## **CUSC Amendment Proposal Form**

**CAP: 091** 

## **Title of Amendment Proposal:**

Establishment and maintenance of an Unsecured Credit Allowance for Rated and Unrated Companies and the alignment of the Value at Risk calculation with current best practice.

**Description of the Proposed Amendment** (mandatory by proposer):

This amendment seeks to Modify the CUSC to incorporate provisions for unrated companies to establish an appropriate line of credit in accordance with the CUSC Objectives taking account of the Best Practice Guidelines for Network Operator Credit Cover Conclusions Document published in February 2005 by OFGEM.

For example it is anticipated that at a high level the modification should include amongst other things:

- 1. Establish an unsecured credit allowance for unrated counterparties by using the payment record.
- 2. Where a company rated in the lower bands or an unrated counterparty seeks to increase its unsecured credit allowance it can do so by submitting to independent assessment of its creditworthiness.
- 3. Recalculation of the Demand Reconciliation Credit Cover amount of 10%.

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

Unrated and lower rated companies regardless of creditworthiness cannot access an unsecured line of credit. The credit levels required are inappropriate to the risks faced by NGT.

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

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

Impact on Computer Systems and Processes used by CUSC Parties (this should be given where possible):

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

Justification for Proposed Amendment with Reference to Applicable CUSC Objectives\*\* (mandatory by proposer):

The current arrangements do not facilitate competition in accordance to the applicable CUSC objective B and constitute an artificial barrier to entry to the market.

Details of Proposer:	
Organisation's Name:	BizzEnergy Limited
Capacity in which the Amendment is being proposed:  (i.e. CUSC Party, BSC Party or "energywatch")	BSC Party – Supplier
Details of Proposer's Representative: Name: Organisation: Telephone Number: Email Address:	Keith Munday BizzEnergy Limited 07976651122 keithm@bizzenergy.com
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Attachments (/No): If Yes, Title and No. of pages of each Attachment: No	

## 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:

Richard Dunn
Panel Secretary
Commercial Frameworks
National Grid Company plc
NGT House
Warwick Technology Park
Gallows Hill
Warwick, CV34 6DA

Licence).

Or via e-mail to: <a href="mailto:CUSC.Team@uk.ngrid.com">CUSC.Team@uk.ngrid.com</a>

(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

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