CUSC Amendment Proposal Form

CAP:102

Title of Amendment Proposal:

Revision of CUSC Amendment Provisions to allow a Proposer to state whether they believe their Amendment has a security of supply dimension which means in the view of the Proposer it should be excluded from the Appeals Mechanism by the Authority

Description of the Proposed Amendment (mandatory by proposer):

Section 8.17 lists the information a Proposer needs to provide in order to table a CUSC Amendment. It is proposed that an additional optional area of information is sought, namely whether in the Proposers view a security of supply issue could arise were their amendment to be delayed by an Appeal and in the Proposers view the Authority should exclude the Amendment from the Appeals Mechanism on security of supply grounds.

Description of Issue or Defect that Proposed Amendment seeks to Address (mandatory by proposer):

Following the introduction of the new Appeals mechanism, whether a delay in implementation of an Amendment is likely to have a material adverse effect on the availability of electricity or gas for meeting the reasonable demands of customers in Great Britain, is one of the grounds on which the Authority can exclude an Amendment from Appeal. Therefore, NGC believes that including a section on the Amendment Proposal form raising this question would better facilitate the Applicable CUSC Objectives, by ensuring the Authority have the best possible information as to whether the Proposer believes the Amendment should be excluded. It will also give others the opportunity to comment on the Proposers view at the Consultation Stage. Hence, NGC propose to amend the 8.15.2 criteria to incorporate the asking of this question.

Impact on the CUSC (this should be given where possible):

CUSC Amendment Proposal Form to include a section on "Impact on Security of Supply". Section 8.15.2 to include "Potential Impact on Security of Supply, Resulting from a Delay in Implementation as a Result of an Appeal".

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

None

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

None

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

None

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

We believe that this proposal will better facilitate Licence Objectives (a) and (b). It will allow NGC to facilitate the efficient discharge by the licensee of the obligations imposed upon it under the Act and by this Licence, by ensuring that the provisions of the CUSC properly facilitate the new Appeals mechanism, by ensuring Ofgem have the best possible information on which to base any decision as to whether an Amendment should be excluded from the Appeals mechanism on security of supply

grounds. It will help facilitate competition in generation and supply, by ensuring the Authority can understand the impact of the Amendment on Security of Supply, in determining whether or not the decision could be considered appealable.

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Details of Proposer: Organisation's Name:	National Grid 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:	Ben Graff National Grid Company 01926 656312 ben.graff@uk.ngrid.com
Details of Representative's Alternate: Name: Organisation: Telephone Number: Email Address:	Emma Carr National Grid Company 01926 655843 emma.carr@uk.ngrid.com
Attachments (Yes/No):	

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:

Lindsey Paradine
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.