

Headline Report

Meeting Name: CUSC Amendments Panel

Meeting No: 89

Date of Meeting: 21st November 2008

Time: 10.00 – 12.30

Venue: National Grid, National Grid House, Warwick

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 the previous meeting

The Panel AGREED the minutes subject to a minor amendment.

2) Working Group Reports CAP161 to CAP166

CAP161 – Transmission Access - System Operator Release of Short-term Entry Rights

An overview presentation was provided to the Panel. The Panel unanimously AGREED that the Working Group has completed its Terms of Reference, with a number of Panel Members stating that it was as complete as possible given the time constraints and that it was ready to PROCEED to the Company Consultation.

It was AGREED that the Panel's process concerns should be reflected in the Company Consultation.

CAP162 – Transmission Access - Entry Overrun

An overview presentation was provided to the Panel. The Panel unanimously AGREED that the Working Group has completed its Terms of Reference and that it was ready to PROCEED to the Company Consultation.

It was AGREED that the Panel's process concerns should be reflected in the Company Consultation.

CAP163 – Transmission Access - Entry Capacity Sharing

An overview presentation was provided to the Panel. The Panel unanimously AGREED that the Working Group has completed its Terms of Reference and that it was ready to PROCEED to the Company Consultation.

It was AGREED that the Panel's process concerns should be reflected in the Company Consultation.

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CAP164 – Transmission Access - Connect and Manage

An overview presentation was provided to the Panel. The Panel unanimously AGREED that the Working Group has completed its Terms of Reference and that it was ready to PROCEED to the Company Consultation.

It was AGREED that the Panel's process concerns should be reflected in the Company Consultation.

CAP165 – Transmission Access - Finite Long-term Entry Rights

An overview presentation was provided to the Panel. The majority of Panel AGREED that the Working Group has completed its Terms of Reference and that it was ready to PROCEED to the Company Consultation. A number of Panel Member expressed concerns regarding the level of cost benefit analysis.

It was AGREED that the Panel's process concerns should be reflected in the Working Group Report.

The timescales for CAP161 to CAP165 were discussed and the Panel AGREED to allow a late submission of draft Amendment Reports on 17th December prior to the Panel on the 19th December subject to the Panel receiving all consultation responses by 15th December.

4) AOB

CAP166 – Transmission Access - Long-term Entry Capacity Auctions

The Panel were advised and discussed an additional extension of 6 weeks for CAP166 to allow full consideration and development Working Group Alternative 2. It was AGREED that this should be raised at the next Panel meeting when CAP166 Working Group Report will be presented. An action was placed on CAP166 chair to obtain the Working Groups views on this issue prior to the Panel meeting.

Governance Standing Group (GSG)

The Panel debated process issues regarding CAP161 to CAP166 and AGREED that the GSG should be re-established in December to review the process and support Ofgem's Industry Code Governance Review.

Transmission Networks Quarterly Connections Update

The Panel AGREED that it would be useful for update to this information to be presented and discussed at future Panel meetings.

Ofgem Renewable factsheet

The Panel raised concerns regarding some of the points made in Ofgem's Renewable factsheet.

Ofgem consultation on Decision to dates

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Ofgem's consultation of Decision to dates was brought to the Panels attention and it was AGREED that an overview will be presented at the next Panel meeting.

5) Next Meeting

Next CUSC Panel meeting: 5th December 2008 at National Grid, Warwick.