

CUSC Amendment Proposal Form	CAP042
<p>Title of Amendment Proposal:</p> <p>Extension of timescale for preparation of Amendment Reports</p>	
<p>Description of the Proposed Amendment <i>(mandatory by proposer):</i></p> <p>This amendment proposes that the timescale specified in Paragraph 8.16.4 of the CUSC for preparation of Amendment Reports be increased from 14 days to 28 days.</p>	
<p>Description of Issue or Defect that Proposed Amendment seeks to Address <i>(mandatory by proposer):</i></p> <p>Currently the CUSC allows National Grid 14 days for preparation of Amendment Reports, which includes 5 business days for circulation in draft format for comment. Paragraph 8.20.2 of the CUSC sets out the matters required to be contained in an Amendment Report, and includes the obligation on National Grid to undertake analysis of the impact of the Proposed Amendment together with an analysis of any Alternative Amendment(s) which may be proposed by a Working Group (if one is established) or by respondents during the consultation. This timescale is proving restrictive as it effectively leaves only 5 business days for the preparation of Amendment Reports. For the avoidance of doubt the requirements of Paragraph 8.20.3 will still apply. It is also noted that although Paragraph 8.16.4 allows extension of the 14 days with the approval of the Authority, the timescales allowed may not give sufficient time for such approval to be sought or given.</p>	
<p>Impact on the CUSC <i>(this should be given where possible):</i></p> <p>Paragraph 8.16.4 (e) of the CUSC would require amendment to give effect to the change proposed.</p> <p>The draft text to give effect to this proposal is contained in Annex 1.</p>	
<p>Impact on Core Industry Documentation <i>(this should be given where possible):</i></p> <p>None.</p>	
<p>Impact on Computer Systems and Processes used by CUSC Parties <i>(this should be given where possible):</i></p> <p>None.</p>	
<p>Details of any Related Modifications to Other Industry Codes <i>(where known):</i></p> <p>None.</p>	
<p>Justification for Proposed Amendment with Reference to Applicable CUSC Objectives** <i>(mandatory by proposer):</i></p> <p>The terms of the Transmission Licence require National Grid to establish and operate procedures for the modification of the CUSC, including the modification procedures themselves, so as to better facilitate achievement of the Applicable CUSC Objectives.</p> <p>Amendment of the Paragraph 8.16.4 to increase the timescales for production of Amendment Reports from 14 days to 28 days would improve efficiency in the amendment procedures. It would allow an appropriate timescale for National Grid to more efficiently discharge its obligations in the amendment process as well as management of workload when several consultations conclude at the same time. Specifically it increases the time allowed for National Grid to assess any Alternative Amendment(s) raised by respondents during consultation, to assess and adequately respond to responses received during consultation, and also to respond to comments received on circulation of the draft Amendment Report and contact specific respondents to discuss and resolve queries where possible.</p>	

Details of Proposer: Organisation's Name	The National Grid Company plc
Capacity in which the Amendment is being proposed: (i.e. CUSC Party, BSC Party or "energywatch")	CUSC Party
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Attachments (Yes/No): Yes If Yes, Title and No. of pages of each Attachment: Attachment 1 – Draft Text to give effect to proposal. One page.	

Notes:

- 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.
- 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 Development
National Grid Company plc
National Grid House
Kirby Corner Road
Coventry, CV4 8JY
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.

Attachment 1

Draft Text to give effect to the Amendment Proposal

8.16.4

- (e) Without prejudice to Paragraph (d) above, the timetable under (b) above shall be set such that it is no longer than three months, that under (c) above such that it is no longer than two months for the consultation and another 2814 days for preparation of the **Amendment Report**, unless in any case the particular circumstances of the **Amendment Proposal** (taking due account of its complexity, importance and urgency) justify an extension of such timetable, and provided the **Authority** does not object, taking into account all those issues.