

## **Codes Summary - March 2013**

This document provides a summary as to latest developments concerning the various other Industry Codes. Further detailed information can be found at <http://www.nationalgrid.com/uk/Electricity/Codes/>

### **CUSC**

**CMP201 (Removal of BSUoS Charges from Generators)** - CMP201 seeks to align GB market arrangements with those prevalent within other EU member states. This will deliver more effective competition and trade across the EU and so deliver benefits to all end consumers. It is proposed that Balancing Services Use of System (BSUoS) charges, which are currently charged to all liable CUSC parties on a non locational MWh basis, are removed from GB generators. This will effectively align the GB 'generation stack' with those in other EU markets, thus facilitate equitable competition with generation in other EU markets which are not subject to such charges. CMP201 was presented to CUSC Modifications Panel on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2011 who agreed that CMP201 should follow the Standard CUSC Modifications process via a Workgroup and present the Workgroup report back to the Panel in April 2012. It was agreed at the CUSC Panel meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2012 that a one month's extension is granted to the original timetable to allow for the Workgroup to carry out further work on the Workgroup consultation and also to allow for a longer consultation period. It was agreed at the CUSC Panel meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2012 to extend the CMP201 by another month to allow for further analysis to be carried out. Upon identifying an error in one of the calculations contained within the final Workgroup Report, National Grid requested that the Panel reject the Report at their June 2012 Panel meeting in order to rectify the error and liaise with the Workgroup and Ofgem. The error has been corrected and the changes discussed and agreed by the Workgroup and the final Workgroup Report will be presented to the CUSC Panel at their meeting in July 2012. At the CUSC Panel meeting in September 2012, the Panel voted that CMP201 Original and the two Workgroup Alternative CUSC Modifications all better facilitate the Applicable CUSC Objectives, with a preference for the Original to be implemented. On the 25<sup>th</sup> October the Authority issued a "Send Back" direction, asking for further work to be carried out by the workgroup after which a further Code Administrator Consultation will be published.

**CMP208 (Requirement for National Grid Electricity Transmission to provide and update forecasts of BSUoS charges each month)** - CMP208 Modification Proposal proposes that National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET) publish a current year forecast and a year-ahead forecast of Balancing Services Use of System (BSUoS) charges. It would also require that the forecasts be updated on a monthly basis during the year and that they should be in a prescribed format with commentary posted on the National Grid website. CMP208 was presented to CUSC Modifications Panel on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2012 and the CUSC Modifications Panel agreed that CMP208 should proceed to Workgroup, with the Workgroup Report to be presented to the CUSC Panel on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2012. The CUSC Panel agreed a two month extension to allow for further work to be developed on the implementation impact and a further Workgroup meeting to take place. The CUSC Panel voted by majority (8:1) that CMP208 Original and the Workgroup Alternative unanimously better facilitate the CUSC Objectives, but expressed a preference for the Workgroup Alternative to be implemented. **CMP208 WACM1 was approved by the Authority on the 7<sup>th</sup> February 2013 with an implementation date of 1<sup>st</sup> June 2013.**

**CMP209 (All suppliers' submitted forecast demand to be export (Charging Methodology Modification Proposal))** - CMP209 seeks to allow supplier to submit a negative demand forecast for the year and receive the embedded benefit payments on a monthly basis within year. Suppliers who net export do not receive these benefits until the annual reconciliation which can be up to 7 months after TRIAD periods for HH sites and 15 months for NHH. CMP209 proposes to correct this disparity. CMP209 was presented to CUSC Modifications Panel on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2012 and the CUSC Modifications Panel agreed that CMP209 should proceed to Workgroup. The Workgroup Report will be presented to the CUSC Panel on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2012. The Panel

agreed to a 1 month extension to CMP209 as the first Workgroup meeting was delayed due to availability and also to allow for a longer consultation period through the holiday period. The CUSC Panel voted by majority that the CMP209 Original Proposal best facilitates the Applicable CUSC Objectives and so should be implemented. An Authority decision was expected on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2013. The Authority confirmed at the CUSC Panel meeting in January that they were considering carrying out a “minded to Consultation” due to concerns on the evidence presented in the Final Report.

**CMP210 (All suppliers’ submitted forecast demand to be export (CUSC Modification) -**

CMP210 seeks to allow supplier to submit a negative demand forecast for the year and receive the embedded benefit payments on a monthly basis within year. Suppliers who net export do not receive these benefits until the annual reconciliation which can be up to 7 months after TRIAD periods for HH sites and 15 months for NHH. CMP210 proposes to correct this disparity. CMP210 was presented to CUSC Modifications Panel on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2012 and the CUSC Modifications Panel agreed that CMP210 should proceed to Workgroup. The Workgroup Report will be presented to the CUSC Panel on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2012. The Panel agreed to a 1 month extension to CMP210 as the first Workgroup meeting was delayed due to availability and also to allow for a longer consultation period through the holiday period. The CUSC Panel voted by majority that the CMP210 Original Proposal best facilitates the Applicable CUSC Objectives and so should be implemented. An Authority decision was expected on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2013. The Authority confirmed at the CUSC Panel meeting in January that they were considering carrying out a “minded to Consultation” due to concerns on the evidence presented in the Final Report.

**CMP213 – (Project TransmiT TNUoS Developments).** CMP213 was raised by National Grid as a result of the direction to NGET by the Authority following their Significant Code Review on electricity transmission charging arrangements. CMP213 is made up of three main elements: Network Capacity Sharing, Inclusion of HVDC in the charging calculation, and Inclusion of islands links into the charging methodology. The Panel agreed for CMP213 to progress to a Workgroup through the standard route and to report back to the December 2012 CUSC Panel as it was felt that a minimum of 6 months would be required for the Workgroup phase. At the CUSC Panel meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> January it was agreed for the CMP213 to receive a one month extension for the Workgroup Report to be presented to the CUSC Panel in March 2013.

**CMP215 – (Removal of references to TNUoS charges for Interconnector BM units and requirement to provide security cover).** CMP215 proposed changes aim to update Section 9 of the CUSC, Exhibit F ‘The Connection and Use of System Code Use of System Application’ and Exhibit H ‘Use of System Interconnector Offer and Confirmation Notice’. The proposal will reflect the removal of the requirement to pay Transmission Network Use of System (TNUoS) charges for Interconnectors under GB ECM-26 in 2010 and the removal of Balancing Services Use of System (BSUoS) charges following the implementation of CMP202 in August 2012. Due to removal of both TNUoS and BSUoS charges, new Interconnector Users and Error Administrators are also no longer obligated to have an Approved Credit Rating or provide Security Cover for these charges. CMP215 aims to remove references to TNUoS charges for Interconnector BM Units in Section 9 of the CUSC and the requirement of Interconnector Users and Error Administrators to provide Security Cover in Exhibit F and Exhibit H. CMP215 was presented to the CUSC Modifications Panel on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2013 where it was agreed that CMP215 should progress as Self Governance and for it to proceed straight to Code Administrator Consultation. The CUSC Panel vote will take place on the 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2013.

**CMP216 – (Removal of references to BSUoS charges for interconnector BM Units).**

CMP216 proposed changes aim to update Section 9 of the CUSC, the proposal reflects Interconnectors no longer being obligated to pay Balancing Services Use of System (BSUoS) charges following the implementation of CMP202 in August 2012. The proposed implementation date is after November 2013, due to being unable to remove references to BSUoS charges until final reconciliation is complete. The proposal is being raised now to provide visibility to the

industry that BSUoS obligations for Interconnectors have been removed. CMP216 was presented to the CUSC Modifications Panel on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2013 where it was agreed that CMP216 should progress as Self Governance and for it to proceed straight to Code Administrator Consultation. The CUSC Panel vote will take place on the 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2013.

**CMP217 – (Clarification of the CUSC “Interruption Payment” and “Interruption Period” definitions).** CMP217 proposes clarifying the ‘Interruption Payment’ and ‘Interruption Period’ definitions, which are set out in Section 11 of the CUSC, in order to allow the calculations set out by the legal text to be more easily derived. The ‘Interruption Payment’ and ‘Interruption Period’ definitions were introduced in 2004, following the approval of CAP48 by the Authority. The ‘Interruption Payment’ definition was further amended in 2008 following the approval of CAP144 by the Authority. More recently, CMP211 has made changes to the Interruption Payment definition. CMP211 was progressed as a self-governance modification; at the 14 December 2012 meeting, the CUSC Panel voted to approve the modification with an implementation date of 24<sup>th</sup> January 2013. This modification proposes to amend the ‘Interruption Payment’ and ‘Interruption Period’ CUSC text. The modification is not proposing to change the intent of CMP211 but simply introduce greater clarity into the CUSC definitions. For this reason, and to minimise industry resource, a straight to consultation route is preferred under the CUSC governance procedure. CMP217 was presented to the CUSC Modifications Panel on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2013 where it was agreed that CMP217 should progress as Self Governance and for it to proceed straight to Code Administrator Consultation. The CUSC Panel vote will take place on the 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2013.

## **Grid Code**

The most recent meeting of the **Grid Code Review Panel** was held on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2013. The next GCRP will take place on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2013.

## **Consultations & Reports to the Authority**

### **2010**

#### **B/10 (Record of Inter-system Safety Precautions (RISSP))**

Consultation published on the 2nd February 2010, responses were requested by the 30<sup>th</sup> March 2010. Five responses have been received and a Report to the Authority has been submitted for a decision. Ofgem have raised a couple of questions relating to B/10. NGET have responded to these queries and re-submitted the Report to the Authority. The Authority has approved B/10, and an implementation date of 2 April 2013 has been agreed.

### **2011**

#### **C/11 (BM Unit Data from Intermittent Generation)**

C/11 proposes to amend the definitions of Output Useable (OU) and Physical Notification (PN) within the Grid Code, along with changes to the obligation to follow PNs. The objective of these changes is to improve clarity with regard to data provided by Generating Units powered by Intermittent Power Sources. This Industry Consultation was published on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2011 with responses requested by 16<sup>th</sup> June 2011. Six responses were received and following discussion at the September 2011 GCRP, an additional Working Group meeting was held in November to discuss further refinements of the proposals. A revised Industry Consultation was published on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2012; and closed on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2013. National Grid is reviewing the 5 responses received. The Report to the Authority was sent to the Authority for a decision on the 6<sup>th</sup> February 2013. **The Authority approved C/11 and an implementation date of 2 April 2013 has been agreed.**

### **2012**

#### **A/12 (Information Required to Evaluate Sub-Synchronous Resonance)**

Proposes changes to facilitate the exchange of information required to evaluate and, if necessary, mitigate the risk of Sub-Synchronous phenomena such as Sub-Synchronous Resonance on the

Transmission System. The Industry Consultation closed on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2012 and 5 responses were received. National Grid is considering some possible issues identified in the consultation responses. Once these are resolved, National Grid will submit a Report to the Authority. **On the 2 May 2013, National Grid are hosting an industry workshop for parties with an interest in Sub Synchronous Resonance. Interested parties are asked to contact the Grid Code team.**

#### **F/12 (Formalising Two Shifting Limit and other parameters)**

This consultation has been published by the Electricity Balancing System Group and is seeking views on modifications to the Grid Code to make Two Shifting Limit and certain items of Other Relevant Data (Grid Code BC1.4.2(f)) formal parameters. The consultation opened on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2012 and responses are requested by 24<sup>th</sup> April 2012. Consultation closed with 9 responses received. The EBSG have submitted a workgroup report on TSL to the GCRP panel who met on the 18<sup>th</sup> July. As Eggborough originally raised the issues surrounding TSL, National Grid hosted a meeting with Eggborough on 26 July 2012 to discuss their issues and try to develop a pragmatic way forward. A consultation 'Treatment of Two Shifting Limit' closed on 16<sup>th</sup> November, with 8 responses received. The Report to the Authority was sent to the Authority for determination on the 6<sup>th</sup> December 2012.

### **2013**

#### **GC0033 (Offshore Wind Farms not connected to an Offshore Transmission System)**

This proposal seeks to modify the Grid Code to ensure that the benefits afforded to 'Power Park Modules' in the Grid Code are restored to relevant Generators located Offshore and to improve the clarity of the code. The industry Consultation was published on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2013 and closed on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2013, **with 3 responses received. National Grid are considering the responses and drafting the Report to the Authority.**

### **Working Groups**

#### **BMU Configurations Offshore**

This purpose of this group is to look at development of standard BMU Configuration diagrams for offshore Power Park Modules. The Working Group will assess the current industry code requirements for the relevant reporting of such data, determine what the System Operator requires and consequently develop code modifications for the provision of such information. The last meeting took place on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2012 where it was agreed that the Workgroup Report would be drafted. No further meetings are anticipated. National Grid is currently drafting the Industry Consultation.

#### **Electricity Balancing System Group (EBSG)**

The scope of this group is limited to that of the Electricity Balancing System, and the Balancing Mechanism and Ancillary Services data and instructions that it will support. The group will consider the changes requested by the industry in response to National Grid's consultations and also any changes that are offered as part of the standard vendor system. The group has established two subgroups EBSIT (focusing on IT issues) and EBSMSM (focussing on Multi Shaft modelling). The last EBSG meeting took place in on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2012. The EBSG was given an update to the EBS Multi Shaft Modelling Subgroup. The main action of this subgroup is to work up a "straw man" configuration modelling proposal and bring this back to EBSG and GCRP in due course. There is no forecast on when this might be presented at this time. A regularly updated EBS Project Plan is now presented at each EBSG meeting, giving an overview of events and milestones. This supported discussion around release dates for EBS and how these would consider release dates for Elexon. The last meeting was held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2012 in Warwick. The EBSG have presented two Grid Code issue papers to the January GCRP. Reactive and Frequency Report Fax Form Information and New and Revised Balancing Code Parameters and Instructions will both be developed further by the EBSG before proceeding to Industry Consultation. **The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 17 April 2013.**

### **Power Available**

Following discussions within the CBSG, in March 2012, the group initiated proposals to develop the concept of Power Available for wind farms. This concept proposes to use data, such as wind speed, to calculate the potential power that would have been produced by a wind farm if they did not have their output curtailed. This value could then be used to assist with the integration of intermittent generation into current balancing arrangements for example as a reference point for settlement of bid/offer acceptances rather than the current method of using the generator's Final Physical Notification (FPN). There is overlap between this and the High Wind Speed Shutdown Workgroup. The first meeting was held on the 11<sup>th</sup> September 2012. **The Workgroup have met 5 further times and will meet again in April 2013.**

### **High Wind Speed Shutdown**

Wind turbines are designed to operate within a specific range of wind speeds. Generally, where the speed exceeds such operating ranges, it can lead to the turbines disconnecting in order to protect against damage due to excessive mechanical loading. The impact this has on the transmission system is that there will be a loss of power leading to a drop in frequency. The secondary effect is the potential uncontrolled reconnection of the turbines once the wind speed returns to a safe operating range. This could lead to a high frequency event due to the additional power from the turbines combined with replacement plant which may have been despatched to mitigate the initial low frequency. A workshop was held on 11 April 2012 to further discuss these issues with relevant industry stakeholders. This workshop concluded that a Workgroup should be established under the governance of the GCRP, this was approved at the July 2012 GCRP. The first workgroup meeting was held on the 11<sup>th</sup> September 2012. **The Workgroup have met 5 further times and will meet again in April 2013.**

### **Information on Embedded Small Power Stations for the Purposes of Developing, Planning and Operating the Transmission System.**

This workgroup was established at the May 2012 GCRP meeting. The workgroup will; review information currently provided by Network Operators to NGET concerning embedded small power stations, review how this information is used, identify any inconsistencies between how Small Power Stations connected to User's networks can be accounted for and identify any information which is necessary and not provided or information that is provided but is not necessary. **The Workgroup will meet again in April 2013**

### **Frequency Changes during Large Disturbances and their impact on the Total System**

The Frequency Changes during Large Disturbances and their impact on the Total System Workgroup was established by Grid Code Review Panel (GCRP) at the May 2012 GCRP meeting. The workgroup will review the expected behaviour of the Total System when subject to frequency changes during large disturbances with particular focus on the rate of change of frequency. The workgroup will also review the findings of the frequency response technical sub-group and assess their implications, take account of relevant international practice and the approach taken in European code development and evaluate the costs, benefits and risks of any actions necessary to maintain or improve current levels of resilience to frequency changes under future system conditions. The first Workgroup was held on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2012 and have met a further 3 times. The Workgroup have published an open letter to the Industry informing interested parties of the likely setting changes and inviting them to an Industry Workshop. **The workgroup will meet again on 11 April 2013**

### **Demand Control**

The Demand Control Workgroup will; review the need for, and requirements of, Demand Control Instructions, review the existing capabilities of the DNO's to implement Demand Control Instructions, take account of relevant international practice and the approach taken in European Code development and evaluate the costs, benefits and risks of any actions necessary to ensure that DNOs can implement the required Demand Control Instructions in the required timescales under future system conditions. The Workgroup met for the first time on the 5<sup>th</sup> December 2012. **The Workgroup will meet again in April 2013.**

# AMALGAMATED ELECTRICITY CODES AMENDMENT REPORT

As at 20<sup>th</sup> March 2013

This document contains the Amendment Registers for the CUSC, STC, Charging & Grid Code and is correct as of the above date.

The most up to date versions may be found at the following websites:

STC: [www.nationalgrid.com/uk/Electricity/Codes/sotocode/](http://www.nationalgrid.com/uk/Electricity/Codes/sotocode/)

CUSC: <http://www.nationalgrid.com/uk/Electricity/Codes/systemcode/amendments/>

TCMF: <http://www.nationalgrid.com/uk/Electricity/Charges/modifications/>

Grid Code: [www.nationalgrid.com/uk/Electricity/Codes/gridcode/reviewpanelinfo/](http://www.nationalgrid.com/uk/Electricity/Codes/gridcode/reviewpanelinfo/)

BSC Amendments can be found on the following website:

[www.elexon.co.uk/changeimplementation/ModificationProcess/ModificationReports/default.aspx](http://www.elexon.co.uk/changeimplementation/ModificationProcess/ModificationReports/default.aspx)