Headline Report

Meeting Name:	CUSC Amendments Panel
Meeting No:	50
Date of Meeting:	28 October 2005
Time:	10.00 – 13.00
Venue:	Brandon Hall Hotel, Brandon, Near Coventry

This note sets out the headlines and key decisions of the most recent meeting of the CUSC Amendments Panel under the CUSC constitution. Full minutes of the meeting will be produced and approved at the next meeting of the Panel and will then be published on the website.

1) Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the Panel meeting held on 23rd September 2005, were APPROVED by the Panel.

2) New Amendment Proposals – CAP106 – Amendment to revise Paragraph 4.5.1 of the CUSC

CAP106 was submitted by National Grid to correct inconsistencies in Para. 4.5.1 created by an interaction in the legal texts which did not come to light until the implementation of both CAP076 and CAP047. Richard Dunn gave the Panel a presentation on the Amendment Proposal.

The Panel AGREED that CAP106 should proceed straight to Consultation for a period of 2 weeks.

3) Standing and Working Groups

CAP097 – Revision to the contractual requirements for Small and Medium Power Stations under CUSC 6.5

Ben Graff gave the Panel a presentation on the CAP097 Working Group Report noting that two Working Group Alternative Amendments had been identified.

The Panel ACCEPTED the working group report.

The Panel AGREED that CAP097 should proceed to Consultation for a period of one month.

Balancing Services Standing Group

John Greasley gave a verbal update on progress of the BSSG. John reported that the meeting scheduled for 25th October had been cancelled and the group would meet again on 29th November

4) Consultation Papers

CAP089/90/91

Ben Graff updated the Panel on progress. The Panel discussed proposed implementation dates at length. The Panel AGREED that should the Authority approve the original Amendment proposal or any one of the Alternatives the recommended implementation date should be:

 the first day of the month following 6 WEEKS from the Authority decision date.

However, the Amendments Panel also noted that were an Amendment to be approved by the Authority that did not include an Independent Agency element, a six week plus, implementation date would seem to be too long. In such circumstances, the Amendment Panel noted that they would expect National Grid to consider, whether consistent with their obligations in relation to efficiency, it would be possible for National Grid to utilise the provisions of the CUSC to potentially bring about a more immediate implementation date. (Probably ten days after Authority decision.)