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Headline Report

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Any Questions?

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1 Introduction

Welcome to the CUSC Panel Headline Report. This shall be produced after every CUSC Panel meeting and aims to provide all of our key stakeholders / interested parties with an overview of the headlines and key decisions the Panel are currently managing. Full minutes of the meeting will be produced and approved at the next meeting of the CUSC Panel and will then be published on the website.

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

We would welcome any comments you may have.

2 New Proposals

CMP293 National Grid Legal Separation changes to CUSC Sections, Exhibits & Schedules (non-charging)' and CMP294 National Grid Legal Separation changes to CUSC Section 14. The purpose of these modification proposals is to facilitate the legal separation between National Grid System Operator and Transmission Owner. CMP293 looks to modify the CUSC to reflect the creation of a new National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO) that is legally separated from National Grid Electricity Transmission Limited (NGET). The specific CUSC references are to be updated in order to ensure the System Operator and Transmission Owner obligations are clear. CMP294 looks to do the same from a charging perspective, editing Section 14 of the CUSC.

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¹ https://www.nationalgrid.com/uk/electricity/codes/connection-and-use-system-code?panel

The Panel reviewed both proposals and unanimously agreed that both modifications should progress straight to Code Administrator Consultation, post an Industry Webinar to get feedback on the legal text which would be assisted by a Survey Monkey (to provide a further opportunity for industry participants to provide feedback on the legal text) and resubmission to the May CUSC Panel for final sign off.

CMP295 'Contractual Arrangements for Virtual Lead Parties (Project TERRE) Under BSC P344 and GC0097, and future market arrangements, an aggregator will combine the export capabilities of SVA-registered embedded generation to participate in the BM. In order to facilitate Grid Code compliance, and to ensure appropriate rights/obligations for Virtual Lead Parties (as to be defined in BSC P344), accession to the CUSC is necessary and entry into specific CUSC contracts is required.

Panel reviewed this modification and agreed that this modification should proceed to Workgroup stage, following a standard timetable. It was decided that this modification should be facilitated on the same day as CMP291 due to synergies which could be achieved by looking at both modifications together. The Code Administrator will write out to the industry requesting nomination to join the Workgroups.

CMP296 'Aligning the CUSC to the BSC post-P344 (Project TERRE) to exempt Virtual Lead Parties from BSUoS'. The purpose of this modification is to exempt virtual lead parties from BSUoS payments. P344 introduces a new class of Balancing Mechanism Unit (BMU), and a new class of BMU registrant to the BSC ("Virtual Lead Parties"); it is necessary to amend the CUSC therefore, to expand the BSUoS exemption to these Virtual Lead Parties.

Panel reviewed this modification and agreed that this modification could progress straight to Code Administrator Consultation with Authority decision.

CMP297 'Aligning CUSC and BSC post-TERRE (Section 11) – consequential modification to introduce definition of Virtual Lead Party'. The purpose of this modification allows Section 11 of the CUSC to be amended to include a definition of Virtual Lead Parties, as a consequential follow on from Project Terre and the associated changes which will be needed to be made to the CUSC.

Panel reviewed this modification and agreed that this modification could progress straight to Code Administrator Consultation with Authority decision.

CMP298 'Updating the Statement of Works process to facilitate aggregated assessment of relevant and collectively relevant embedded generation. The purpose of this modification is to ensure that increasing levels of embedded generation connections the process for assessing their overall impact on the transmission system needs are revised allowing the System Operator to recognise the changes caused by multiple small scale connections and plan accordingly.

The Panel reviewed the Proposal and agreed that the Proposal should be developed by a Workgroup following a standard timetable. The Code

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Administrator will write out to the industry requesting nomination to join the Workgroups.

CMP299: 'Consequential changes to the CUSC to facilitate the 2018-2021 ESO Incentive Scheme'. The aim of this modification is to update the CUSC (Section 14.30 onwards), in line with the new Electricity System Operator (ESO) Incentive Scheme which is detailed within National Grid's Licence. Changes have been approved and when implemented, they will be effective from on the 1st April 2018.

Panel reviewed this modification and agreed that this modification could progress straight to Code Administrator Consultation with Authority decision.

3 Next Meeting

The next normal Panel meeting will take place on 25 May 2018 at National Grid House.

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