CUSC Amendment Proposal Form

CAP:174

Title of Amendment Proposal:

Amendment to Exhibit B to require provision of location of proposed Offshore Connection Site

Description of the Proposed Amendment (mandatory by proposer):

Following "Go-Active" of the Offshore regime on 24 June 2009, it was noted that the application form contained within Exhibit B to the CUSC (for a directly connected Power Station, Non-Embedded Customer or Distribution System directly connected to the National Electricity Transmission System) does not require an Applicant to provide the specific location of the Offshore Connection Site. It is proposed to amend Exhibit B to require an Applicant to provide the longitude and latitude of the proposed Connection Site.

Description of Issue or Defect that Proposed Amendment seeks to Address (mandatory by proposer):

Currently, an Onshore Applicant is required to identify the proposed Connection Site, preferably by reference to an extract from an Ordnance Survey Map. When the CUSC was updated for the Offshore regime "Go-Active", the application form within Exhibit B was not amended to require an Applicant to identify the exact location of the Offshore Connection Site. If left unaddressed, an Applicant may not realise they are required to provide such information which could unnecessarily delay the application process.

Impact on the CUSC (this should be given where possible):

Exhibit B to the CUSC: Connection Application for directly connected Power Station, Non-Embedded Customer and Distribution System directly connected to the National Electricity Transmission System.

Impact on Core Industry Documentation (this should be given where possible):

There will be no impact on Core Industry Documentation.

Impact on Computer Systems and Processes used by CUSC Parties:

There will be no impact on Computer Systems or Processes used by CUSC Parties.

Details of any Related Modifications to Other Industry Codes (where known):

Not applicable.

Justification for Proposed Amendment with Reference to Applicable CUSC Objectives**:

The Proposed Amendment would better facilitate the achievement of both of the Applicable CUSC Objectives contained within the Transmission Licence, as follows:

- (a) the efficient discharge by the licensee of the obligations imposed upon it under the Act and by this licence: and
- (b) facilitating effective competition in the generation and supply of electricity, and (so far as consistent therewith) facilitating such competition in the sale, distribution and purchase of electricity,

Should this omission not be addressed, it is possible that an Applicant required to use Exhibit B to the CUSC (namely a directly connected Power Station, Non-Embedded Customer or Distribution System directly connected to the National Electricity Transmission System) could experience a delay in the application process, relative to an Applicant which requires a different type of connection and therefore uses a different application form.

Therefore, this Amendment Proposal can be seen to better facilitate both of the Applicable CUSC objectives, as it would remove any potential discrimination between classes of persons in the required different usage of application forms and better facilitate competition between different categories of Applicant by ensuring that the potential delay identified is removed from the application process.

Details of Proposer: Organisation's Name:	National Grid Electricity Transmission plc
Capacity in which the Amendment is being proposed: (i.e. CUSC Party, BSC Party or "National Consumer Council")	CUSC Party
Details of Proposer's Representative: Name: Organisation: Telephone Number: Email Address:	Alex Thomason National Grid Electricity Transmission plc 01926 656379 Alex.thomason@uk.ngrid.com
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Attachments (Yes): If Yes, Title and No. of pages of each Attachment:	
Proposed revised Exhibit B to the CUSC (change marked). 19 pages.	

Notes:

- 1. Those wishing to propose an Amendment to the CUSC should do so by filling in this "Amendment Proposal Form" that is based on the provisions contained in Section 8.15 of the CUSC. The form seeks to ascertain details about the Amendment Proposal so that the Amendments Panel can determine more clearly whether the proposal should be considered by a Working Group or go straight to wider National Grid Consultation.
- 2. The Panel Secretary will check that the form has been completed, in accordance with the requirements of the CUSC, prior to submitting it to the Panel. If the Panel Secretary accepts the Amendment Proposal form as complete, then he will write back to the Proposer informing him of the reference number for the Amendment Proposal and the date on which the Proposal will be considered by the Panel. If, in the opinion of the Panel Secretary, the form fails to provide the information required in the CUSC, then he may reject the Proposal. The Panel Secretary will inform the Proposer of the rejection and report the matter to the Panel at their next meeting. The Panel can reverse the Panel Secretary's decision and if this happens the Panel Secretary will inform the Proposer.

The completed form should be returned to:

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(Participants submitting this form by email will need to send a statement to the effect that the proposer acknowledges that on acceptance of the proposal for consideration by the Amendments Panel, a proposer which is not a CUSC Party shall grant a licence in accordance with Paragraph 8.15.7 of the CUSC. A Proposer that is a CUSC Party shall be deemed to have granted this Licence).

3. Applicable CUSC Objectives** - These are defined within the National Grid Electricity Transmission plc Licence under Standard Condition C10, paragraph 1. Reference should be made to this section when considering a proposed amendment.