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# CUSC Modification Panel Elections 2023 Elections Report

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## Executive Summary

The process to elect Connection and Use of System Code (CUSC) Modification Users' Panel Members and Alternate Panel Members for the period 1 October 2023 until 30 September 2025 commenced on 30 June 2023 and concluded on 15 September 2023.

There were 7 Users' Panel Member vacancies available for appointment on the CUSC Modification Panel. Furthermore, there were an additional 5 Alternative Panel Member vacancies available. The Alternate Panel Members attend the CUSC Modifications Panel in the event that a Panel Member is unable to attend throughout the year. We received 11 nominations for these 12 vacancies.

The election results are as follows:

User Panel Members	
1	Joe COLEBROOK
2	Binoy DHARSI
3	Joe DUNN
4	Andrew ENZOR
5	Garth GRAHAM
6	Kyran HANKS
7	Paul JONES
Alternate Panel Members	
1	Mark DUFFIELD
2	Lauren JAUSS
3	Grace MARCH
4	Cem SULEYMAN

## CUSC Modifications Panel Election Voting and Outcome

### CUSC Modifications Panel Election Calculations

There were 615 ballot papers that were eligible to be cast in this election by CUSC Schedule 1 parties. There was a total of 556 company Voting Groups (a “Voting Group” means a User who is eligible to vote and all Affiliates of that User who are eligible to vote), and each Voting Group was eligible to cast a maximum of four ballot papers depending upon which Voting Sub-groups they were eligible to vote in. A total of 63 ballot papers were received across 50 Voting Groups for the 11 nominations received. Within the 63 ballot papers there were a total of 148 preferences expressed collectively across CUSC Parties first, second, and third preference votes for the candidates.

We have conducted the election calculation as stipulated in Annex 8A.3.2 of the CUSC. This section sets out how many votes each candidate received and corresponding calculated results for the election.

The candidates received the following number of preference votes:

Candidate Name	Nominating CUSC party	Total first preference votes	Total second preference votes	Total third preference votes
Joe COLEBROOK	Innova Renewables Limited	11	2	0
Binoy DHARSI	EDF	6	0	0
Mark DUFFIELD	National Grid Interconnectors Limited	3	0	0
Joe DUNN	Scottish Power Renewables (UK) Limited	12	12	3
Andrew ENZOR	Zenobe Energy Limited	5	6	3
Garth GRAHAM	SSE Generation Limited	9	13	4
Kyran HANKS	Peak Gen	7	2	6
Lauren JAUSS	RWE Renewables UK Ltd	3	4	8
Paul JONES	Uniper UK Limited	2	4	6
Grace MARCH	Sembcorp Energy UK Limited	3	7	4
Cem SULEYMAN	Drax Power Limited	2	0	1

### First Voting Round

There were 63 ballot papers in the first voting round.

In order to qualify for election in the first round, a candidate must achieve equal to or greater than the first round qualifying total.

The first round qualifying total is:

$$(T / N) + 1$$

where

**T** is the total number of first preference votes cast in all voting papers.

**N** is the number of Users' Panel Members and/or Alternate Members to be elected.

63 first preference votes were cast.

11 nominations were received for the 7 Users' Panel Member and 5 Alternative Panel Member vacancies.

**Calculation:**

$$T = 63$$

$$N = 11$$

$$(63 / 11) + 1 = 6.73 \text{ (rounded up to 7)}$$

Candidate Name	First Voting Round Total
Joe COLEBROOK	11
Binoy DHARSI	6
Mark DUFFIELD	3
Joe DUNN	12
Andrew ENZOR	5
Garth GRAHAM	9
Kyran HANKS	7
Lauren JAUSS	3
Paul JONES	2
Grace MARCH	3
Cem SULEYMAN	2

**Conclusion**

The following candidates met the first round qualifying total and have been appointed to the CUSC Modification Panel:

- Joe Colebrook (Panel Member)
- Joe Dunn (Panel Member)
- Garth Graham (Panel Member)
- Kyran Hanks (Panel Member)

Therefore, there were 3 Panel Members and 4 Alternate Panel Member remaining to be appointed through the subsequent voting rounds.

## Second Voting Round

In order to be elected in the second round, a candidate must achieve equal to or greater than the second-round qualifying total. The remaining voting papers are all the voting papers except for those where the first preference vote was for a candidate successfully appointed in the first round. Of the 63 ballot papers, only 24 were remaining to cast a vote for the second round.

The second round qualifying total is:

$$(T' / N') + 1$$

where

**T'** is the total number of first and second preference votes cast in all remaining voting papers.

**N'** is the number of Panel Members and/or Alternate Members remaining to be elected after the first voting round.

### Calculation:

$$T' = 24 \text{ (first preference)} + 8 \text{ (second preference)}$$

$$N' = 7$$

$$(24+8 / 7) + 1 = 5.57 \text{ (rounded up to 6)}$$

Candidate Name	Second Voting Round Total (first round + second round)
Binoy DHARSI	<b>6 + 0 = 6</b>
Mark DUFFIELD	3 + 0 = 3
Andrew ENZOR	<b>5 + 1 = 6</b>
Lauren JAUSS	3 + 2 = 5
Paul JONES	2 + 3 = 5
Grace MARCH	3 + 2 = 5
Cem SULEYMAN	2 + 0 = 2

### Conclusion

The following candidates met the second round qualifying total and have been appointed to the CUSC Modification Panel:

- Binoy Dharsi (Panel Member)
- Andrew Enzor (Panel Member)

Therefore, there were 1 Panel Member and 4 Alternate Panel Members remaining to be appointed through the final voting round.

## Third Voting Round

In order to be elected in the third round, a candidate must achieve equal to or greater than the third-round qualifying total. The remaining voting papers are all the voting papers except for those where the first or second preference votes was for a candidate successfully appointed in the first or second round. Of the 63 ballot papers, only 7 were remaining to cast a vote for the third round.

The third round qualifying total is:

$$(T'' / N'') + 1$$

where

**T''** is the total number of first, second and third preference votes cast in all remaining voting papers.

**N''** is the number of Panel Members and/or Alternate Members remaining to be elected after the first and second voting round.

**Calculation:**

$$T'' = 7 \text{ (first preference)} + 4 \text{ (second preference)} + 2 \text{ (third preference)}$$

$$N'' = 5$$

$$(7+4+2 / 5) + 1 = 3.6 \text{ (rounded up to 4)}$$

Candidate Name	Third Voting Round Total (first round + second round + third round)
Mark DUFFIELD	3 + 0 + 0 = 3
Lauren JAUSS	0 + 0 + 2 = 2
Paul JONES	<b>2 + 2 + 0 = 4</b>
Grace MARCH	0 + 2 + 0 = 2
Cem SULEYMAN	2 + 0 + 0 = 2

**Conclusion**

The following candidate has met the third round qualifying total and has been appointed to the CUSC Modification Panel:

- Paul Jones (Panel Member)

Therefore, the remaining 4 candidates have been appointed as Alternate Panel Members to the CUSC Modifications Panel:

- Mark Duffield (Alternate Panel Member)
- Lauren Jauss (Alternate Panel Member)
- Grace March (Alternate Panel Member)
- Cem Suleyman (Alternate Panel Member)

## CUSC Modifications Panel Election Results

The result of the election is as follows:

User Panel Members	
1	Joe COLEBROOK
2	Binoy DHARSI
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Alternate Panel Members	
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## CUSC Modifications Panel Elections Process

The process to elect CUSC Modification Users' Panel Members and Alternate Panel Members for the period 1 October 2023 until 30 September 2025 commenced on 30 June 2023.

On 30 June 2023, the Code Administrator opened up the election nominations window for a period of four weeks. To facilitate this, links to the following documents were sent to CUSC Users via email and published on the Code Administrator's website:

- the electorate;

For the purposes of the 2023 election arrangements, CUSC Users were defined as those persons who were a Party to the CUSC Framework Agreement, with the exception of National Grid Electricity System Operator, as of 20 June 2023. Each CUSC User was allocated a unique reference number;

- nomination form;
- an Election Guide.

The Election Guide provided a summary of the election arrangements and a timetable to enable CUSC Users to participate actively and effectively in the forthcoming election arrangements. In addition, it provided clarity in relation to the approach that would be adopted for the election in a number of areas in relation to the voting arrangements where Annex 8A of the CUSC is silent or ambiguous.

Please note: A typographical amendment was made to the Election Guide on the 15 September 2023. The term 'N' within the third voting round was corrected to refer to any Users' Panel Members and or Alternates remaining to be elected after the 'second' qualifying round (rather than the 'first' qualifying round).



## Industry Engagement

The Code Administrator committed to providing updates to industry in relation to the process.

Date	Email Content
23 June 2023	<a href="#">CUSC Panel Elections are approaching – here is what you need to know and do</a> This included a request for industry to check the CUSC Schedule 1 Voting Groups and Voting Sub-Groups and to feedback any issues by the 29 June 2023.
30 June 2023	<a href="#">CUSC Panel Headline Report - 30 June 2023</a>
30 June 2023	<a href="#">CUSC Panel Elections - Nominations are now open</a> This included the Election Guide and the final CUSC Schedule 1 List of Users as on 20 June 2023, which formed the electorate for the Election.
21 July 2023	<a href="#">Reminder CUSC Panel Elections - Nominations close next week on 28 July 2023</a>
27 July 2023	<a href="#">Final Reminder CUSC Panel Election - Nominations close tomorrow 28 July 2023</a>
28 July 2023	<a href="#">CUSC Panel Headline Report - 28 July 2023</a>
4 August 2023	<a href="#">Invitation to vote in the CUSC Panel elections</a> This included a guidance document to help explain the voting process.
25 August 2023	<a href="#">Reminder to vote in the 2023 CUSC Panel elections - Voting closes next week 1 September 2023</a>
25 August 2023	<a href="#">CUSC Panel Headline Report – 25 August 2023</a>
31 August 2023	<a href="#">Final Reminder to vote in the 2023 CUSC Panel elections - Voting closes tomorrow 1 September 2023</a>
15 September 2023	Announcement of the election results and publication of this election report.

## Code Administrator’s Distribution List

Whilst reviewing and updating Schedule 1, the Code Administrator’s CUSC distribution list was also reviewed to ensure that the Code Administrator had contacted everyone listed on Schedule 1 and that the details held were up to date.

## Schedule 1: The Electorate

### Finalising the electorate

On 23 June 2023, the Code Administrator shared the latest version of CUSC Schedule 1, and asked industry parties to check the Voting Group and Voting Sub-Group information in the document. Industry parties were given until Thursday 29 June 2023 to contact The Code Administrator with any amendments.

The Code Administrator received a number of contacts from industry advising of company Voting group alterations. Following checks, these changes were incorporated to produce the final electoral list.

Further feedback advising on Voting group alterations was also received during the voting period. Following checks, these changes have also now been incorporated into the Schedule 1 List.

One Industry party highlighted that the Companies Act 2006 repealed all of the sections referenced by the CUSC, so the definition of 'affiliate' within Section 11 of the CUSC needed to be updated via a Housekeeping Modification to refer to [section 1159 of the Companies Act 2006](#). The Code Administrator will be raising a housekeeping modification shortly to rectify this issue.

## The electorate

On 30 June 2023, the Code Administrator published the final list of the electorate including unique voter reference numbers for each individual company, Voting Groups and the eligibility of each Voting Group to vote in relation to the Voting Sub-Groups.

There was a total of 1148 separate CUSC Parties listed on the final version of Schedule 1 that the Code Administrator has used in this election. These companies were allocated into 557 distinct Voting Groups.

## Nominations

Nominations closed at 5pm on Friday 28 July 2023. Eleven nominations were received within the deadline.

In accordance with Annex 8A.2.2 of the CUSC, on 4 August 2023, the Code Administrator announced the list of nominated candidates standing for election in the CUSC Modifications Panel elections.

## Conclusions

The conduct of the 2023 CUSC Panel elections was conducted primarily by email, with key documentation available on the Code Administrator's website. As with previous elections, CUSC Users appeared to be comfortable with the integrity of the election via e-mail and no security or related issues were raised.

The Code Administrator is satisfied with the integrity of the CUSC Modifications Panel Elections and commends the results to Authority.

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