



# National Grid

## CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

### CUSC Amendment Proposal CAP041

### Withdrawal of Amendment Proposals

*The purpose of this document is to  
consult on Amendment Proposal CAP041  
with CUSC Parties and other interested  
Industry members*

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## 1.0 SUMMARY

- 1.1 CAP041 was proposed by National Grid and submitted to the Amendments Panel for consideration at their meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2002. The Amendments Panel determined that CAP041 should go straight to wider industry consultation.
- 1.2 CAP041 proposes to amend and clarify the process of withdrawal of Amendment Proposals set out in Paragraph 8.15.8 of the CUSC.
- 1.3 This document initiates this wider industry consultation process and invites views on CUSC Amendment Proposal CAP041. The consultation closing date is **19<sup>th</sup> September 2002**.

## 2.0 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 This consultation document is issued by National Grid under the rules and procedures specified in the Connection and Use of System Code (CUSC) as designated by the Secretary of State.
- 2.2 This document outlines the nature of the CUSC changes that are proposed and seeks views from industry members relating to Amendment Proposal CAP041. Representations received in response to this consultation document will be included in National Grid's Amendment Report that will be furnished to the Authority for their decision.
- 2.3 This consultation document has been prepared in accordance with the terms of the CUSC. An electronic copy can be found on the National Grid website, at <http://www.nationalgrid.com/uk/indinfo/cusc>, along with the Amendment Proposal itself.

## 3.0 THE AMENDMENT PROPOSAL

- 3.1 CAP041 proposes to amend the process of withdrawal of an Amendment Proposal as set out in Paragraph 8.15.8 of the CUSC.
- 3.2 It is considered that the current wording of the CUSC is unclear as to whether an Amendment Proposal may be withdrawn by the Proposer at any time during the process or only prior to the Amendments Panel meeting at which it is to be first considered. CAP041 recognises that each Amendment Proposal should have an 'owner' and that if the Proposer did not wish to support the Amendment Proposal then this view should be respected and the Amendment Proposal may be withdrawn (subject to no new sponsor coming forward and notifying their support as provided by Paragraphs 8.15.8 (b) and (c) of the CUSC).
- 3.3 CAP041 also amends Paragraph 8.15.8 to make clear that notice "of support" must be received from any CUSC Party wishing to replace the original Proposer.
- 3.4 The amended CUSC text to give effect to CAP041 is contained in Annex 1.

## 4.0 IMPLEMENTATION AND TIMESCALES

- 4.1 There is no material impact associated with the timing of the implementation of CAP041. It is therefore proposed that implementation takes place with effect from 10 days after the Authority's decision.

## 5.0 INITIAL VIEW OF AMENDMENTS PANEL

- 5.1 Amendments Panel members determined that CAP041 be subject to consultation to seek industry views on the Amendment Proposal and whether such an amendment of the CUSC would better facilitate achievement of the Applicable CUSC Objectives.
- 5.2 Amendments Panel members noted that the principles behind CAP041 had been agreed by the Governance Standing Group (GSG) and indicative text to amend the CUSC had been drafted for the purposes of consultation.
- 5.3 Further information on the Governance Standing Group, including membership, terms of reference and notes of meetings, is available on the National Grid CUSC website via the link below:

[http://www.nationalgridinfo.co.uk/cusc/mn\\_working\\_group.html](http://www.nationalgridinfo.co.uk/cusc/mn_working_group.html)

## 6.0 INITIAL VIEW OF NATIONAL GRID

- 6.1 National Grid believes that Amendment Proposal CAP041 should be approved for implementation as it clarifies the process for withdrawal of Amendment Proposals which would enable National Grid to more efficiently discharge its licence obligations and better facilitate achievement of the Applicable CUSC Objectives.

## 7.0 VIEWS INVITED

- 7.1 National Grid is seeking the views of interested parties in relation to the issues raised by Amendment Proposal CAP041 and any issues associated with the proposed timing for implementation.
- 7.2 Please send your responses to this consultation to National Grid by no later than close of business on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2002**.
- 7.3 Please address all comments to the following e-mail address:

[emma.groves@uk.ngrid.com](mailto:emma.groves@uk.ngrid.com)

Or alternatively, comments may be addressed to:

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## Annex 1 - Proposed Text to Modify CUSC

### Part A - Text to give effect to the Proposed Amendment

#### Conformed Version

8.15.8 A **Proposer** may withdraw his **Amendment Proposal** on notice to the **Panel Secretary** at any time, in which case the **Panel Secretary** shall forthwith:

- (a) notify **CUSC Parties** that he has been notified of the withdrawal by publication on the **NGC Website** and (where relevant details are supplied) by electronic mail. A **CUSC Party** may within five (5) **Business Days** notify the **Panel Secretary** that it is prepared to support the **Amendment Proposal** in place of the original **Proposer**. If such notice is received, the name of such **CUSC Party** shall replace that of the original **Proposer** as the **Proposer**, and the **Amendment Proposal** shall continue. If more than one notice is received, the first received shall be utilised;
- (b) if no notice of support is received under (a), the matter shall be discussed at the next **Amendments Panel** meeting. If the **Amendments Panel** so agrees, it may notify **CUSC Parties** that the **Amendment Proposal** is to be deleted, and a further period of five (5) **Business Days** shall be given for support to be indicated by way of notice;
- (c) if no notice of support is received under (a) or (b), ~~or the Amendments Panel decides not to notify CUSC Parties under (b), delete the Amendment Proposal from the Amendment Register and mark it as withdrawn; and the Amendment Proposal shall be marked as withdrawn on from the Amendment Register.~~
- ~~(d) remove the Amendment Proposal from the agenda of the next Amendments Panel meeting.~~

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