

CUSC Amendment Proposal Form	CAP: 073
Title of Amendment Proposal:	
Fast Track Applications for Short Term TEC	
Description of the Proposed Amendment (mandatory by proposer):	
<p>It is proposed to introduce amendments to the Transmission Access arrangements for effect beginning the winter of 2004/5. This amendment is related to CAP 70 (Short Term Firm Access Service), and proposes a fast track approach for Short Term Transmission Entry Capacity (STTEC) applications which could complement the process inherent in CAP70.</p> <p>The STTEC firm access product would be available for a period of four to six weeks duration. Users can request the STTEC under the fast track application, two weeks prior to the period of use, indicating the duration (four, five or six weeks) required. NGT will confirm one week ahead of use whether the request has been successful. The user has 24 hours to decide whether to accept or reject the STTEC offer (if made) at this stage. If accepted by the user the STTEC would be available for first use one week after the offer was made.</p> <p>If the request is authorised by NGT the Users can generate against this access right on a firm basis. A change to the charging methodology may be required to support the product which could be based on sub-annual TNUoS. For instance, each period of STTEC could attract a proportion of the applicable annual TNUoS rate. (It is envisaged that this will be the same methodology, irrespective of the application timescales used)</p> <p>This proposal is similar to the “short notice short term TEC” recently considered by the CAP70 working group. The only difference being the ability to have a shorter duration (four or five weeks). CAP 70 has a four week duration.</p>	
Description of Issue or Defect that Proposed Amendment seeks to Address (mandatory by proposer):	
<p>Circumstances may arise where it is considered beneficial, both commercially for the respective parties and to enhance system security, to generate in excess of evergreen (long term) TEC. However, at present generators can only generate in excess of their TEC under emergency instruction. Users can apply to increase their TEC at any time in the year but if the application is granted the additional TEC will confer long term rights and would attract annual TNUoS charges.</p> <p>In order to lower any potential barrier to entry for short term use of capacity and enhance system security it is proposed to introduce a short-term firm finite access product such that generators, subject to NGT authorisation, are able to generate above their existing evergreen TEC on a short-term basis. The product should enable Users to generate for sub-annual periods without necessarily incurring annual TNUoS charges and therefore may provide an incentive for otherwise unavailable plant to generate. The product could also provide a means to utilise capacity which may otherwise have been unavailable under the existing access arrangements whilst using existing transmission assets.</p> <p>A fast track process for applications will further lower these barriers to entry for short-term use of capacity, and improve the ability of plant to respond efficiently to market signals.</p>	
Impact on the CUSC (this should be given where possible):	
It is anticipated that the above changes will impact on Sections 2,3,5,6,9,11	

Impact on Core Industry Documentation *(this should be given where possible):*

The changes may impact on the Grid Code.

Impact on Computer Systems and Processes used by CUSC Parties *(this should be given where possible):*

The Charging & Billing System will be impacted

Details of any Related Modifications to Other Industry Codes *(where known):*

CAP70 Short Term Firm Access Service

Justification for Proposed Amendment with Reference to Applicable CUSC Objectives**
(mandatory by proposer):

Promoting more efficient use of the transmission system enables National Grid to more easily and efficiently discharge its obligations under the Act and the Transmission License and fulfill its obligations to facilitate competition in the generation and supply of electricity

Details of Proposer: Organisation's Name:	First Hydro Company
Capacity in which the Amendment is being proposed: (i.e. CUSC Party, BSC Party or "energywatch")	CUSC Party
Details of Proposer's Representative: Name: Organisation: Telephone Number: Email Address:	Simon Lord First Hydro Company 0870 238 5501 SLORD@EDISONMISSION.COM
Details of Representative's Alternate: Name: Organisation: Telephone Number: Email Address:	Kevin Dibble First Hydro Company 0870 238 5523 KDIBBLE@EDISONMISSION.COM
Attachments (Yes/No): No If Yes, Title and No. of pages of each Attachment:	

Notes:

1. Those wishing to propose an Amendment to the CUSC should do so by filling in this "Amendment Proposal Form" that is based on the provisions contained in Section 8.15 of the CUSC. The form seeks to ascertain details about the Amendment Proposal so that the Amendments Panel can determine more clearly whether the proposal should be considered by a Working Group or go straight to wider National Grid Consultation.
2. The Panel Secretary will check that the form has been completed, in accordance with the requirements of the CUSC, prior to submitting it to the Panel. If the Panel Secretary accepts the Amendment Proposal form as complete, then he will write back to the Proposer informing him of the reference number for the Amendment Proposal and the date on which the Proposal will be considered by the Panel. If, in the opinion of the Panel Secretary, the form fails to provide the information required in the CUSC, then he may reject the Proposal. The Panel Secretary will inform the Proposer of the rejection and report the matter to the Panel at their next meeting. The Panel can reverse the Panel Secretary's decision and if this happens the Panel Secretary will inform the Proposer.

The completed form should be returned to:

Richard Dunn
Panel Secretary
Commercial Frameworks
National Grid Company plc
National Grid Transco House
Warwick Technology Park
Gallows Hill
Warwick, CV34 6DA
Or via e-mail to: CUSC.Team@uk.ngrid.com

(Participants submitting this form by email will need to send a statement to the effect that the proposer acknowledges that on acceptance of the proposal for consideration by the Amendments Panel, a proposer which is not a CUSC Party shall grant a licence in accordance with Paragraph 8.15.7 of the CUSC. A Proposer that is a CUSC Party shall be deemed to have granted this Licence).

3. Applicable CUSC Objectives** - These are defined within the National Grid Company Transmission Licence under Section C7F, paragraph 15. Reference should be made to this section when considering a proposed amendment.