

Amendment proposal:	Connection and Use of System Code (CUSC) CAP129: Removal of CUSC 6.17 and Section B from Exhibit F (CAP129)		
Decision:	The Authority¹ directs that this proposal be made²		
Target audience:	National Grid Electricity Transmission PLC (The Company), Parties to the CUSC and other interested parties		
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Background to the Proposed Amendment

CAP129 proposes to remove CUSC 6.17 and Section B from Exhibit F of the CUSC for Use of System Applications (Suppliers or Interconnector Users), as the provisions are no longer required.

CUSC 6.17 requests data under the Grid Code from Users from the Transfer Date and Section B within Exhibit F requests data under paragraph 6.17. However, this is only relevant to Users who were parties to the Master Connection and Use of System Agreement (MCUSA) at the Transfer Date of March 1990 and is therefore not relevant to new applicants. Consequently, this is causing confusion when new applicants apply to National Grid via the form within Exhibit F which creates delays in the application process.

The Proposed Amendment

CAP129 proposes the removal of CUSC provisions 6.17 and Section B from Exhibit F which are causing confusion when new applicants apply to National Grid Electricity Transmission for Use of System Application under Exhibit F.

National Grid considers that the proposal will better facilitate achievement of Applicable CUSC Objective (a)³, by preventing confusion caused to new applicants applying to National Grid and thereby removing inefficiencies and delays within the application process.

Recommendation of the CUSC Amendments Panel⁴

The CUSC Amendments Panel Recommendation Vote on CAP129 was conducted at the Panel Meeting on 24th November 2006. The Panel unanimously recommended that CAP129 would better facilitate achievement of Applicable CUSC Objectives (a) and (b) with an implementation date of 10 business days after an Authority decision.

¹ The terms 'the Authority', 'Ofgem' and 'we' are used interchangeably in this document. Ofgem is the Office of the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority.

² This document is notice of the reasons for this decision as required by section 49A of the Electricity Act 1989.

³ As set out in Standard Condition C10(1) of NGET's Transmission Licence, see:

http://62.173.69.60/document_fetch.php?documentid=5327.

⁴ The CUSC Panel is established and constituted from time to time pursuant to and in accordance with the section 8 of the CUSC.

The Authority's decision

The Authority has considered the issues raised by the amendment proposal and the final Amendment Report (AR) dated 6 December 2006. The Authority has considered and taken into account the responses to NGET's consultation on the amendment proposal which are attached to the AR⁵. The Authority has concluded that:

1. Implementation of the Amendment Proposal will better facilitate the achievement of the Applicable CUSC Objectives⁶; and
2. directing that the Amendment Proposal be made is consistent with the Authority's principal objective and general duties⁷.

Reasons for the Authority's decision

By removing CUSC 6.17 and Section B from Exhibit F CAP129 will introduce efficiencies in the process followed by NGET when considering applications from new applicants. In avoiding unnecessary delays in the application process, Ofgem considers that CAP129 will allow NGET to more efficiently discharge its obligations under its Licence, better facilitating the achievement of Applicable CUSC Objective (a).

Decision notice

In accordance with Standard Condition C10 of NGET's Transmission Licence, the Authority, hereby directs that amendment proposal CAP129: "Removal of CUSC 6.17 and section B from Exhibit F" be made.



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Signed on behalf of the Authority and authorised for that purpose.

⁵ CUSC amendment proposals, amendment reports and representations can be viewed on NGET's website at <http://www.nationalgrid.com/uk/Electricity/Codes/systemcode/amendments/>

⁶ As set out in Standard Condition C10(1) of NGET's Transmission Licence, see: http://62.173.69.60/document_fetch.php?documentid=5327

⁷ The Authority's statutory duties are wider than matters which the Panel must take into consideration and are detailed mainly in the Electricity Act 1989.