

**GRID CODE REVIEW PANEL
13th September 2001**

**BSC or CUSC Modification Proposals having an impact
on the Grid Code**

INTRODUCTION

1. This paper has been prepared to advise GCRP Members of the process being followed by National Grid to identify potential Grid Code issues arising from proposed modifications to the Balancing and Settlement Code (BSC). The process will also apply to proposed modifications to the Connection and Use of System Code (CUSC) once that document becomes operational.
2. The paper also indicates how potential Grid Code changes may be expedited should this be necessary to fit in with the proposed changes to those other documents.

REVIEW OF BSC/CUSC MODIFICATION PROPOSALS

3. Since the introduction of NETA, the number of submitted BSC Modification Proposals has increased from an initial trickle to a significant level. It is possible that modification proposals for CUSC may follow a similar pattern.
4. All BSC Modification Proposals have been and will continue to be reviewed at an early stage to determine whether Grid Code changes may be necessary. The proposals are reviewed by a number of persons within National Grid and this will always include the Grid Code development team.
5. If Grid Code changes seem to be necessary, the Grid Code development team will work with others, as the modification proposals are progressed, to identify the nature and extent of any necessary changes.
6. In a number of cases so far, BSC Modification Proposals requiring a Grid Code change have been rejected during the assessment process overseen by the BSC Panel. Consequently, these issues have not been presented to the GCRP. In other cases, a number of options have emerged during the assessment process, some of which might require a Grid Code change.

PROPOSALS LEADING TO GRID CODE CHANGES

7. Based on the experiences to date, it is clear that (in a number of cases) the need for Grid Code amendments will not become clear until the BSC (or CUSC) modification process is fairly well advanced. Consequently, it will not be possible to commence a Grid Code change process until this stage is reached, and there is likely to be pressure for the change to be expedited rapidly.
8. Grid Code change proposals are normally presented to a meeting of the Grid Code Review Panel before the issue of a Consultation Paper. It is felt, however, that this may introduce an unacceptable delay in the case of modifications arising

in the circumstances outlined above. Consequently, it is proposed that any such change proposal is distributed to GCRP Members by e-mail for comment prior to the issue of a Consultation Paper. In addition, it may be appropriate to reduce the usual one month period during which responses may be submitted.

9. An alternative option would be to hold additional meetings of the Grid Code Review Panel. It is felt that this would only be appropriate if the number of modification proposals become significant or if it is felt that the issues involved require discussion at a full Panel meeting. This would become apparent from the responses to the e-mail notifications referred to above.
10. At each meeting of the Grid Code Review Panel, it is proposed that National Grid will provide a summary of known BSC (or CUSC) Modification Proposals which have been identified as having a potential impact on the Grid Code.

RECOMMENDATION

11. Members of the Grid Code Review Panel are invited to discuss the issues raised by this paper and to provide comments on the proposals.

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