

Transmission Charging Review Group (TCRG)

~~(Formerly Charging User Group (ChUG))~~

Terms of Reference

1) Purpose and Scope

To ensure that there is consistency in charging policy, issues are discussed and good communication between members is maintained, TCRG (formerly ChUG) was formed. The purpose of TCRG is to facilitate discussions between Transmission Owners (Onshore and Offshore) and National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO). In particular, this includes (but may not be limited to and will be at the discretion of the Chair):

- a) Discussion of, and understanding the impact of charges, to Users of the system as defined in Section 14 of the CUSC including:
 - i) Connection Charging,
 - ii) Transmission Network Use of System (TNUoS).
- b) Where relevant, discussion of all STC and CUSC changes prior to them being raised. This also includes discussion of and updates on any relevant on-going changes.
- c) Impact of SO's compliance with the use of system charging methodology in Section 14 of the CUSC.
- d) Enabling NGESO and Transmission Licensees (onshore and offshore) to fulfil and comply with relevant Licence requirements.
- e) Discuss revenue issues and impacts on revenue management.
- f) Consider revenue and invoicing processes. Including but not limited to:
 - i) Payment and invoicing.
 - ii) Data provision, including revenue figures.
- g) Review of new and existing Onshore and Offshore Charging Statements. Existing statements are reviewed on an annual basis and these shall be submitted to TCRG for comment.
- h) Discuss general commercial policy issues in relation non-revenue CUSC/STC activities, e.g. commercial terms related to connection agreements

The STC Panel will review the Terms of Reference from time to time to ensure an effective forum is maintained. TCRG members or other interested parties can alert the STC Panel to matters of concern if they wish.

2) Meetings

- a) Held quarterly at agreed location or via Teleconference as and when preferable.
- b) Ad Hoc Meetings as and when required.

3) Chair

- a) The Chair of the TCRG may rotate on an annual basis.

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- b) The Chair will be a representative from NGESO or a Transmission Owner (onshore or offshore).
- c) The Chair can appoint a deputy chair or representative for any or part of a meeting, who may be a member of TCRG.
- d) In the interest of efficiency, the Chair may set up a sub group to look at any specific issues to report back to TCRG.
- e) The Chair will report back to the STC Panel on matters discussed at TCRG and provide updates on other matters requested by the STC Panel.

4) Meeting Administration

- a) A Technical Secretary will be appointed by the Chair-ESO
- b) The Technical Secretary will assist the Chair in reporting back to the STC Panel.
- c) The Technical Secretary will also maintain a list of actions from each TCRG and provide appropriate follow up to those with actions to check on their status.
- d) Standing Agenda Items for TCRG will be as follows:
 - i) Notes and actions from the previous meeting.
 - ii) Current Charging and STC issues.
 - iii) Current commercial policy issues
 - iv) Potential consequential changes or items to be referred to the STC Panel.
 - v) Any Other Business.
- e) Additional items to the proposed agenda should be submitted to the Technical Secretary at least 4 working days prior to each meeting. Any items not submitted within this timescale, may, at the Chair's discretion, be considered in their own right or under Any Other Business

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5) Membership

- a) Membership is open to representatives from:
 - i) Electricity System Operator.
 - ii) Onshore and Offshore Transmission Owners (NGET, SHETL, SPTL, OFTOs, CATOs)
 - iii) Ofgem
 - iv) Any other parties that the STC Panel may, from time to time, decide to invite. For example, Interconnectors.
- b) Those wishing to attend TCRG meetings or wishing to be added to the mailing list for correspondence should provide details to the Technical Secretary.
- c) The Chair may remove any TCRG member if the member is deliberately or persistently disrupting or frustrating the work of TCRG.
- d) At least 3 attendees, other than NGESO representative(s) will form the quorum of TCRG.

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6) Reporting

- a) The Chair will be responsible for forwarding a summary report to the STC Panel, and presenting where necessary to Panel, to ensure the STC Committee is properly informed of developments from TCRG.
- b) The Technical Secretary will circulate and publish meeting agendas prior to each meeting and a high-level "headline report" after each meeting. Actions will be captured in an actions log and any issues identified in issue logs.
- c) Meeting documentation including the headline report and slides will be published on a webpage, hosted on National Grid's website.

7) Subgroup

- a) The TCRG may establish subgroups as it considers necessary to address specific areas or issues that have been discussed, to report back to TCRG. Subgroups will be open to all TCRG member. Terms of reference may be established for a subgroup but not required. The purpose of a subgroup should be recorded by TCRG.
- b) Subgroups may be chaired by any member of the TCRG.
- c) Subgroups should report to the TCRG on a periodic basis.

8) Transitional Arrangements

- a) The first chair of TCRG will be an ESO Senior Manager from Future Markets Team within of NGESO.
- b) Ensure the smooth transfer of responsibilities of the GB SO to NGESO. Also, ensuring there is a clear separation between NGESO and NGET.