## <u>CUSC Panel Elections – Summary of position following recent CUSC Panel Election</u>

## <u>Introduction</u>

- 1. NGC took an action at the last CUSC Panel to outline in writing, when the next CUSC Panel election will need to take place, following the election of CUSC Panel Members for BETTA "Go-Active, " in September 2004. NGC had previously advised that we intended to run the next CUSC Panel election later this year, with a view to ensuring that new elections had run their course and a new Panel had been elected by September 30<sup>th</sup> 2005.
- 2. This note confirms that NGC remains of the view that 12.2.12(b) of the CUSC is explicit that the current CUSC Panel Members term, as prescribed by the CUSC, will expire by the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2005. Hence new elections will take place prior to this date, in order to ensure compliance with these provisions.

## **Relevant CUSC Provisions**

- 12.2.14 (a) The individuals whose names are notified to NGC by the Authority prior to Go-Active as Panel Members and Alternate Members are agreed by the CUSC Parties (including Scottish Users) to constitute the Panel Members and Alternate Members of the Amendments Panel as at the first meeting of the Amendments Panel after Go-Active as if they had been elected as Panel Members and Alternate Members pursuant to Paragraphs 8.3 and 8.6 and Annex 8A.
- 12.2.14 (b) For the avoidance of doubt, the term of office of the **Panel Members** and **Alternate Members** whose names are notified to **NGC** in accordance with paragraph 12.2.14(a) shall expire on 30 September 2005.