

Role Overview for CUSC Modifications Panel Members and Alternate Members 2019

Introduction

This is a high-level overview of the CUSC Modification Panel Members and CUSC Modifications Panel Alternate Members roles and responsibilities. It also includes an indication of the commitment required to serve as a member.

The current CUSC Panel Members' term of office expires on 30 September 2019. The newly appointed CUSC Panel Members terms commences on 1 October 2019 and will run until 30 September 2021.

Role and Responsibilities of CUSC Panel Members and Alternate Members

A summary of the CUSC Modifications Panel Members and Alternate Members is provided below. A detailed explanation is set out in section 8, paragraph 8.3.4 of the CUSC.

https://www.nationalgrideso.com/codes/connection-and-use-system-code-cusc?code-documents

The CUSC Modifications Panel oversees the governance arrangements for the CUSC. Its main area of responsibility is to ensure that the operation of the CUSC Modifications process contained in Section 8 of the CUSC is carried out in an efficient, economical and timely manner. This includes but is not limited to the following:

- Agreeing the route each CUSC Modification Proposal should follow;
- Considering whether a Modification Proposal better meets the Applicable CUSC Objectives set out in the Transmission Licence;
- Recommending to the Authority, or Determining whether a Modification Proposal should be approved or rejected;
- Establishing Standing Groups to consider issues relating to the CUSC subject matter.

Impartiality

CUSC Panel Members and Alternate Members must act impartially and not as a representative or in the interest of a company or person they are employed by. All CUSC Panel Members and Alternate Members must provide written confirmation of this to the CUSC Panel Secretary.

Term in Office

The term in office for Panel Members and Alternate Members is two years, starting on 1 October 2019 and ending on 30 September 2021. After an initial term of office, CUSC Panel Members and Alternate Members are eligible for reappointment. Existing CUSC Panel Members and Alternate Panel Member for the period 1 October 2017 – 30 September 2019 are also eligible for reappointment.



Time Commitment and Attendance

The CUSC Panel meetings are held monthly at National Grid Electricity System Operator's offices in Warwick. Teleconference and Webex facilities are also available to allow Panel Members and Alternate members to participate remotely.

Papers for the meeting are sent out via email five working days before the meeting and may involve varying degrees of complexity, depending on the issues or topics raised. Meetings are held in open session and may last up to a full day depending upon the business to be discussed.

Under certain circumstances, such as the Urgent modifications process, Special CUSC Panel meetings may be convened at short notice. In order to facilitate these meetings, CUSC Panel Members must provide details so that the Code Administrator can contact them. Communications are generally conducted by email but depending on the urgency of a subject, Panel Members may be contacted by telephone.

Panel Members are expected to attend as many Panel Meetings as they can. Alternate Panel Members are elected to provide cover in the event that a Panel Member is unable to attend a meeting. Alternate Panel Members are therefore encouraged to attend as many Panel meetings as they can, in order to keep up to date with Panel business and be in a position to provide cover.

Further Information

If you would like to speak to the Code Administrator about becoming a Panel Member or Alternate Member, please email cusc.team@nationalgrid.com.