

# Role overview for CUSC Modifications Panel Members or Alternate Members

## Introduction

This is a high level overview of the role and responsibilities of the CUSC Modifications Panel Members and Alternate Members and contains an indication of the commitment required to serve as a member.

The current CUSC Panel Members' term of office expires on the 30 September 2017 and the newly appointed CUSC Panel Members will commence on 1 October 2017 and will run until 30 September 2019.

## Roles and Responsibilities of CUSC Panel Members or Alternate Members

A summary of the areas of responsibility of CUSC Modifications Panel Members/ Alternate members is provided below. A detailed explanation is set out in the CUSC Section 8, paragraph 8.3.4 which is available at:

<http://www2.nationalgrid.com/UK/Industry-information/Electricity-codes/CUSC/The-CUSC/>

The CUSC Modifications Panel oversees the governance arrangements for the CUSC. Its main area of responsibility is to ensure that the operation of the CUSC Modifications process contained in Section 8 of the CUSC is carried out in an efficient, economical and timely manner. This includes but is not limited to the following:

- Agreeing the route each CUSC Modification Proposal should follow;
- Considering whether a Modification Proposal better meets the Applicable CUSC Objectives set out in the Transmission Licence;
- Recommending to the Authority, or Determining whether a Modification Proposal should be approved or rejected;
- Establishing Standing Groups to consider issues relating to the CUSC subject matter.

## Impartiality

CUSC Panel Members and Alternate Members must act impartially and not as a representative or in the interest of a company or person they are employed by. All CUSC Panel Members and Alternate Members must provide written confirmation of this to the CUSC Panel Secretary.

## Term in Office

This election process seeks Panel Members and Alternate Members for a period of 2 years, starting on 1 October 2017 and ending on 30 September 2019. After an initial term of office, CUSC Panel Members and Alternate Members are eligible for reappointment.

Existing CUSC Panel Members for the period 2015 – 2017 are also eligible for reappointment.

### **Time Commitment and Attendance**

The CUSC Panel meetings are held monthly on the last Friday of the month at National Grid's offices in Warwick. Teleconference and Webex facilities are also available.

Papers for the meeting are sent out via email 5 working days before the meeting and may involve varying degrees of complexity, depending on the issues or topics raised. Meetings are held in open session and may last up to 4 or 5 hours.

Under certain circumstances, such as the Urgent modifications process, Special CUSC Panel meetings may be convened at short notice. In order to facilitate these meetings, CUSC Panel members must provide details so that National Grid can contact them. Communications are generally conducted by email but depending on the urgency of a subject, Panel members will be contacted by telephone.

Panel Members are expected to attend as many Panel Meetings as they can. Alternate Panel Members are elected to provide cover in the event that a Panel Member is unable to attend a meeting. Alternate Panel Members are therefore encouraged to attend as many Panel meetings as they can, in order to keep up to date with Panel business and be in a position to provide cover.

### **Further Information**

If you would like to speak to the Code Administrator about becoming a Panel Member or Alternate Member, please email [cusc.team@nationalgrid.com](mailto:cusc.team@nationalgrid.com) and one of the team will give you a call.