CAP150-155 Working Group

Meeting Name CAP150-155 Working Group

Meeting No. 1

Date of Meeting 18th July 2007

Time 10:00 – 15:00

Venue National Grid Offices, Northampton

This note outlines the key action points from the first meeting of the CAP150-155 Working Group.

1. Introductions/Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Alec Morrison (Scottish & Southern).

2. Working Group Terms of Reference CAP152 -155

The Terms of Reference were agreed subject to the addition of the following points:

consider User's need to state their required TEC in CAP 153

Working Group Terms of Reference CAP150

The Terms of Reference were approved subject to the following addition of the following point:

refunds if the works/assets are used elsewhere

Working Group Terms of Reference CAP 151

The Terms of Reference were approved unchanged.

The Secretary would incorporate these items into the Terms of Reference and arrange for them to be considered at the next Panel Meeting on 27th July.

3. Background to CAP 152- 155 Exhibits B,D,F and I

The proposer outlined the background to the proposed changes and the defects that had been identified within the text of the CUSC Exhibits. The changes proposed are aimed at providing greater clarity in the information that Users are required to complete prior to submission of an application form.

Exhibit B

Members page-turned the drafting for Exhibit B against the original proposal and identified some inconsistencies. The drafting would be cross-checked against the proposal and an updated version would be circulated to Working Group members. **Action : PC**

Members made a number of comments which they felt could form the basis of a Working Group Alternative Proposal as follows:

Para 3. In legal text

Members suggested that additional text should be was included to explain how The Company would give consideration to changes made to information contained Sections B to D of the Application Form once informed by the applicant. This text could form the basis of an alternative proposal. Revised drafting would be provided. **Action: PC**

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Para 13. in legal text

Update para 13 to reflect the requirements of the Grid Code which are not just limited to MSA **Action: PC**

Members also requested more focused references were included the areas of the National Grid website to direct applicants to the correct reference documents such as the Grid Code.

Section A

Update Section A to reflect working contact and clarify company secretary role and application to other types of organisations

Under Section C Technical Information

With reference to provision of Safety Rules by applicants members felt that a reference should be made to this document "will be provided later".

The ability the applicants plant to provide services WG Members suggested that an additional category added described as "Other" with the applicant to provide further details.

Members felt that the reference for Applicants to confirm intended Connection Entry Capacity should be retained as part of the application form.

With reference to a Customer Choice connection members felt that further explanation should be provided.

With reference to the term "a non standard ownership boundary" members suggested that further guidance could be provided.

Updated versions of the Exhibit would provided for the next working group meeting.

Action: PC for all 3 actions above

Section D

Update section D to clarify the meaning of Power Station Procurment Action PC

Action ALL to provide any other comments on CAP 152 – 155 which were not discussed at the meeting

4. CAP 150 Capacity Reduction

The proposer gave a brief outline on the reasoning behind the proposal.

Members debated whether the provision of additional powers to National Grid to take action on proposed projects was the correct way forward. Some members were supportive and felt providing the option for National Grid to take steps to adjust users MW capacity in certain circumstances was a positive way forward. It would provide National Grid an additional tool

Members discussed the risk of capacity reduction. It was felt that this may not be applicable in all cases with the underwriting of costs of reinforcement. JN to provide note on the stages that the developer has to go through. **Action JN**

The proposer explained that the risk would be mitigated with the use of a methodology and appeals/disputes process. Members agreed there was a need to scope the out detail from the original proposal and then look at possible alternative options. A strawman methodology next meeting – **Action PC to WG members** contribute.

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5. CAP 151 Construction Agreement Works Register

The background to the proposal was discussed.

Members were supportive of the provision of this information. Members asked why this information could not be provided within the Seven Year Statement data currently available on the National Grid website. A note would be provided to the next meeting explaining why this was not an appropriate solution. **Action: PC**

The draft legal text would be sent out to WG members. Action PC

It was also confirmed that information would be published on signed agreements only not offers.

6. Next Steps

The Working Group to give further consideration to the updated Exhibits and firm up any WG alternatives (CAP 152-155).

Further development on CAP150

Detailed consideration of CAP151.

7. Date of Next Meeting

Proposed date 22nd August National Grid Offices Northampton.

Members Present:			
Emma Carr (for Duncan Burt)	EC	Chair	
Clare Talbot	CT	Secretary	
Phil Collins	PC	National Grid	
John Norbury	JN	RWE Npower	
David Scott	DS	EdF Energy	
Ben Sheehy	BS	E.ON	
Laura Jeffs	LJ	Centrica	
John Morris	JM	British Energy	
Garth Graham	GG	Scottish and Southern	
Tim Russell	TR	Russell Power	
Dennis Gowland	DG	Fairwind Orkney Ltd	
Robert Longden (dial in)	RL	Airtricity	
In Attendance:			
Jenny Boothe	JB	Ofgem	
Chris Newitt	CN	National Grid	
Apologies:			
Alec Morrison		Scottish and Southern	