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Governance Standing Group Report for the CUSC Modifications Panel

Governance Standing Group - Considered a process for consistency for CUSC Panel subgroups to report back to the CUSC Modifications Panel

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About this document

The Governance Standing Group was tasked to prepare a report for the CUSC Modifications Panel to develop a process for consistency for CUSC Panel subgroups to report back the CUSC Modifications Panel.

This document contains the conclusions and recommendations made by Governance Standing Group.

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1 Background

1.1 At the January 2012 CUSC Modifications Panel meeting a CUSC Panel member asked what the current process was for reporting recommendations from CUSC Panel sub groups back to the CUSC Modifications Panel. CUSC Panel Members requested that the Governance Standing Group (GSG) should identify a process to ensure consistency of how the sub groups report back to the CUSC Modifications Panel.

1.2 The Governance Standing Group (GSG) was asked to add this to their Terms of Reference and report their conclusions to the CUSC Modifications Panel.

2 Conclusions

2.1 At the October 2012 GSG meeting members discussed a process for reporting back to the CUSC Modifications Panel.

2.2 The GSG members debated the current process within other subgroups. Garth Graham confirmed that within the Balancing Services Standing Group (BSSG) informal recommendations are made and that these are captured within the minutes from the BSSG. Stuart Cotten confirmed that a BSC Panel member "sponsors" each committee and would give an update at the BSC Panel meeting. Alex Thomason confirmed that a similar process happens at CUSC Modifications Panel meetings, and generally that there is at least one CUSC Panel Member on each of the CUSC Standing Group, in addition to the Code Administrator and a National Grid representative.

3 Way forward

3.1 GSG members agreed that a report template could be filled in by the subgroups and when they felt it necessary this could be forwarded to the CUSC Panel Secretary for circulation to the CUSC Panel Members.

3.2 The template would consist of the background, conclusions and a proposed way forward, it was agreed that the report would not be filled in each month but only when an item is completed from the sub groups Terms of Reference.

3.3 GSG members agreed for a report to be drafted for the CUSC Modifications Panel with the view to receiving feedback from the CUSC Modifications Panel members on the report template. Once agreed by the CUSC Modifications Panel as the way forward that it would be rolled out with the view of forwarding the report to the CUSC subgroups Technical Secretaries to ensure this filled in when they it felt necessary once an item from the sub groups terms of reference have been completed.

4 Terms of Reference

CUSC MODIFICATIONS PANEL
Governance Standing Group – January 2013
Terms of Reference

Introduction

1. This paper outlines the working arrangements and Terms of Reference for the Governance Standing Group (GSG).

Governance

2. The GSG is established as a Standing Group under the CUSC Modifications Panel and shall act in accordance with Section 8.21 of the CUSC. The GSG shall have regard for Core Industry Documents and other key Industry documentation.

3. As agreed by the CUSC Modifications Panel on 24th February 2012 the quorum for the GSG is reduced to four members.

Membership

4. The GSG shall comprise a suitable and appropriate cross section of experience and expertise from across the industry:

Role	Name	Representing
Chairman	Garth Graham	Scottish & Southern Electricity
Technical Secretary	Bali Virk	National Grid Electricity Transmission plc
National Grid representative	Alex Thomason	National Grid Electricity Transmission plc
Member	Robert Longden	Mainstream Renewable Power
Member	Esther Sutton	E.ON
Member	Stuart Cotten	Drax Power
Member	Steven Eyre	EDF Energy
Observer	David Kemp	ELEXON
Authority Representative	Abid Sheikh	Ofgem

Meeting Administration

5. The frequency of GSG meetings shall be defined as necessary by the GSG chair to meet the scope, objectives and time-scales as defined by the CUSC Modifications Panel.

6. National Grid will provide technical secretary resource to the GSG and handle administrative arrangements such as venue, agenda and minutes etc.

7. The GSG will have a dedicated page under the CUSC section of the National Grid UK website. This will enable GSG information such as minutes and presentations etc to be available to a wider audience.

Scope and Objectives

8. The GSG is tasked to prepare a report for the CUSC Modifications Panel regarding the following areas:

- Review of current practices to ensure good industry practice, linked with supporting Ofgem's development of Code of Practice in the Code Administrators Working Group. **Status: Review after Ofgem CACOP meeting.**

- Review the process of CUSC and charging methodology interaction in light of the Transmission Access amendments and implementation of CAP188. **Status: Review 2013 after Project TransmiT concludes.**

- Consider the issues associated with the applicability and relevance of analysis undertaken during the process before a decision is made by the Authority. **Status: Wait for outcome of discussion at Code Administration Code of Practice Workgroup.**

- Consider process and consistency for CUSC Panel sub-groups to report back to CUSC Panel with recommendations/conclusions. **Status: discussed at October 2012 and January 2013 meeting.**

- Discuss the prioritisation criteria for progressing CUSC Modifications. **Status: discussed at October 2012 and January 2013 meeting.**

- Assist National Grid with developing CUSC Modification Proposals arising from Ofgem's Code Governance Review Phase 2.

- Develop a process for the CUSC Panel to determine the claims threshold introduced by CMP212 – Setting limits in relation to relevant Interruptions.

9. It should be noted that, in accordance with Section 8 of the CUSC, the GSG as a Standing Group under the CUSC Modifications Panel cannot itself propose a Modification to the CUSC.

10. In considering the above issues, the GSG should be cognisant of any related developments that may progress in any other Industry forums.