

# Overview CMP285: CUSC Governance Reform – Levelling the Playing Field

## Introduction

On 5 July 2019, CMP285: CUSC Governance Reform – Levelling the Playing Field was implemented into the CUSC.

This document is intended to highlight the key Changes to the CUSC Panel 2019 elections process to enable Users to understand the new arrangements.

## What has CMP285 changed?

CMP285 has introduced a number of changes that impact upon the elections process. These are as follows:

- There is a new requirement for CUSC Panel nominees to declare any shares they hold in any CUSC party or CUSC parties in as total aggregate value of equal to or over £10,000 to the Code Administrator for publication at the point that the nominations are confirmed.
- Voting Groups have been introduced. A “Voting Group” means a User who is eligible to vote and all Affiliates of that User who are eligible to vote. Each Voting Group shall be entitled to submit one voting paper in respect of each of the following Voting Sub-Groups, provided that one or more Users in such Voting Group fall within the relevant Voting Sub-Group:
  - (a) Generation Voting Sub-Group;
  - (b) The Supply Voting Sub-Group;
  - (c) The Demand Voting Sub-Group; and
  - (d) The Interconnector Voting Sub-Group.

The changes set out additional details to support the changes to the codes to enable this e.g. a requirement for CUSC Parties to assist the Code Administrator to devise the Voting Groups and provisions to cover a situation where more votes are cast than a Voting Group is eligible for.

- A new requirement for the Code Administrator to publish the election report and include the following information:
  - (a) the total number of voting papers distributed to Users eligible to vote;
  - (b) the total number of voting papers received;
  - (c) the total number of first, second and third preference votes allocated to each candidate in all voting papers;
  - (d) the total number of remaining voting papers in each voting round;
  - (e) the total number of remaining Panel Members to be elected in each voting round;
  - (f) the value of the qualifying total in each voting round; and
  - (g) the total number of qualifying Preference Votes allocated to each remaining candidate under all remaining voting papers in each voting round.

The full changes can be viewed at the following link:

<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/codes/connection-and-use-system-code-cusc/modifications/cusc-governance-reform-leveling-playing>

## Impact on the elections process

The 2019 CUSC elections process commenced on 1 July 2019. A decision in relation to CMP285 was issued by Ofgem on 4 July 2019 and implemented on 5 July 2019. Given this, the Code Administrator has had to change aspects of the elections process to accommodate the changes to the CUSC.

A new timetable has been issued and the elections guidance document has been updated. Both of these documents can be found at:

<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/codes/connection-and-use-system-code-cusc>

## Further Information

If you would like to speak to the Code Administrator about CMP285 or the elections process generally, please email [cusc.team@nationalgrid.com](mailto:cusc.team@nationalgrid.com).