



## **CONSULTATION DOCUMENT VOLUME 1**

### **CUSC Amendment Proposal CAP174**

#### **Amendment to Exhibit B to require provision of location of proposed Offshore Connection Site**

*The purpose of this document is to  
consult on Amendment Proposal CAP174  
with CUSC Parties and other interested  
Industry members*

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## **1.0 SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **Executive Summary**

- 1.1 CAP174 Amendment to Exhibit B to require provision of location of proposed Offshore Connection Site was submitted to the Amendments Panel for consideration on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2009. The Proposer requested that the Amendment Proposal proceed directly to wider consultation by The Company.
- 1.2 Following “Go-Active” of the Offshore regime on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2009, it was noted that the application form contained within Exhibit B to the CUSC (for a directly connected Power Station, Non-Embedded Customer or Distribution System directly connected to the National Electricity Transmission System) does not require an Applicant to provide the specific location of the Offshore Connection Site. It is proposed to amend Exhibit B to encourage an Applicant to provide the longitude and latitude of the proposed Offshore Connection Site, to mirror the level of detail suggested for an Onshore Connection Site.
- 1.3 It should be noted that the proposed Amendment does not make the provision of this information mandatory in order for the application to progress; however, failure to provide sufficient detail of the proposed location of an Offshore Connection Site could lead to a delay in the connection application process.

### **Amendments Panel’s View**

- 1.4 The Amendments Panel agreed that CAP174 should proceed directly to wider consultation by the Company for a period of three weeks.

### **National Grid’s View**

- 1.5 As proposer, National Grid supports implementation of CAP174 on the basis that it better achieves the Applicable CUSC Objectives. Amending the application form as described will remove any potential for discrimination between different classes of applicant who use different application forms and would also therefore better facilitate competition between those different classes of user.

## 2.0 PURPOSE AND INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 This is a consultation document issued by National Grid under the rules and procedures specified in the Connection and Use of System Code (CUSC) as designated by the Secretary of State.
- 2.2 Further to the submission of Amendment Proposal CAP174, this document seeks views from industry members relating to the Amendment Proposal.
- 2.3 CAP174 was proposed by National Grid and submitted to the CUSC Amendments Panel for consideration at their meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2009. The Amendments Panel determined that CAP174 was appropriate to proceed to wider industry consultation by National Grid.
- 2.4 Representations received in response to this consultation document will be included in National Grid's Amendment Report that will be furnished to the Authority for their decision.
- 2.5 This consultation document has been prepared in accordance with the terms of the CUSC. An electronic copy can be found on the National Grid website, at [www.nationalgrid.com/uk/Electricity/Codes/](http://www.nationalgrid.com/uk/Electricity/Codes/). This document invites views upon CAP174 and the **closing date for responses is 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2009.**

## 3.0 PROPOSED AMENDMENT

- 3.1 CAP174 seeks to address a potential cause of delay in the connection application process for Offshore Applicants. Applications for a Directly Connected Power Station, Non-Embedded Customer or Distribution System Directly Connected to the National Electricity Transmission System should all be made on the application form contained within Exhibit B to the CUSC. At present, within the application form, an Onshore Applicant is required to identify the proposed Connection Site, preferably by reference to an extract from an Ordnance Survey Map.
- 3.2 When the CUSC was updated for the Offshore regime "Go-Active", the application form within Exhibit B was not amended to require an Applicant to identify the exact location of the Offshore Connection Site, by reference to an Offshore equivalent of an Ordnance Survey map reference. If left unaddressed, an Applicant may not realise that they should provide as much information on the exact location of the Offshore Connection Site as possible.
- 3.3 It should be noted that the proposed Amendment does not make the provision of this information mandatory; however, failure to provide sufficient detail of the proposed location of an Offshore Connection Site could lead to a delay in the connection application process.

## 4.0 ASSESSMENT AGAINST APPLICABLE CUSC OBJECTIVES

### Proposed Amendment

- 4.1 The Proposer considers that CAP174 would better facilitate the following Applicable CUSC Objectives:
  - (a) the efficient discharge by the Licensee of the obligations imposed upon it by the act and the Transmission Licence; and

- (b) facilitating effective competition in generation and supply of electricity and facilitating such competition in the sale, distribution and purchase of electricity.

Should this omission not be addressed, it is possible that an Applicant required to use Exhibit B to the CUSC (namely a directly connected Power Station, Non-Embedded Customer or Distribution System directly connected to the National Electricity Transmission System) could experience a delay in the application process, relative to an Applicant which requires a different type of connection and therefore uses a different application form.

Therefore, this Amendment Proposal can be seen to better facilitate both of the Applicable CUSC objectives, as it would remove any potential discrimination between classes of persons in the required different usage of application forms and better facilitate competition between different categories of Applicant by ensuring that the potential delay identified is removed from the application process.

## **5.0 PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION**

- 5.1 National Grid proposes that CAP174 should be implemented immediately after an Authority decision as the Offshore Go-Active date has already passed. In accordance with 8.19.3(b) views are invited on this proposed implementation date.

## **6.0 IMPACT ON THE CUSC**

- 6.1 CAP174 requires amendments to Exhibit B of the CUSC.
- 6.2 The text required to give effect to the Amendment Proposal is contained as Annex 1 of this document.

## **7.0 IMPACT ON INDUSTRY DOCUMENTS**

### **Impact on Core Industry Documents**

- 7.1 CAP174 has no impact upon Core Industry Documents.

### **Impact on other Industry Documents**

- 7.2 CAP174 has no impact upon other Industry Documents.

## **8.0 NATIONAL GRID VIEW**

- 8.1 As proposer, National Grid supports implementation of CAP174 on the basis that it better achieves the Applicable CUSC Objectives. Amending the application form as described will remove any potential for discrimination between different classes of applicant who use different application forms and would also therefore better facilitate competition between those different classes of user.

## 9.0 VIEWS INVITED

- 9.1 National Grid is seeking the views of interested parties in relation to the issues raised by Amendment Proposal CAP174 and issues arising from the proposed timescale for implementation of CAP174.
- 9.2 Please send your responses to this consultation to National Grid by no later than 5pm on **3 September 2009**.
- 9.3 Please address all comments to the following e-mail address:  
[Cusc.Team@uk.ngrid.com](mailto:Cusc.Team@uk.ngrid.com)

## ANNEX 1 – PROPOSED LEGAL TEXT TO MODIFY THE CUSC

The proposed legal text to modify the CUSC is detailed below by inserting the coloured, underlined text.

### EXHIBIT B – SECTION B

#### SECTION B. THE PROPOSED POINT OF CONNECTION

1. Please identify (preferably by reference to an extract from an Ordnance Survey Map for Onshore locations, or with the latitude and longitude or some other corresponding equivalent for Offshore locations) the intended location (the “**Connection Site**”) of the **Plant** and **Apparatus** (the “**User Development**”) which it is desired should be connected to the **National Electricity Transmission System** and where the application is in respect of a proposed **New Connection Site** other than at an existing sub-station. Please specify the proposed location and name of the **New Connection Site** (which name should not be the same as or confusingly similar to the name of any other **Connection Site**) together with details of access to the **Connection Site** including from the nearest main road.

## ANNEX 2 – AMENDMENT PROPOSAL FORM

<b>CUSC Amendment Proposal Form</b>	<b>CAP174</b>
<p><b>Title of Amendment Proposal:</b> Amendment to Exhibit B to require provision of location of proposed Offshore Connection Site</p>	
<p><b>Description of the Proposed Amendment</b> (<i>mandatory by proposer</i>): Following “Go-Active” of the Offshore regime on 24 June 2009, it was noted that the application form contained within Exhibit B to the CUSC (for a directly connected Power Station, Non-Embedded Customer or Distribution System directly connected to the National Electricity Transmission System) does not require an Applicant to provide the specific location of the Offshore Connection Site. It is proposed to amend Exhibit B to require an Applicant to provide the longitude and latitude of the proposed Connection Site.</p>	
<p><b>Description of Issue or Defect that Proposed Amendment seeks to Address</b> (<i>mandatory by proposer</i>): Currently, an Onshore Applicant is required to identify the proposed Connection Site, preferably by reference to an extract from an Ordnance Survey Map. When the CUSC was updated for the Offshore regime “Go-Active”, the application form within Exhibit B was not amended to require an Applicant to identify the exact location of the Offshore Connection Site. If left unaddressed, an Applicant may not realise they are required to provide such information which could unnecessarily delay the application process.</p>	
<p><b>Impact on the CUSC</b> (<i>this should be given where possible</i>): Exhibit B to the CUSC: Connection Application for directly connected Power Station, Non-Embedded Customer and Distribution System directly connected to the National Electricity Transmission System.</p>	
<p><b>Impact on Core Industry Documentation</b> (<i>this should be given where possible</i>): There will be no impact on Core Industry Documentation.</p>	
<p><b>Impact on Computer Systems and Processes used by CUSC Parties:</b> There will be no impact on Computer Systems or Processes used by CUSC Parties.</p>	
<p><b>Details of any Related Modifications to Other Industry Codes</b> (<i>where known</i>): Not applicable.</p>	
<p><b>Justification for Proposed Amendment with Reference to Applicable CUSC Objectives**:</b> The Proposed Amendment would better facilitate the achievement of both of the Applicable CUSC Objectives contained within the Transmission Licence, as follows: <i>(a) the efficient discharge by the licensee of the obligations imposed upon it under the Act and by this licence; and</i> <i>(b) facilitating effective competition in the generation and supply of electricity, and (so far as consistent therewith) facilitating such competition in the sale, distribution and purchase of electricity,</i> Should this omission not be addressed, it is possible that an Applicant required to use Exhibit B to the CUSC (namely a directly connected Power Station, Non-Embedded Customer or Distribution System directly connected to the National Electricity Transmission System) could experience a delay in the application process, relative to an Applicant which requires a different type of connection and therefore uses a different application form. Therefore, this Amendment Proposal can be seen to better facilitate both of the Applicable CUSC objectives, as it would remove any potential discrimination between classes of persons in the required different usage of application forms and better facilitate competition between different categories of</p>	

Applicant by ensuring that the potential delay identified is removed from the application process.

<b>Details of Proposer:</b> Organisation's Name:	National Grid Electricity Transmission plc
Capacity in which the Amendment is being proposed: (i.e. CUSC Party, BSC Party or "National Consumer Council")	CUSC Party
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<b>Attachments (Yes):</b> <b>If Yes, Title and No. of pages of each Attachment:</b>	
Proposed revised Exhibit B to the CUSC (change marked). 19 pages.	