CUSC Amendment Proposal Form

CAP:164

Title of Amendment Proposal: Transmission Access – Connect and Manage

Description of the Proposed Amendment (mandatory by proposer):

It is proposed that Generators who wish to connect to the system should have a fixed date for receiving TEC. This date, the 'TEC effective date', will be the later of the completion of "local" transmission works or an agreed fixed lead time. The fixed lead time will be discussed and agreed in the amendment assessment stage and codified in the CUSC. Initial options are 3 years (aligns with planning restrictions in Scotland); or 4 years (more consistent with historic performance of providing reinforcements).

The TEC effective date will be subject to 'force majeure' provisions as currently defined in the CUSC.

Following the initial offer, the TEC effective date can only be changed through a modification application; and if both the Generator and the Company agree, and other CUSC parties are not unduly affected.

The request for a TEC effective date is optional, and is made at the time of application. All types of generation seeking TEC can request a TEC effective date.

The definition of 'local' works will be established through the assessment of this proposal i.e. how 'deep' and what the consequences of such a definition would be.

Although not part of the CUSC, it is proposed that TEC granted with a TEC effective date be charged on the same principle as existing TEC, which is long-term incremental investment based (including any changes to local charging arrangements consistent with the changing principles).

There is a symmetrical obligation associated with the guarantee of a TEC date. This requires the generator to pay TNUoS charges for a minimum period irrespective of readiness of the generator to physically connect, subject to force majeure. The minimum period, will be agreed in the assessment of the proposal, to ensure equitable risk between other users and the connectee. This is intended to encourage the generator to apply only when consents have been granted i.e. for the purposes of this, force majeure excludes planning.

The transition arrangements for existing contracts will be agreed in the amendment assessment stage.

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

The current process for connection in the CUSC does not allow generators to connect in timescales for building a power station, thus restricts their timely connection to the transmission system and participation in the energy market.

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

This amendment will require changes to sections 2, 3, 6 & 11. There may be a number of minor changes to other sections of the CUSC. It is also envisaged there will be a number of changes to the exhibits and schedules to the CUSC, including those relating to connection applications and offers and construction agreements.

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

To be identified during assessment.

The connection process between National Grid and the Transmission Owners contained in the STC

and STCPs should be reviewed. In the short term, transition arrangements may be required to facilitate significant changes to the connection plan.

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):

Depending on the volume of constraints that are created through take up of early connection, a new constraint management processes may need to be developed. These may have a further impact on computing systems.

It is envisaged that transmission licensees may need to seek derogations for early connection from the Authority, further to this they would be required to review of the Security and Quality Supply Standard.

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

The proposed amendment would better facilitate the achievement of Applicable CUSC Objectives (a) and (b), the efficient discharge by the licensee of the obligations imposed upon it under the Acts and by the licence, and facilitating effective competition in generation and, by:

- o Promoting the more efficient use of the transmission system through facilitating connection in advance of wider transmission works.
- o Improving the signals for design of the transmission system by ensuring that only projects that are likely to connect within a defined timescales actually apply for connection.

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:	Patrick Hynes National Grid 01926656319 Patrick.hynes@uk.ngrid.com
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Attachments (Yes/No): Yes	

Notes:

If Yes, Title and No. of pages of each Attachment:

Entry Overrun Straw man, 2 pages

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: Beverley. Viney@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 Electricity Transmission plc Licence under Section C7F, paragraph 15. Reference should be made to this section when considering a proposed amendment.