

Meeting report

Meeting name	Transmission Charging Methodologies Forum and CUSC Issues Steering Group
Date of meeting	Wednesday 8 th November 2017
Time	10:30 – 11:30
Location	Webinar Only

Name	Initials	Company
Jon Wisdom	JW	National Grid (Chair)
Urmi Mistry	UM	National Grid (TCMF Technical Secretary)
Caroline Wright	CW	National Grid (Presenter)
Rachel Tullis	RT	National Grid (Presenter)
Tom Selby	TS	National Grid (Presenter)
John Brookes	JB	National Grid (Presenter)
David Wildash	DW	National Grid (Presenter)
Robert Longden	RL	Cornwall
Garth Graham	GG	SSE
Colin Prestwich	CP	Smartest Energy
Nicola Percival	NP	Innogy Renewables UK
Tim Collins	TC	Centrica
Simon Vicary	SV	EDF Energy
John Tindal	JT	SSE
Daniel Hickman	DH	Npower
Paul Youngman	PY	Drax Power
David Ryan	DR	ESB
Lorraine Nicholson	LN	ESB
Nicola Fitchett	NF	RWE
Karl Maryon	KM	Haven Power
Laura Hunt	LH	Electraphase
James Anderson	JA	Scottish Power
Peter Bolitho	PB	Waters Wye
Antonios Porpodas	AP	Community Wind Power

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<http://www2.nationalgrid.com/uk/Industry-information/System-charges/Electricity-transmission/Methodology-forum/>

1 CUSC Modifications Update – Caroline Wright, National Grid

1. Ongoing CUSC modification proposals were presented with updates/ information for each, including any decisions made by the Authority. The decision date published by Ofgem on the 8th November within their [indicative timetable](#), for CMP251 and CMP261, was queried. **(Action)** Code admin took an action to check this with Ofgem and update attendees accordingly.
 - i. Ofgem have confirmed that the indicative timetable did show incorrectly that both CMP251 and CMP261 were expected to be decided in December 2017. However this has now be corrected and a decision for CMP261 is expected in November 2017 and CMP251 in December 2017.

2 Investment Ahead of TEC Update – John Brookes, National Grid

2. This topic was brought to TCMF in August, following an open letter consultation. National Grid (NG) has published responses to the open letter and the updated guidance document on their website. The changes have been made in response to the feedback.
3. Next month NG will start looking into ensuring changes are reflected in charging arrangements and a codified approach is developed. NP asked whether this meant that NG will be raising a modification and if so would it be possible to have a view of the proposal beforehand as certain stakeholders were involved when this was raised previously. JB confirmed that this was the direction NG was heading and the plan is to bring something to December TCMF. JB confirmed the intent to engage with interested industry members before the proposal is raised.

3 TNUoS Tariff Update – Tom Selby, National Grid

4. TS gave a summary of the October forecast of 2018/19 tariffs that were published on the 31st October, but made attendees aware that there is a webinar planned for the 10th November, where more detail will be provided.
5. Headlines of the forecast were that this was the first forecast using methodologies approved for CMP264/265 and for CMP268. These have contributed to the drivers of change since the June forecast. Other drivers include a decrease in the overall amount of revenue that needs to be recovered and an increase in forecasted generation.
6. TS then went through the demand tariffs in more detail, highlighting that the Half Hourly (HH) Tariff has changed to gross and is no longer net. There has been no change to the Non-Half Hourly (NHH) methodology. A column has also been added for the new embedded export tariff.

7. Changes to tariffs from CMP268 were then presented. Where the year round not shared element of the tariff will now be multiplied by a conventional carbon generators ALF (annual load factor) and so they will not pay the full tariff but a proportion of it. This led on to generation tariffs, where the peak element has increased in Scotland due to increase in peak generation volumes. There has also been a slight decrease in year round tariff in the south/south east of England as there has been an increase in generation volume in the midlands.
8. Next steps are that the 5 year forecast of tariffs will be published at the end of November 2017, and draft 2018/19 tariffs will be published before Christmas. TS also raised the fact that there are a lot methodology changes that are pending a decision from Ofgem. Therefore if a decision is reached in the near future this could impact tariffs further; however the team are monitoring this closely. GG mentioned a point for consideration regarding the tariffs to be published at Christmas. If they were published before 5pm on 22nd December, this would be better for customers as it will give them time to review the tariffs before the holidays. TS took this on board and confirmed that the plan was to publish before 5pm on the 21st December.
9. Lastly, TS made attendees aware that a judicial review of CMP264/265 has been requested, however as this has been approved by Ofgem the methodology will continue to be included unless the decision is reversed by the Courts.

4 Charging Futures Forum Website Update – David Wildash, National Grid

10. DW introduced the Charging Futures Forum (CFF) as the first one is being held after TCMF, on the 9th November. The purpose was to give an update on the CFF website which went live on Monday 6th November. The website is a wraparound to the CFF ecosystem which includes the forum, Task Forces, Delivery Body and updates on reforms of charging and access arrangements. It is a resource that industry can use and can provide feedback on.
11. PB raised the point that in the past papers and resources from major projects which had a central resource (such as TAR), have been lost when there project is no longer needed (e.g. the website becomes defunct and removed). How will NG ensure that this does not happen? This question was echoed by GG. DW said that this was set up as an enduring framework for industry and Ofgem to use, if it gets to the point where CFF has achieved its aim then there will be a plan in place to ensure information is not lost.

4 AOB

12. Nothing was raised by attendees.

5 Next meeting

Next meeting: Wednesday 13th December 2017

Time : 1030 (unless otherwise notified)

Venue : National Grid House, Warwick (unless otherwise notified)