

CISG Meeting Report

Meeting name	CUSC Issues Standing Group
Date of meeting	11 th November 2015
Time	13:00 – 15:00
Location	National Grid House, Warwick

Attendees

Name	Initials	Company
Paul Wakeley	PW	National Grid (Chair)
Nick Pittarello	NP	National Grid
Wayne Mullins	WM	National Grid
David Corby	DC	National Grid
Jo Zhou	JZ	National Grid (Technical Secretary)
Peter Bolitho	PB	Waters Wye
Dominic Green	DG	Ofgem
Guy Phillips	GP	Eon
Lewis Elder	LE	RWE
James Anderson	JA	Scottish Power
George Douthwaite	GD	Npower / RWE
Helen Snodin	HS	CAG Consult (Presenter)
Joe Underwood	JU	Drax Power
Christopher Granby	CG	Infinis
Vishnu Aggarwal	VA	Smartest Energy

Via Dial-in

None

All presentations and supporting papers given at the CISG meeting can be found at:
[http://www2.nationalgrid.com/UK/Industry-information/Electricity-codes/Standing-groups/CUSC-Issues-Standing-Group-\(CISG\)/](http://www2.nationalgrid.com/UK/Industry-information/Electricity-codes/Standing-groups/CUSC-Issues-Standing-Group-(CISG)/)

1 CISG Introduction – Paul Wakeley

1. PW introduced the purpose of CISG. CISG is a forum to discuss non-charging CUSC issues. Similar to TCMF, CISG was set up to seek industry views, to float ideas, facilitating discussions and improvements.
2. WM asked whether it is worth clarifying what are charging issues and what are not. PW explained that for example User Commitment is not a charging issue. NP explained that if the issues are not in section 14 of the CUSC, they are to be discussed in CISG.
3. The intention will be to run this group adjacent to TCMF to minimise travel for those who would attend both meetings. Terms of Reference can be found on the CISG website.

2 First CISG Session Agenda – Nick Pittarello

4. NP presented the agenda for the first CISG session.
5. The attendees formed three groups to discuss issues, and each group presented the CUSC non-charging issues that have been identified by at least three attendees in the group.

3 CISG Issues Identified by Group A

6. Group A have identified the following issues:
 - Termination
The amount of termination charges and liabilities are not always known to customers. There is a need for forecasting the (indicative) termination charge and liability, as some equipment can be re-used by other users.
 - Re-planting
When considering re-planting a power plant at the end of its life, it is not always clear whether National Grid will treat the process as a ModApp, or a new connection requiring user commitment. A guidance section in the CUSC is needed for re-planting. It is appreciated that various factors including the technology and the impact on the system will affect the CUSC treatment.
 - Reference of balancing services in CUSC
It has been observed that some balancing services (for example, SBR, DSBR etc.) are at present not defined in CUSC. Attendees felt that such services should be subject to industry governance. Due to the structure of industry codes, these services are defined in BSC independent of CUSC. However, it was suggested that consideration be given to refer these services in CUSC, potentially via a fast-track CUSC Mod.
 - Structure of codes
It is felt that the structure of industry codes may need review, due to changes in the industry. However, this is a challenging legal task and is thus a long-term goal.

4 CISG Issues Identified by Group B

7. Group B have identified the following issues:
 - EU feedback

It was suggested that there is a need to feedback relevant EU codes development and legislation changes to CISG, as people want to understand if the EU codes are implemented, what will be the likely impacts.

- Transmission works register

The attendees asked whether National Grid could publish the list of transmission works on the website, so that generators know what works they are dependent on.

- Liability cap

A question was raised regarding whether the liability cap in CUSC is still appropriate. For example, SSTI (Sub Synchronous Torsional Interaction) caused by HVDC may cause structural damage to generators. Currently CUSC specifies £5m per event as the amount of compensation. Some representatives felt the cap may not be sufficient to cover the cost on users.

- Interconnector policy

Requiring a wider review on how interconnectors sit with CUSC, as they are both TSOs and Users.

- Non-BM parties

Need a review across non-BM parties, embedded users, generators <100MW etc. as well as other users, with regards to system access and service provision.

5 CISG Issues Identified by Group C

8. Group C have identified the following issues:

- TEC reduction

It was suggested that National Grid assess the cost incurred by TEC reduction, and explain the cancellation charge.

- Interconnector policy (same as Group B)

Requiring consistent policy on interconnectors, as this will help interconnector developers make business decisions.

- Queue management

It was advised that DNOs have been required to assess projects in their networks against key milestones, and identify non-progressing projects in order to release network capacity. It was suggested that National Grid undertake similar approach to move the queue, and that queue management is provided by National Grid as a standard service.

- New technologies

One representative pointed out that some new technologies, for example energy storage, are not addressed in the CUSC, although FES (future energy scenario) has included energy storage as a market player. It is suggested that CUSC should be more proactive and fit for future, as policy can be a blocker if not addressing new technologies.

- Accessibility of the CUSC

It is felt that the CUSC may not seem easily understandable for non-professionals. For issues which have wider impacts, some simple guidance may be published and retained on the website, so that everyone can read and understand.

6 AOB

9. No AOB raised.

7 Actions

10. National Grid agreed to provide the next CISG meeting with a view on the above highlighted areas.

8 Next meeting

Next meeting: Wednesday 6th January

Time : 12:10 am (following TCMF)

Venue : National Grid House Warwick