

Electricity Transmission Charging Methodologies Forum

Meeting Report: 21st May 2013

This report outlines the key discussions and actions of the GB electricity TCMF meeting. All presentations, agendas, meeting notes and future meeting dates are available at the TCMF web page of the National Grid Industry Information website at <http://www.nationalgrid.com/uk/Electricity/Charges/TCMF>

ATTENDEES

Patrick Hynes	National Grid (Chair)	Alex Troth	Opus Energy
Adelle McGill	National Grid (Technical Secretary)	Bob Brown	Cornwall Energy
Andy Wainwright	National Grid	Karl Maryon	Haven Power
Tushar Singh	National Grid (part)	Richard Mawdsley	Haven Power
Adam Sims	National Grid (part)	Frank Prashad	RWE Npower
Iain Pielage	National Grid (part)	Tim Russell	Russell Power
Garth Graham	SSE	Cem Suleyman	Drax Power
Lisa Waters	Waters Wye Associates	Tom Williams	Poyry
Amisha Patel	ESBI	Guy Phillips	E.ON
James Anderson	Scottish Power	Simon Holden	Adjacent Power
Tom Breckwoldt	Gazprom Energy UK	Adam Lacey	Ofgem
Diana Chklar	RWE	Paul Mott	EDF

1. Minutes and actions from previous meeting

The Minutes and Actions were circulated; these are available on the National Grid charging website at <http://www.nationalgrid.com/uk/Electricity/Charges/TCMF>.

Action (Outstanding; Completed; New)	Responsibility	Due Date	Comments
Update application fees two pager with further clarification on BELLA / BEGA issues	National Grid	Jan 2013	Completed. More detailed work looking at how to streamline the the SoW / BELLA / BEGA process is being undertaken by National Grid.
Raise issue of embedded generation benefit at next DCMF and establish a review workgroup.	National Grid	May 13	Completed.
Include transparency of future tariffs under various TransmiT scenarios in next TCMF.	National Grid	May 13	Completed (on Agenda)
Investigate if improved versions of the map in the charging statements and that of the MITS are available and circulate to TCMF.	National Grid	May 13	Completed.
Contact DGF Chair to ascertain if attending a meeting to present on the embedded review would be helpful to DGF members.	National Grid	July 13	

2. Ongoing Relevant Modification Proposals – Adelle McGill

Updates on these can be found in the TCMF slide pack.

3. Update on charging for integrated offshore – Adam Sims

The report from the informal working group process is due to be published later in the summer. Following this, one or a number of CUSC mods may be raised. Attendees suggested that it would be helpful to invite views from stakeholders, potentially through an open letter accompanying the report. Others suggested holding a focused session on the report in the afternoon of a future TCMF may be helpful.

The principle of using informal processes to develop topics such as this was discussed. It was felt that this was useful for complex topics that required looking at ranges of options and analysis for exploration purposes that might not fit into the standard CUSC timeline. It may also help with definition of scope for potential modification proposals. It was noted that if Industry parties felt that these processes did not progress quickly enough, a modification could still be raised by any party through the open governance process.

4. Generation embedded benefit – update from workshop – Iain Pielage

The first meeting was held on Monday 20th May to introduce issues and prioritise work going forward as this is a large and complex area. Draft Terms of Reference were also discussed and will be available on the webpage, alongside agendas and minutes from the meetings at <http://www.nationalgrid.com/uk/Electricity/Charges/Review-of-Embedded+Distributed-Generation-Benefit/>

Interest in attending the group was high, and has had to be limited in order to be practicable. However, as part of this process, National Grid would like to include as many views as possible. Patrick Hynes reiterated that he was happy to hold 1:1 meetings with stakeholders to understand the issues, and would contact the Chair of the Distributed Generation Forum to ascertain if attendance at that would be appropriate. It was also decided that the DCMF distribution list would be used to circulate meeting information.

5. CMP213 impact assessment modelling – Andy Wainwright

Impact assessment results were updated in the response to the Code Administrator consultation. These formed part of the National Grid response and an overview was given at the meeting. Going forwards, Ofgem will be the main contact in terms of process regarding the impact assessment models.

6. User commitment housekeeping – Tushar Singh

A CMP192 housekeeping modification is to be raised at the May CUSC Panel. These are a set of changes that are seen as largely uncontroversial, and intended to “tidy up” the legal text. It was noted that there may be other issues around CMP192 but these may need further detailed work and therefore would need to be subject to a separate modification (and perhaps be added to the potential future modifications list).

7. Future modification topics – Patrick Hynes

At the March TCMF, attendees were invited to prioritise the list of potential future modification topics. The resultant rankings were discussed at this meeting, and the presenter explained National Grid's view on the current position and work ongoing in each of these areas. A potential additional topic regarding more detailed user commitment developments was discussed, and there was general agreement that, whilst not strictly a charging issue, this should be added to the list of potential topics.

Dates of forthcoming meetings:

Wednesday 10th July @ National Grid House