2021	<a href="#">Invitation to vote in the CUSC Panel elections</a> This included a podcast and guidance document to help explain the voting process.
15 September 2021	Announcement of the election results and publication of this election report.

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## Further engagement

The Code Administrator liaised with four trade bodies that represent smaller market participants to increase awareness of the elections process amongst their members and to establish if any of these members would be interested in nominating themselves to be a Panel Member or an Alternate Panel Member.

The Code Administrator also reached out by advertising the CUSC election in the Code Administrator's Code of Practice newsletter, the Joint European Stakeholder Group weekly newsletter and the "Plugged In" ESO weekly Newsletter.

## Code Administrator's Distribution List

Whilst reviewing and updating Schedule 1, the Code Administrator's CUSC distribution list was also reviewed to ensure that the Code Administrator had contacted everyone listed on Schedule 1 and that the details held were up to date. Where no specific contact details were held, emails were sent to generic email addresses to raise awareness of the elections and seek an alternative email contact.

We will be regularly reviewing the Code Administrator's distribution list to ensure it is kept up to date.

## Schedule 1: The Electorate

### Finalising the electorate

On 11 and 17 June 2021, the Code Administrator shared the latest version of CUSC Schedule 1, and asked industry parties to check the Voting Group and Voting Sub-Group information in the document. Industry parties were given until Friday 18 June 2021 to contact The Code Administrator with any amendments.

The Code Administrator received a number of contacts from industry advising of company Voting group alterations. Following checks, these changes were incorporated to produce the final elector list.

The Code Administrator will be reviewing the current process for maintaining Schedule 1 and refining the process to ensure that Schedule 1 is maintained going forward. In future elections, the Code Administrator will engage industry earlier in the process in relation to Voting Groups.

### The electorate

On 21 June 2021, the Code Administrator published the final list of the electorate including unique voter reference numbers for each individual company, Voting Groups and the eligibility of each Voting Group to vote in relation to the Voting Sub-Groups.

There was a total of 781 separate CUSC Parties listed on the final version of Schedule 1 that the Code Administrator has used in this election. These companies were allocated into 408 distinct Voting Groups.

## Nominations

Nominations closed at 5pm on Friday 23 July 2021. Eight nominations were received within the deadline.

In accordance with Annex 8A.2.2 of the CUSC, on 9 August 2021, the Code Administrator announced the list of nominated candidates standing for election in the CUSC Modifications Panel elections.

## Conclusions

The conduct of the 2021 CUSC Panel elections was conducted primarily by email, with key documentation available on the Code Administrator's website. As with previous elections, CUSC Users appeared to be comfortable with the integrity of the election via e-mail and no security or related issues were raised.

The Code Administrator is satisfied with the integrity of the CUSC Modifications Panel Elections and commends the results to Authority.

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