CMP258 'Rewording of the legal text to align the CUSC with the intentions of CMP235/6'- Panel Determination Vote



CUSC Panel – 26th February 2016 Heena Chauhan, Code Administrator

Background

- CMP258 was proposed by National Grid Electricity Transmission and submitted to the CUSC Modifications Panel for their consideration in December 2015.
- The current wording in section 11 of the CUSC may result in an Interruption which should be classed as Relevant under the new arrangements introduced under CMP235/6, not being classed as relevant and not paid.



Proposed CUSC Modification

- CMP258 seeks to ensure that the CUSC Legal text aligns with the intentions of CMP235/6.
- The CUSC Panel agreed for CMP258 to progress as Self-Governance

Code Administrator Consultation

3 responses received;

- All 3 overall supported the proposal
 - I respondent however did not support the deletion of the text 'in respect of and' to remove the requirement to identify a specific association between an Export BM Unit and an Import BM Unit.
 - This respondent felt that to delete the requirement to register this association, as proposed under CMP258, would be a change to the intent of CMP235/6 and was not a clarification.
- The proposer believes that if the respondents comments are supported then that would mean relevant Generators would need to define which Generating Units are reliant on which station transformer within the BCA. This would also have an administrative cost associated with this.
- The proposer feels this is only necessary if the industry feels that a Generator will purposely disconnect a Generating Unit for a financial benefit from an increased Interruption payment. This has already been discounted CMP236.

National Grids view

- National Grid believes CMP258 should be implemented as it better facilitates Applicable CUSC Objectives
- (a)National Grid is obliged to comply with Modification Proposals approved by the Authority and the CUSC. Where the two do not align as intended then this to inefficiency.
- b) Generators pay TNUoS charges to access the National Electricity Transmission System. These costs end up in the final energy cost. By removing the grey areas within the current wording this gives Generators confidence that they will receive payments (as agreed and expected) for when they cannot access the grid through no fault of their own, thus aligning the service with that they have paid for, and helping keep aligned actual costs with forecasted costs thus improving competition.



Questions before Panel Vote?



Panel Determination Vote

- a) The efficient discharge by the Licensee of the obligations imposed on it by the Act and the Transmission Licence.
- b) Facilitating effective competition in the generation and supply of electricity, and (so far as consistent therewith) facilitating such competition in the sale, distribution and purchase of electricity.
- c) Compliance with the Electricity Regulation and any relevant legally binding decision of the European Commission and/or the Agency.

Timetable

26 th February 2016	Panel vote (Appeals window opens) 15 Working days
18 th March 2016	CMP258 Implemented (if no appeals received)