CAP150-155 Working Group

Meeting Name CAP150-155 Working Group

Meeting No. 2

Date of Meeting 22nd August 2007

Time 10:00 – 15:00

Venue National Grid Offices, Northampton

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

1. Introductions/Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Alec Morrison (Scottish & Southern). Apologies for absence were received from Ben Sheehy (E.ON) (post event).

2. Previous Meetings Notes

The notes from the previous meeting held on 17th July 2007 were approved

3. CAP 152 to 155 Revision of CUSC Exhibits B, D, F and I

The proposer outlined the changes from made to the exhibits based on the comments from the previous working group meeting.

Further comments by the working group indicated that paragraph 3 of exhibit B did not read well and how a change can be 'accommodated' needed to be explained **Action: PC**

Comments on Para 15 of Exhibit B were that it was supposed to be an explanatory paragraph but merely referenced 'charging statements' and not the SQSS. Another paragraph is possibly needed between paragraphs 15 and 16 to explain that further detail is outlined in he SQSS. **Action: PC**

Move last line of paragraph 15 to paragraph 1 Action: PC

A debate on whether or not the sentence in brackets in Question 2 meant that all CUSC notices for that company would go to the company secretary or for just this application. Change the wording to make it clearer that this relates only to this application. **Action: PC**

Section C question 4, the working group agreed that the text 'have to' was too strong a legal text and needs to be changed to 'be able'. **Action: PC**

Section C question 6, the working group debated and agreed the need for more than four rows to indicate the number of gensets as certain types of generation will have more than four gensets and must be accommodated. **Action: PC**

Section C question 8, the GBSQSS only refers to not meeting the standards of the GBSQSS it is not clear what happens if these standards are exceeded. This needs to be clarified in the application. **Action: PC**

Section C question 10, the debate focused on whether or not ticking Yes or No made you obligated to build that design. The working group agreed that the question needed to be changed to indicate that an applicant would like to discuss the option of 'self build'. An accompanying explanatory paragraph was also suggested. **Action: PC**

Section D Working group discussed the meaning of the milestones outlined, whether or not this section wants connection information or forms the basis of the quarter reports. Working Group agreed that the application is the first opportunity for a user to indicate their key dates. It was suggested that the application needs to define what each of the milestones

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mean and if this section is to form the basis of the quarter reports filling it in needs to be mandatory.

Import and Export dates need to be included as these are the key dates that a project is geared to. **Action: PC**

It was agreed that there needed to a sentence after each milestone to describe what National Grid is looking for when filling out this section. **Action: PC**

It was also agreed that questions need to be consistent with all three types of agreement throughout the application. Consider wording to make sure questions can apply to all agreements. **Action: PC**

To use these comments to change other Exhibits. Action:PC

4. CAP 150 Capacity Reduction

The proposer gave a brief outline of the strawman of the CAP 150 process.

Working group agreed that anyone should be able to use capacity if it is available, other users should not be able to prevent another user to connect by any means.

Discussion centred on what data sources National Grid would use in order to approach a user about a discrepancy in their capacity. It was agreed that although the triggers for discussion could be vague the resulting process would rule out any vague data.

Comments on the process were that after the informal discussion stage a formal notification needs to be sent to the user to formally identify that there has been a disagreement with a time scale behind it before the formal process begins.

The discussion then moved to the pricing of capacity reduction, it was agreed that a user should be no better or worse off by going down the capacity reduction route. The fee charged should be the same as a Modification Application fee.

The working group also noted in principle that this process should never have to be used if generators acted in line with the obligations placed on them by the Codes. The capacity reduction will only be used where it is clear that there is a discrepancy and users haven't reduced previously of their own accord.

All agreed that they are comfortable with an enforcement process and that, in the first instance, it should be brought to attention that users already have an obligation to provide correct data through the Grid Code.

Change the 'referred' in last line of proposed action slide to 'determine' Action: PC

The line NG will set TEC based on further communication with the user need to be put into the paper **Action: PC**

To write up a draft version of Capacity Reduction Process with the comments above included **Action: PC**

5. CAP 151 Construction Agreement Works Register

The proposer went through the legal text of the register

General comments of the Working Group were that a completion date column for the reinforcements and the sites would be useful **Action: PC**

It was noted that the cost of this register to National Grid and the users would need to be researched further. **Action: PC**

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The 'seven year statement works' in the legal text need to be checked with an explanation **Action: PC**

The Working Group also wanted to know the effects of embedded generation is on works and suggested that all works should be on the register

6. Next Steps

The Working Group to read over legal texts from Exhibits B, D, F, I and provide comments to PC **Action: Working Group**

Circulate the slides from the meeting, examples of works register and a worked up flow chart of CAP 150 **Action: PC/TD**

PC to circulate draft notes of meeting in good time. Action: PC

PC to aim to circulate draft Working Group Reports in time ahead of the next working Group meetings. **Action: PC**

7. Date of Next Meeting

Proposed date 7th September National Grid Offices Warwick.

Members Present:		
Duncan Burt	DB	Chair
Thomas Derry	TD	Secretary
Phil Collins	PC	National Grid
Bill Reed for John Norbury	BR	RWE Npower
David Scott	DS	EdF Energy
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:		
Ben Sheehy		E.ON
Alec Morrison		Scottish and Southern