

CMP196 Workgroup Report



CUSC Modifications Panel, 24th June 2011 Alex Thomason, CMP196 Workgroup Chair

CMP196: Removal of "Recommendations" in Final Mod Report



- Raised by National Grid Electricity Transmission on 24th March 2011
- Raised on behalf of CAP190 Workgroup following QC advice and DECC correspondence
- Workgroup held 3 meetings and two Workgroup Consultations between March and June 2011



CMP196 Defect

- CMP196 seeks to ensure existing rights of appeal to the Competition Commission are maintained
- Wording of the Statutory Instrument (SI) differs between CUSC and BSC
- SI refers to recommendation expressed in the Amendment Report
- Final Modification Report could contain multiple "recommendations"



CMP196 Solution

- CMP196 proposes to have only one reference to "recommendation" in the final Modification Report
- Other "recommendations" will remain in essence, but have different names
- Implementation 10 Working Days after Authority decision
- Would apply to all live CMPs for which final Modification Report had not been submitted to Authority



First Workgroup Consultation

- 4 responses received
- Unanimous support for CMP196
- Unanimous support for proposed implementation date
- No Workgroup Alternative CUSC Modifications
- Minor comments on legal text



Post Workgroup Consultation

- Post-Consultation Ofgem comments received
 - Concern over a "two-stage" voting mechanism as introduced by the draft legal text
- Workgroup agreed revised text to consult on



Second Workgroup Consultation

- 5 responses received
- Unanimous support for CMP196
- 2 respondents supported legal text changes
- Respondents sought clarity in a number of areas:
 - Consistency across BSC & CUSC for panel voting
 - Transmission licence requirements for panel recommendations
 - Whether Panel recommendations are a package
- Further minor change to draft legal text



Workgroup Conclusions

- Workgroup terms of reference:
 - Agreed implementation approach in relation to current proposals
 - Agreed illustrative legal text in Workgroup report
 - Considered SI
- Overall CMP196 better facilitates Applicable CUSC Objectives
- Implementation 10 Working Days after Authority Decision
- Ability to appeal is determined by the Competition Commission



Workgroup Vote

- 5 Workgroup members voted to implement CMP196
- Minority (2/5) against Applicable CUSC Objective (a):
 - CMP196 provides clarity, reduces confusion, thereby promoting efficiency in the modification procedures
- Unanimous against objective (b):
 - CMP196 removes a potential barrier to the right to appeal to the Competition Commission
 - CMP196 clarifies the ambiguity in the Statutory Instrument



Cross-code consistency issue

- Further clarification received from ELEXON
- Confirm whether inconsistency exists between BSC and CUSC processes



CMP196 conclusions

- Panel invited to:
 - AGREE Workgroup has completed terms of reference
 - ACCEPT Workgroup Report
 - AGREE CMP196 progresses to Code Administrator consultation



Timetable

28 th June 2011	Publish Code Administrator consultation for 10 working days
12 th July 2011	Code Administrator consultation closes
13 th July 2011	Circulate draft Modification Report for industry comment
20 th July 2011	Deadline for comments
21 st July 2011	Publish updated draft Modification Report with Panel Papers
29 th July 2011	Modifications Panel Vote