

CAP149 Working Group

Meeting Name	CAP149 Working Group
Meeting No.	Three
Date of Meeting	23 rd August 2007
Time	10.00 – 15.00
Venue	Lakeside House, Northampton

1. Introductions/Apologies for Absence

The following working group members were unable to attend the meeting: Garth Graham, John Morris, Alec Morrison, Aileen McLeod, Stephen Ayre and Emma Carr.

2. Re-cap from 15th August Meeting

TD recapped the meeting on the 15th August the following points were raised:

- BR requested explanation of the use of the term “commercially firm” in section two of last meetings notes and pointed out we should be clear what is meant by this terminology.
- MK asked why design variation connections could not be dealt with by changing the SQSS. TI explained that a consultation on this issue had taken place in July 2006. Changing the SQSS was considered but the chosen method was to change TNUoS charges for connections with design variations.
- BR questioned if the current amendment path would lead to the best solution for enduring issues. It was agreed that enduring issues should be considered throughout the group’s discussions.
- It was considered that the report should cover the potential interaction with offshore and island users but we should not try to guess what will be decided on these issues.

3. Actions

AML: Provide information about 33kV assets

TD read through the information provided by AML regarding 33kV assets. The information provided suggests that a number of users with BELLAs have TRAs.

Action TI: Confirm how TRAs work with BELLAs

BR asked how much capacity is affected by TRAs and what affect does this have on the security of supply.

It was noted that some of the TRAs (e.g TRAs for non-standard ownership boundaries) do not always reduce the security of supply. There is a wide variety of circumstances where TRAs are applied.

PJ suggested that past agreements should remain as they are and we should only standardise agreements into the future.

TI: Clarify with National Grid the reasoning behind the original TRA text

10.12 is required because 10.10 leaves the user neutral commercially so there is no financial benefit for them to comply. This could lead to users gaining a financial

benefit by not complying and receiving ROCs.

BR was concerned that if multiple users are connected where the capacity is constrained it may be inefficient to pro rata the remaining capacity. The group considered if one user is unavailable should another user be able to use their portion of the remaining capacity.

Action TI: Find out how the SO sets the MEL for multiple users in outage conditions?

It was considered that more clarity regarding constraint management was required in the legal text.

TI: Check if the new drafting should be a working group alternative

EC believes the new drafting should be a working group amendment. The original proposal states the product should be called TEC-lite. The new text follows the spirit of the original proposal but does not follow the letter.

It was considered that the original drafting can be used as the TEC-lite amendment proposal and the new drafting will be developed as a working group alternative amendment.

TI: Find out if it will take a much greater time/resource to provide two offers

For a standard and a design variation connection offer some work will be similar and some work will be unique. A cost reflective price will need to be paid if both offers are prepared. The extra cost will depend on the extent of the design variation and could be fixed or indicative. The connection could be designed in the three month time frame.

The group asked how are design variations defined? Not all non-standard designs have TRAs. All designs which are non-compliant with SQSS have TRAs.

Action TI: Clarify whether “design variations” are non-standard designs or non-compliant designs

TI: Find out if the changes to the BCAs would be administratively difficult

TI stated that National Grid could change TRAs if directed to do so and it was believed the effort of producing one standard arrangement would be worth the house keeping.

PJ suggested that an advantage of the alternative amendment may be that the current BCA would not need to change.

TI: Is there a template for BCAs

There is a template in the CUSC

TI: constraint management

In outage conditions users would be constrained down to MEL. If the stated MEL went below the SEL the user would need to come off. The user will be notified according to OC2 requirements.

BR pointed out that the notification should allow users to manage risk.

Action TI: Check OC2 notification requirements

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Single circuit connections get no CAP48 payments. Full circuit connections get CAP48 payments. The group considered if a user has some redundancy but not a full connection would they get compensation on the redundancy. These compensation arrangements should be clarified.

4. Review of Amended Legal Text

Postponed till next meeting

5. Applicability for Offshore/Island Generators

Postponed till next meeting

6. Longer Term System Issues

Concern was raised regarding the availability of access. If National Grid does not have to pay compensation in the event of an outage what incentive do they have to make access available?

TI commented that the current idea for offshore is that the offshore transmission owner has an availability target and have a penalty if the target is missed.

7. Candidates for any Working Group Alternatives

The new legal drafting will form the basis of a working group amendment.

Another alternative could include a different method for sharing remaining capacity under outage conditions.

8. AOB

None

9. Future Meeting Dates

Future meetings will be held on the following dates:

- 4th September
- 12th September
- 17th September

These meetings will all be at the National Grid offices in Northampton.

Appendix 1 – Working Group Attendance

Members Present:

Tony Dicicco	TD	Chairman
Paul Jones	PJ	E.ON
Merel Van der Neut Kolfshoten	MK	Centrica
James Anderson	JA	Scottish Power
David Scott	DS	EDF
Tom Ireland	TI	National Grid
Bill Reed	BR	RWE
Karron Baker	KB	Ofgem
Robert Longden	RL	Airtricity (Phone)
Sarah Hall	SH	Technical Secretary

Apologies:

Emma Carr	EC	National Grid
Garth Graham	GG	Scottish and Southern
John Morris	JM	British Energy
Alec Morrison	AM	Scottish and Southern
Aileen McLeod	AML	Scottish and Southern
Steven Ayre	SA	British Energy

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