

CUSC Amendment Proposal Form	CAP:087
Title of Amendment Proposal:	
Revisions to Request for Urgency Process	
<p>Description of the Proposed Amendment <i>(mandatory by proposer):</i></p> <p>Section 8 of the Connection Use of System Code (CUSC) contains the rules for raising an Amendment Proposal. The process allows for any CUSC Party to recommend to the Panel Secretary that an Amendment Proposal should be treated as urgent. This request is then presented to the Amendments Panel via the Panel Chairman and or the Panel Secretary who will consider the request for urgent status. The Panel Chairman will only consult with the Authority if the decision reached is in accordance with 8.21.3 is that the proposal should be treated as an Urgent Amendment Proposal.</p> <p>BGT are proposing changing the process. The Amendments Panel or Panel Chairman or Panel Secretary will continue to consider the request for urgency but whoever considers the request will be required to make a recommendation to the Authority as to whether the Amendment Proposal is treated as urgent or not.</p>	
<p>Description of Issue or Defect that Proposed Amendment seeks to Address <i>(mandatory by proposer):</i></p> <p>This proposal is seeking to amend Section 8.21 of the CUSC, which details the process for requesting that an Amendment Proposal be treated urgently. Section 8.21.3 states that the Panel Chairman or Panel Secretary will only consult with the Authority if the Amendments Panel or a majority of the Amendments Panel agrees that the proposal should be treated urgently. This Amendment Proposal would extend that obligation so that the Panel Chairman consults with the Authority on all requests for urgency.</p>	
<p>Impact on the CUSC <i>(this should be given where possible):</i></p> <p>Section 8.21.3 will need amending to reflect the obligation to consult with the Authority in all instances and not merely when there is agreement that an Amendment Proposal is treated urgently.</p> <p>The proposed legal text is attached in Appendix 1.</p>	
<p>Impact on Core Industry Documentation <i>(this should be given where possible):</i></p> <p>BGT do not believe there will be any impact</p>	
<p>Impact on Computer Systems and Processes used by CUSC Parties <i>(this should be given where possible):</i></p> <p>BGT do not believe there will be any impact</p>	
<p>Details of any Related Modifications to Other Industry Codes <i>(where known):</i></p> <p>BSC Modification P187 – Introducing the ability for a Party to request urgent status and for it to be considered by the Authority.</p>	

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

(mandatory by proposer):

BGT believe this modification will better facilitate the achievement of the Applicable CUSC Objectives. The Amendment Proposal will enable the Authority to consider all requests for urgency, which will enhance consistency of the process and therefore also improve the efficiency of the change management process.

BGT believe it will also better facilitate competition as it will enhance perception within the market that if an issue is material to a CUSC Party the timetable for progressing the Amendment Proposal will be considered by the Authority who will make the final decision on the merits of the Amendment Proposal.

Details of Proposer: Organisation's Name:	Mark Manley
Capacity in which the Amendment is being proposed: (i.e. CUSC Party, BSC Party or "energywatch")	CUSC Party
Details of Proposer's Representative: Name: Organisation: Telephone Number: Email Address:	Mark Manley British Gas Trading (BGT) 01753 431137 mark.manley@centrica.co.uk
Details of Representative's Alternate: Name: Organisation: Telephone Number: Email Address:	Simon Goldring British Gas Trading (BGT) 01753 431051 simon.goldring@centrica.co.uk
Attachments (Yes/No): If Yes, Title and No. of pages of each Attachment:	

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
Or via e-mail to: CUSC.Team@uk.ngrid.com

(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 Company Transmission Licence under Section C10, paragraph 1. Reference should be made to this section when considering a proposed amendment.

Appendix 1 – Proposed Legal Text

Proposed Legal Text for CAP087

- 8.21.4 If following 8.21.3 it is not agreed that the **Amendment Proposal** should become an **Urgent Amendment Proposal** then the **Panel Chairman** or, in his absence, the **Panel Secretary** shall forthwith consult the **Authority** as to whether such **Amendment Proposal** is an **Urgent Amendment Proposal** and, if so, as to the procedure and timetable should apply in respect thereof.