# **CUSC Amendment Proposal Form**

**CAP:130** 

## **Title of Amendment Proposal:**

CUSC Connection Application Form - Fixed and Variable Application Fees

**Description of the Proposed Amendment** (mandatory by proposer):

It is proposed to amend the CUSC Application Forms within Exhibits B (Connection Application), D (Use of System Application), I (Modification Application) and Q (BELLA Application) to provide information to applicants regarding their choice in application fee between fixed and variable fee and to include a tick box to request applicants to indicate their application fee choice.

**Description of Issue or Defect that Proposed Amendment seeks to Address** (mandatory by proposer):

The CUSC and Charging Statements set out the obligations for an applicant to pay National Grid's Engineering Charges associated with an Application, based on the fees published in The Statement of Use of System Charges. The Charging Statements allow for the Engineering Charges to be levied on a fixed or variable basis, according to the wishes of the applicant.

While the Charging Statements make it clear that an Applicant can choose to pay the advance of National Grid's Engineering Charges on a fixed or variable basis, the Application forms themselves in the CUSC Exhibits B, D, I and Q do not provide applicants with the ability to indicate which fee they wish to use for their application.

Consequently this creates inefficiencies and delays in the application process as National Grid needs to clarify with the applicant which basis then intend to use before the application can be processed.

Impact on the CUSC (this should be given where possible):

#### **CUSC Exhibits**

Exhibit B Connection Application Exhibit D Use of System Application Exhibit I Modification Application Exhibit Q BELLA Application

The proposed Legal text to modify the CUSC is detailed below in the Annex 1 by inserting the coloured underlined text and deleting the text shown stuck through.

Impact on Core Industry Documentation (this should be given where possible):

None identified

Impact on Computer Systems and Processes used by CUSC Parties (this should be given where possible):

None identified

**Details of any Related Modifications to Other Industry Codes** (where known):

N/A

Justification for Proposed Amendment with Reference to Applicable CUSC Objectives\*\* (mandatory by proposer):

National Grid believes that this proposal will better facilitate CUSC Applicable Objective (a) (The efficient discharge by the licensee of the obligations imposed upon it under the Act and by the Transmission Licence) by removing inefficiencies and delays within the application process by ensuring all applicants indicate their preferred method of application fee, either fixed or variable.

Details of Proposer: Organisation's Name:	National Grid
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:	Bali Virk National Grid 01926 656023 Bali.Virk@uk.ngrid.com
Details of Representative's Alternate: Name: Organisation: Telephone Number: Email Address:	Emma Carr National Grid 01926 655843 Emma.j.carr@uk.ngrid.com
Attachments (Yes/No): If Yes, Title and No. of pages of each Attachment: No	

#### 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:

Beverley Viney
Panel Secretary
Commercial Frameworks
National Grid
National Grid House
Warwick Technology Park
Gallows Hill
Warwick

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Or via e-mail to: <a href="mailto:Beverley.Viney@uk.ngrid.com">Beverley.Viney@uk.ngrid.com</a>

(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 C7F, paragraph 15. Reference should be made to this section when considering a proposed amendment.

### Annex 1 - Proposed Legal Text

#### CUSC Exhibit B – The Connection and Use of System Code Connection Application

New paragraph 15 in the application notes

Inserting the coloured underline text at paragraph 15 and re numbering of subsequent paragraphs.

Applicants have the ability to choose whether they wish to apply on a fixed or variable application fee basis. Fixed application fee is derived from analysis of historical costs of similar applications. Variable application fee is based on an advance of the Transmission Licensee's Engineering and out of pocket expenses and will vary according to the size of the scheme and the amount of work involved. Applicants are requested to indicate their preferred application fee in question (insert question number). Applicants are advised that further information can be obtained from the Charging Statements which can be found on National Grid Electricity Transmission plc's website. If Applicants require further assistance they are recommended to contact National Grid Electricity Transmission plc's Headquarters, where our staff will be pleased to help.

New question 7 in section A

Inserting the coloured underline text after question 6 in Section A

- 7. Please identify which application fee basis you wish to use for this application.
  - [] Fixed application fee
  - [] Variable application fee

## CUSC Exhibit D – The Connection and Use of System Code Use of System Application

New paragraph 15 in the application notes

Inserting the coloured underline text at paragraph 15 and re numbering of subsequent paragraphs.

15. Applicants have the ability to choose whether they wish to apply on a fixed or variable application fee basis. Fixed application fee is derived from analysis of historical costs of similar applications. Variable application fee is based on an advance of the Transmission Licensee's Engineering and out of pocket expenses and will vary according to the size of the scheme and the amount of work involved. Applicants are requested to indicate their preferred application fee in question (insert question number). Applicants are advised that further information can be obtained from the Charging Statements which can be found on National Grid Electricity Transmission plc's website. If Applicants require further assistance they are recommended to contact National Grid Electricity Transmission plc's Headquarters, where our staff will be pleased to help.

New question 6 in section A

Inserting the coloured underline text after question 5 in Section A

- 6. Please identify which application fee basis you wish to use for this application.
  - [] Fixed application fee
  - [] Variable application fee

#### Exhibit I - The Connection and Use of System Code Modification Application

New paragraph 13 in the application notes

Inserting the coloured underline text at paragraph 13 and re numbering of subsequent paragraphs.

Applicants have the ability to choose whether they wish to apply on a fixed or variable application fee basis. Fixed application fee is derived from analysis of historical costs of similar applications. Variable application fee is based on an advance of the Transmission Licensee's Engineering and out of pocket expenses and will vary according to the size of the scheme and the amount of work involved. Applicants are requested to indicate their preferred application fee in question (insert question number). Applicants are advised that further information can be obtained from the Charging Statements which can be found on National Grid Electricity Transmission plc's website. If Applicants require further assistance they are recommended to contact National Grid Electricity Transmission plc's Headquarters, where our staff will be pleased to help

New question 6 in section A

Inserting the coloured underline text after question 5 in Section A

- 6. Please identify which application fee basis you wish to use for this application.
  - [] Fixed application fee
  - [] Variable application fee

### Exhibit Q - The Connection and Use of System Code BELLA Application

New paragraph 13 in the application notes

Inserting the coloured underline text at paragraph 13 and re numbering of subsequent paragraphs.

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New question 6 in section A

Inserting the coloured underline text after question 5 in Section A

- 6. Please identify which application fee basis you wish to use for this application.
  - [] Fixed application fee
  - [] Variable application fee