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**CUSC SECTION 15**

**USER COMMITMENT METHODOLOGY**

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**PART ONE INTRODUCTION**

**1** Where (a) a **Construction Agreement** and/or a **Bilateral Connection Agreement** or **Bilateral Embedded Generation** **Agreement** between a **User** in respect of the categories specified below and **The Company** is terminated or (b) there is a reduction in **Transmission Entry Capacity** by or in respect of such **User** or (c) there is a reduction in **Developer Capacity** in a **Construction Agreement** prior to the **Charging Date**, or (d) there is a reduction in **Interconnector User Commitment Capacity** by or in respect of such **User,** such **User** shall pay to **The Company** the **Cancellation Charge** calculated and applied in accordance with Part Two of this Section 15

1. The **Cancellation Charge** is payable by **Users** on termination of agreements with and reductions in **Transmission Entry Capacity** or **Developer Capacity** or **Interconnector User Commitment Capacity** in respect of **Users** in the categories of
2. a **Power Station** directly connected to the **National Electricity Transmission System** in respect of which there is a **Bilateral Connection Agreement** with **The Company**;
3. an **Embedded Power Station** in respect of which there is a **Bilateral Embedded Generation Agreement** with **The Company**;
4. a **Distribution System** directly connected to the **National Electricity Transmission System** in respect of which there is a **Construction Agreement** associated with **Distributed Generation**
5. an **Interconnector** directly connected to the **National Electricity Transmission System** in respect of which there is a **Bilateral Connection Agreement** with **The Company**

and reference to **User** in this Section 15 shall be interpreted accordingly.

For the avoidance of doubt this schedule does not apply to **Users** other than those described above.

For the avoidance of doubt in respect of **Users** in the case of category (b) above where **The Company** has an associated **Construction Agreement** with a **User** in the category of (c) above, the **Cancellation Charge** payable by a **User** in category (b) above will not include the **Attributable Works Cancellation Charge** or (from the **PCF Activation Date**) the **Progression Commitment Fee** components of the **Cancellation Charge**. In such case the **Attributable Works Cancellation Charge** and the **Progression Commitment Fee** components of the **Cancellation Charge** will be payable by the associated **User** in category (c) above.

For the avoidance of doubt in the case of:

* 1. **Users** in the case of category (c) above; and
  2. **Distributed Generation** (other than an **Embedded Power Station** which is the subject of a **Bilateral Embedded Generation Agreement**),

the **Cancellation Charge** does not apply for reductions in **Developer Capacity** on or after the **Charging Date** or termination on or after the **Charging Date**.

For information, for **Users** other than **Users** in the categories to which this Section 15 applies, the liability for and security requirements in respect of **Final Sums**, which are due on termination of a **Construction Agreement** are as set out in the **Construction Agreement** (and in the proforma attached at **CUSC** Schedule 2, Exhibit 3).

From the **PCF Activation Date**, the **Cancellation Charge** shall include the **Progression Commitment Fee** payable in accordance with this Section 15. For the avoidance of doubt, the **Progression Commitment Fee** is not payable before the **PCF Activation Date**.

For the avoidance of doubt, in addition to the **Cancellation Charge**, **Termination Amounts** also apply in respect of **Transmission Connection Assets**.

**3 The Company** shall apply and calculate the **Cancellation Charge** in accordance with Part Two of this Section 15.

The **Cancellation Charge** is made up of a number of components: the “**Pre Trigger Amount**”, “**Attributable Works Cancellation Charge**”, “**Wider Cancellation Charge**” and (from the **PCF Activation Date)** the “**Progression Commitment Fee**” which apply at different stages.

**4** As provided for at Paragraph 3.5, the **Attributable Works Cancellation Charge** can be (at the **User’s** election in accordance with Paragraph 7) on the basis of the **Fixed Cancellation** **Charge** (Paragraph 3.6) rather than the **Actual Attributable Works Cancellation** **Charge** (Paragraph 3.7).

**5** This Section 15 also sets out in Part Three the level of, and arrangements for, security required in respect of the **Cancellation Charge**.

**6** **The Company** shall apply and calculate the **Cancellation Charge Secured Amount** in accordance with this Section 15 Part Three.

**7** This Section 15 also sets out in Part Four the reconciliation process in respect of the **Actual Attributable Works** **Cancellation Charge.**

**7A** This Section 15 also sets out in Part Five the detail on the activation and administration of the **Progression Commitment Fee**.

**8** For reference a number of terms used in this Section 15 are defined within this Section 15.

**9 Distributed Generation**

**Users** in the category of (c) above are liable for the **Cancellation Charge** (or

where the **Distributed Generation** has a **Bilateral Embedded Generation**

**Agreement**, the **Attributable Works Cancellation Charge** and (from the **PCF Activation Date**) the **Progression Commitment Fee** components of the

**Cancellation Charge**) on a reduction in **Developer Capacity** (or in the case of

**Distributed Generation** with a **Bilateral Embedded Generation Agreement**)

**Transmission Entry Capacity** and/or termination of the **Construction**

**Agreement** between **The Company** and the **User**. Given this such **Users** will

have arrangements in place with the **Distributed Generation** for

reimbursement by the **Distributed Generation** of the **Cancellation Charge**

and recognising this there are specific payment arrangements between the

**User** and **The Company** provided for in the **Construction Agreement**

Between the **User** and **The Company**.

**PART TWO CALCULATION OF CANCELLATION CHARGE**

**1.1** The **Cancellation** **Charge** payable shall be calculated in accordance with this Part Two of Section 15.

**1.2** Value Added Tax will be payable on any **Cancellation Charge**.

**2 Completion Date and Trigger Date**

**2.1** In making an **Offer** to a **User** **The Company** will consider the **Construction Works** and **Construction Programme** associated with that **Offer** and taking into account the nature and programming of the **Construction Works** and the **Consents** associated with this will identify dates in the **Construction Agreement** as the **Completion Date**.

**2.2** The **Trigger Date** will be (a) the 1 April which is three **Financial Years** prior to the start of the **Financial Year** in which the **Charging Date** occurs or (b) where the **Charging Date** is less than three **Financial Years** from the date of the **Construction Agreement**, the date of the **Construction Agreement** (in which case the **Financial Year** in which such datefalls is the relevant **Financial Year** within the **Cancellation Charge Profile** working back from the **Charging Date**).

**2.3** The **Trigger Date** is the date from which the **Wider Cancellation Charge** applies and the date from which, in the case of the **Fixed Cancellation Charge**, the **Fixed Attributable Works Cancellation Charge** rather than the **Pre Trigger Amount** applies. Prior to the **Trigger Date**, only the **Attributable Works Cancellation Charge** applies, or in case of the **Fixed Cancellation Charge**, the **Pre Trigger Amount** applies.

**2.4 Changes to Construction Programme or Construction Works or Transmission Entry Capacity** or **Developer Capacity** or **Interconnector User Commitment Capacity**

**2.4.1** Where the **Construction Programme** or the **Construction Works** or **Transmission Entry Capacity** or **Developer Capacity** or **Interconnector User Commitment Capacity** subsequently changes from that in the original **Construction Agreement** the following principles will apply in respect of reassessing the **Trigger Date** and the **Cancellation Charge**.

**2.4.2** Where such change is as a result of **The Company’s** exercise of its rights under the **Construction Agreement** then:

1. Where there is a delay to the **Completion Date** and the **Trigger** **Date** has not passed, the **Trigger Date** will be revised by reference to the revised **Completion Date.** The period for which the **Pre Trigger Amount** applies, will be adjusted to reflect the new **Trigger Date**;
2. Where there is a delay to the **Completion Date** and the **Trigger** **Date** has passed, the **Trigger Date** will be revised by reference to the revised **Completion Date** and the **Cancellation Charge** (including the **Cancellation** **Charge Profile**) will be adjusted to reflect the revised date.
3. In the case of a **Fixed Cancellation Charge**, a change in the **Attributable Works** will not adjust the **Cancellation Charge Profile** unless the **Completion Date** has also changed in which case (ii) above will apply.

**2.4.3** Where a change is as a result of the **User’s** request then, notwithstanding any change in the **Completion Date**;

1. Where there is a delay to the **Completion Date** and the **Trigger** **Date** has not passed, the **Trigger Date** will be revised by reference to the revised **Completion Date**. The period for which the **Pre Trigger Amount** applies, will be adjusted to reflect the new **Trigger Date**;
2. Where there is a delay to the **Completion Date** and the **Trigger Date** has passed, the **Trigger Date** will not be revised by reference to the revised **Completion Date** and the **Cancellation Charge** will not be adjusted downwards but will be held at that level and will increase from that level in line with any new **Construction Programme.**

**3 Calculation of** **Cancellation Charge**

**3.1** The **Cancellation Charge** is the charge due to **The Company** by a **User** on termination of a **Construction Agreement**, **Disconnection** or a reduction in **Transmission Entry Capacity** or **Developer Capacity** or **Interconnector User Commitment Capacity** prior to the **Charging Date** and **Disconnection** or a reduction in **Transmission Entry Capacity** or **Interconnector User Commitment Capacity** on orafter the **Charging Date**.

**3.2** This calculation of the **Cancellation Charge** is different:

1. where the **Construction Agreement** is terminated or **Transmission Entry Capacity** or **Developer Capacity** or **Interconnector User Commitment Capacity** is reduced before the **Trigger Date** (the “**Pre Trigger Amount**” or “**Actual Attributable Works Cancellation Charge**”) (Paragraphs 3.6.1 and 3.7);
2. where the **Construction Agreement** is terminated or **Transmission Entry Capacity** or **Developer Capacity** or **Interconnector User Commitment Capacity** is reduced on or after the **Trigger Date** but prior to the **Charging Date** (the “**Fixed Attributable Works Cancellation Charge**”or “**Actual Attributable Works Cancellation Charge**”and the “**Wider Cancellation Charge**”)(Paragraphs 3.5 to 3.8);
3. depending whether the **Attributable Works Cancellation Charge** is a **Fixed Cancellation Charge** or **Actual Attributable Works Cancellation Charge** (Paragraphs 3.5 to 3.7);
4. where the **Transmission Entry Capacity** or **Interconnector User Commitment Capacity** is reduced or **Disconnection** occurs on or after the **Charging Date** (the “**Wider Cancellation Charge**”)(Paragraph 3.8);
5. depending on the **PCF Activation Date** and, from the **PCF Activation Date**, depending on the value of the **Progression Commitment Fee** calculated in accordance with Part Five of this Section 15.

**3.3** **Where the Construction Agreement is terminated or Transmission Entry Capacity or Developer Capacity or** **Interconnector User Commitment Capacity is reduced before the Trigger Date**

Where a **Construction Agreement** is terminated or **Transmission Entry Capacity** is reduced or **Developer Capacity** isreduced or **Interconnector User Commitment Capacity** is reduced before the **Trigger Date** the **Cancellation Charge** shall be calculated as follows:

(a) Before the **PCF Activation Date** or where no **PCF Activation Date** has been set:

***Cancellation Charge = Attributable Works Cancellation Charge***

(b) From the **PCF Activation Date**:

***Cancellation Charge = Attributable Works Cancellation Charge*** *plus* ***Progression Commitment Fee***

**3.4 Where the Construction Agreement is terminated or Transmission Entry Capacity or Developer Capacity or** **Interconnector User Commitment Capacity is reduced on or after the Trigger date but prior to the Charging Date**

Where a **Construction Agreement** is terminated or **Transmission Entry Capacity** is reduced or **Developer Capacity** isreduced or **Interconnector User Commitment Capacity** is reduced on or after the Trigger date but prior to the **Charging Date** the **Cancellation Charge** shall be calculated as follows:

(a) Before the **PCF Activation Date** or where no **PCF Activation Date** has been set:

***Cancellation Charge = Attributable Works Cancellation Charge*** *plus* ***Wider Cancellation Charge***

(b) From the **PCF Activation Date**:

***Cancellation Charge = Attributable Works Cancellation Charge*** *plus* ***Wider Cancellation Charge*** *plus* ***Progression Commitment Fee.***

The following Paragraphs set out in detail the **Attributable Works Cancellation Charge** and **Wider Cancellation Charge** and Paragraph 3.7 sets out the above calculation by formula.

**3.5 Attributable Works Cancellation Charge**

The **Attributable Works Cancellation Charge** can be either the **Fixed Cancellation Charge** or **Actual Attributable Works Cancellation Charge**.

**3.6 Fixed Cancellation Charge**

Thecalculation of the **Fixed Cancellation Charge** is differentwhere the **Construction Agreement** is terminated or **Transmission Entry Capacity** or **Developer Capacity** or **Interconnector User Commitment Capacity** is reduced before (“**Pre Trigger Amount**”) or on or after the **Trigger Date** (“**Fixed Attributable Works Cancellation Charge**”).

* + 1. **Pre Trigger Amount**

Should a **Construction Agreement** be terminated, or **Transmission Entry Capacity** be reduced or **Developer Capacity** be reduced or **Interconnector User Commitment Capacity** be reduced before the **Trigger Date** the **Fixed Cancellation Charge** is the **Pre Trigger Amount** calculated as a £/MW figure by reference to the **Cancellation Charge Profile**and derived inaccordance with the formula at Paragraph 3.9 and set out in the **Notification of Fixed Cancellation Charge** by reference to which an election is made in accordance with Paragraph 7:

* + 1. **Fixed** **Attributable Works Cancellation Charge**

Where a **Construction Agreement** is terminated or **Transmission Entry Capacity** is reduced or **Developer Capacity** isreduced or **Interconnector User Commitment Capacity** is reduced on or after the **Trigger Date** but prior to the **Charging Date** the **Fixed Cancellation Charge** is the **Fixed** **Attributable Works Cancellation Charge** calculated as follows:

***Fixed Attributable Works Cancellation Charge =*** (***Attributable Works Cancellation Amount******x******MW Reduction******in******Transmission Entry Capacity*** *or* ***Developer Capacity*** *or* ***Interconnector User Commitment Capacity****) x* ***Cancellation Charge Profile***

*Where the* ***Attributable Works Cancellation Amount*** *results in a £/MW figure calculated as follows:*

*(****Estimated Attributable Works Capital Cost*** *x (1 –* ***Local Asset Reuse Factor****) x* ***Strategic Investment******Factor*** x ***Distance Factor****)* ***/ Transmission Entry Capacity or Developer Capacity* or Interconnector User Commitment Capacity**

*Where the* ***Estimated Attributable Works Capital Cost*** *is the fair and reasonable estimate of the* ***Attributable Works Capital Cost*** *for each component within the* ***Attributable Works*** *and which is**as set out in the* ***Notification of Fixed Cancellation Charge*** *by reference to which an election is made in accordance with Paragraph 6.*

*Where the* ***Attributable Works*** *are as specified in Appendix MM of the* ***Construction Agreement*** *at the time of the* ***Notification of Fixed Cancellation Charge*** *by reference to which an election is made in accordance with Paragraph 6.*

*Where the* ***Local Asset Reuse Factor*** *is the factor representing the potential for reuse of each component within the* ***Attributable Works*** *as set out in the* ***Notification of Fixed Cancellation Charge*** *by reference to which an election is made in accordance with Paragraph 6.*

*Where the* ***Strategic Investment Factor*** *is a factor calculated for each component within the* ***Attributable Works*** *as a ratio of the* ***Transmission Entry Capacity*** *and/or* ***Developer Capacity*** *and/*or **Interconnector User Commitment Capacity** *sharing those* ***Attributable Works*** *against the secured capability of the* ***Transmission*** *assets and set out in the* ***Notification of Fixed Cancellation Charge*** *by reference to which an election is made in accordance with Paragraph 6.*

*Where the* ***Distance Factor*** *is a factor calculated for each component within the* ***Attributable Works*** *as a ratio of distance to the nearest suitable MITS substation and distance to the MITS substation where the* ***Attributable Works*** *connect as set out in the* ***Notification of Fixed Cancellation Charge*** *by reference to which an election is made in accordance with Paragraph 6. This factor is only valid for components where distance is relevant i.e. cables and overhead lines.*

*Where the* ***Cancellation Charge Profile*** *is the profile derived in accordance with the formula at Paragraph 3.10 and set out in the* ***Notification of Fixed Cancellation Charge*** *by reference to which an election is made in accordance with Paragraph 6.*

**3.6.3** The **Pre Trigger Amount** and the **Attributable Works Cancellation Amount** (and the factors used in deriving this) and the **Cancellation Charge Profile** are fixed at the time an election is made in accordance with Paragraph 7and the **Pre Trigger Amount** and **Attributable Works Cancellation Amount** are not subject to any further specific adjustment, reconciliation or credit should any of the **Transmission** assets resulting from the **Attributable Works** be reused or of benefit to other **Users**.

**3.7 Actual Attributable Works Cancellation Charge**

**3.7.1** The **Actual Attributable Works Cancellation Charge** is the **Attributable Works Capital Cost** in respect of each component within the **Attributable Works** at the time at which the **Construction Agreement** is terminated or **Transmission Entry Capacity** or **Developer Capacity** or **Interconnector User Commitment Capacity** is reduced including (a) fees, expenses and costs properly payable by **The Company** in respect of, or arising from the termination by **The Company** or any third party of any contract for or relating to the carrying out of any of the **Attributable Works** provided it is negotiated on an arms length basis (including any such arising under the **STC**) and (b) a sum equal to the reasonable costs of removing any **Transmission Connection Assets** and of making good the remaining **Plant** and **Apparatus** following such removal and (c) proper and reasonable expenses incurred and or paid or which **The Company** is legally bound to incur of pay in seeking **Consents** for the **Attributable Works** and (d) interest on any such amounts from the date they were paid by **The Company** to the date of **The Company’s** invoice at 2% over **Base Rate** from time to time and for the time being provided that in each case **The Company** shall take into account the **Local Asset Reuse Factor**, the **Strategic Investment Factor** and the **Distance Factor** as calculated in paragraph 3.6.2, of the **Attributable Works** and any of the resulting **Transmission** assets.

**3.7.2** In the case of the **Actual Attributable Works Cancellation Charge**, on termination of the **Construction Agreement** or reduction in **Transmission Entry** **Capacity** or **Developer Capacity** or **Interconnector User Commitment Capacity** prior to the **Charging Date**, **The Company** shall be entitled to invoice the **User** for a sum equal to **The Company’s** fair and reasonable estimate of the **Actual Attributable Works Cancellation Charge** and so (a) in the case of termination, the **User** shall pay to **The Company** on account of the **Actual Attributable Works Cancellation Charge** a sum equal to the estimate of **Actual Attributable Works Cancellation Charge** as shown in the **Cancellation Charge Statement** for the period in which the termination occurs and (b) in the case of a reduction in **Transmission Entry Capacity** or **Developer Capacity** or **Interconnector User Commitment Capacity,** a sum by reference to the MW reduction based on the £/MW figure derived from the estimate of **Actual Attributable Works Cancellation Charge** as shown in the **Cancellation Charge Statement** for the period in which the termination occurs. These will then be subject to reconciliation in accordance with this Section 15 Part Four.

**3.8 Wider Cancellation Charge**

The **Wider Cancellation Charge** results in a £/MW charge calculated as follows:

***Zonal Unit Amount*** *x (MW of reduction in* ***Transmission Entry Capacity*** *or* ***Developer Capacity*** or **Interconnector User Commitment Capacity***)**x* ***Cancellation Charge Profile***

The **Zonal Unit Amount** is a £/MW figure calculated by reference to the **Generation Zone** in which the **Power** **Station** or **Interconnector** is to be located as set out in the **Cancellation Charge Statement**. It is calculated by reference to the **Annual Wider Cancellation Charge Statement** for the **Financial Year** in which notice of reduction in **Transmission Entry Capacity** or **Developer Capacity** or **Interconnector User Commitment Capacity** is given and/or notice of **Disconnection** is given or, where in the case of an **Event of Default** where notice is not given, the **Financial Year** in which the reduction in **Transmission Entry Capacity** or **Developer Capacity** or **Interconnector User Commitment Capacity** or **Disconnection** occurs.

*Where the* ***Zonal Unit Amount*** *=* ***Load Related Boundary Capex*** *apportioned to* ***Boundaries*** *by* ***Boundary (LR) Level*** *and* ***Non Load Related Boundary Capex*** *apportioned to* ***Boundaries*** *by* ***Boundary (NLR) Level****,**summated and multiplied by* ***Boundary Non Compliance Factors*** *and then**mapped to* ***Generation Zones*** *and divided by the* ***Wider User Commitment Liability******Base****,**excluding those* ***Power Stations*** *or* ***Interconnectors*** *in respect of which a* ***Construction Agreement*** *has terminated or* ***The Company*** *has been notified of a reduction* *in the* ***Transmission Entry Capacity*** *or* ***Developer******Capacity*** *or* ***Interconnector User Commitment Capacity*** *or* ***Disconnection*** *within the period in question.*

*Where* ***Load Related******Boundary Capex*** *is the capex required to increase capability in the network as determined by* ***The Company*** *for a given* ***Financial Year****,**excluding any* ***Attributable Works******Capital Cost****, multiplied by the* ***User Risk Factor*** *and the* ***Global Asset Reuse Factor****,**as set out in the* ***Annual Wider Cancellation Charge Statement****.*

*Where* ***Non Load******Related******Boundary Capex*** *is the capex required to maintain capability in the network as determined by* ***The Company*** *for a given* ***Financial Year****,**excluding any* ***Attributable Works******Capital Cost****, multiplied by the* ***User Risk Factor*** *and the* ***Global Asset Reuse Factor****,**as set out in the* ***Annual Wider Cancellation Charge Statement****.*

*Where the* ***User Risk Factor*** *is the share of total risk between generation and consumers, set at 0.5.*

*Where the* ***Global Asset Reuse Factor*** *for a given* ***Financial Year*** *is as set out in the* ***Annual Wider Cancellation Charge Statement****.*

*Where the* ***Boundaries*** *are as detailed in Section 8 of the* ***Electricity Ten Year Statement (ETYS)****.*

*Where* ***Boundary (LR) Level*** *is the depth of each* ***Boundary*** *as**determined by* ***The Company*** *multiplied by the increase in required capability on that* ***Boundary*** *over the forthcoming four year period, as set out in the* ***Electricity Ten Year Statement (ETYS)****.*

*Where* ***Boundary (NLR) Level*** *is the depth of each* ***Boundary*** *as**determined by* ***The Company*** *multiplied by the available capability on that* ***Boundary*** *in the year in question, as set out in the* ***Electricity Ten Year Statement (ETYS)****.*

*Where* ***Boundary Non Compliance Factors*** *are the ratio between the available capability and required capability on each* ***Boundary*** *as detailed in Section 8 of the* ***Electricity Ten Year Statement (ETYS)****, capped at 100%.*

*Where* ***Generation Zones*** *are (a) as defined in the* ***Electricity Ten Year Statement (ETYS)*** *for the* ***Financial Year*** *in which the termination or reduction in* ***Transmission Entry Capacity*** *or reduction in* ***Developer Capacity*** *or reduction in* ***Interconnector User Commitment Capacity*** *occurs prior to the* ***Charging Date*** *(or where not so defined as set out in the relevant* ***Cancellation Charge Statement****) or (b) as defined in the* ***Electricity Ten Year Statement (ETYS)*** *for the* ***Financial Year*** *in which the notice of* ***Disconnection*** *or reduction in* ***Transmission Entry Capacity*** *occurs on or after the* ***Charging Date****.*

*Where the* ***Wider User Commitment Liability Base*** *is the total amount of generation and* ***Interconnector User Commitment Capacity*** *in MW liable for the* ***Wider Cancellation Charge*** *in the year in question and the total amount of generation and* ***Interconnector User Commitment Capacity*** *in MW which will become liable for the* ***Wider Cancellation Charge*** *in the year in question and set out in the* ***Annual Wider Cancellation Charge Statement****.*

*Where the* ***Cancellation Charge Profile*** *is the profile derived in accordance with the formula at Paragraph 3.10 or 3.11, as appropriate.*

**3.9 Where the Construction Agreement is terminated or Transmission Entry Capacity or Developer Capacity or** **Interconnector User Commitment Capacity is reduced before the Trigger Date**

Should a **Construction Agreement** be terminated, or **Transmission Entry Capacity** be reduced or **Developer Capacity** be reduced or **Interconnector User Commitment Capacity** be reduced before the **Trigger Date,** before the **PCF Activation Date** or where **the PCF Activation Date** has not been set, the **Cancellation Charge** shall be calculated as follows:

*Cancellation Charge = Either the Actual Attributable Works Charge or, where on the Fixed Attributable Works Cancellation Charge, a charge calculated as follows:*

*Reduction in Transmission Entry Capacity or Reduction in Developer Capacity or Reduction in Interconnector User Commitment Capacity x Pre Trigger Amountt*

*Where:*

* *Transmission Entry Capacity /Developer Capacity /Interconnector User Commitment Capacity expressed in MW.*
* *Termination of Construction Agreement equates to a reduction in Transmission Entry Capacity or Developer Capacity or Interconnector User Commitment Capacity to zero*
* *Pre Trigger Amountt which varies according to the number of Financial Years from the date of the Construction Agreement to the Trigger Date:* 
  + *up to the end of the first Financial Year (i.e. t =1), the lower of either (a) Pre Trigger Amountt = (£1000/MW) or (b) a sum equivalent to the Cancellation Charge (and if not known an estimate of this) which would apply in the Financial Year which is 3 Financial Years prior to the Financial Year in which the Charging Date occurs.*
  + *Where t = 2, the lower of either (a) Pre Trigger Amountt = (£2000/MW) or (b) a sum equivalent to the Cancellation Charge (and if not known an estimate of this) which would apply in the Financial Year which is 3 Financial Years prior to the Financial Year in which the Charging Date occurs.*
  + *Where t ≥ 3 up to Trigger Date,the lower of either (a) Pre Trigger Amountt = (£3000/MW) or (b) a sum equivalent to the Cancellation Charge (and if not known an estimate of this) which would apply in the Financial Year which is 3 Financial Years prior to the Financial Year in which the Charging Date occurs.*

**3.9A** From the **PCF Activation Date**, should a **Construction Agreement** be terminated, or **Transmission Entry Capacity** or **Developer Capacity** or **Interconnector User Commitment Capacity** be reduced before the **Trigger Date**, the **Cancellation Charge** shall be calculated as:

***Cancellation Charge = Cancellation Charge (Attributable)*** *plus* ***Progression Commitment Fee***

where ***Cancellation Charge (Attributable)*** is the amount calculated using the formula in Paragraph 3.9.

**3.10 Where the Construction Agreement is terminated or Transmission Entry Capacity or Developer Capacity or** **Interconnector User Commitment Capacity is reduced on or after the Trigger Date but prior to the Charging Date**

Where a **Construction Agreement** is terminated or **Transmission Entry Capacity** is reduced or **Developer Capacity** isreduced or **Interconnector User Commitment Capacity** is reduced on or after the **Trigger Date** but prior to the **Charging Date,** before the **PCF Activation Date** or where **the PCF Activation Date** has not been set,a **User** shall pay the **Cancellation Charge** calculated as follows:

*Cancellation Charge = the sum of (a) Fixed Attributable Works Cancellation Charge or Actual Attributable Works Cancellation Charge and (b) Wider Cancellation Charge*

* 1. *Either the Actual Attributable Works Charge or, where on the Fixed Attributable Works Cancellation Charge, a charge calculated as follows:*

Where:

* *Termination of Construction Agreement equates to reduction in Transmission Entry Capacity or Developer Capacity or Interconnector User Commitment Capacity to zero*
* *Fixed Attributable Works Cancellation Charge = Attributable Works Cancellation Amount x MW reduction in Transmission Entry Capacity or Developer Capacity or Interconnector User Commitment Capacity x Cancellation Charge Profile t*
* *Cancellation Charge Profilet which varies according to the number of Financial Years working back from the Charging Date to the Trigger Date:* 
  + *In the Financial Year in which the Charging Date occurs (t=0), Cancellation Charge Profile = 1.0,*
  + *In the Financial Year which is 1 Financial Year prior to the Financial Year in which the Charging Date occurs (t=1), Cancellation Charge Profile = 0.75;*
  + *In the Financial Year which is 2 Financial Years prior to the Financial Year in which the Charging Date occurs (t=2), Cancellation Charge Profile = 0.5; and*
  + *In the Financial Year which is 3 Financial Years prior to the Financial Year in which the Charging Date occurs (t=3), Cancellation Charge Profile, = 0. 25.*

***AND***

(b) *Wider Cancellation Charge*

Where:

* *Termination of Construction Agreement equates to reduction in Transmission Entry Capacity or Developer Capacity or Interconnector User Commitment Capacity to zero*
* *Wider Cancellation Charge = Zonal Unit Amount x reduction in Transmission Entry Capacity or Developer Capacity or Interconnector User Commitment Capacity x Cancellation Charge Profile t*
* *Cancellation Charge Profilet which varies according to the number of Financial Years working back from the Charging Date to the Trigger Date:* 
  + *In the Financial Year in which the Charging Date occurs (t=0), Cancellation Charge Profile = 1.0,*
  + *In the Financial Year which is 1 Financial Year prior to the Financial Year in which the Charging Date occurs (t=1), Cancellation Charge Profile = 0.75;*
  + *In the Financial Year which is 2 Financial Years prior to the Financial Year in which the Charging Date occurs (t=2), Cancellation Charge Profile = 0.5; and*
  + *In the Financial Year which is 3 Financial Years prior to the Financial Year in which the Charging Date occurs (t=3), Cancellation Charge Profile = 0.25.*

**3.10A** From the **PCF Activation Date**, where a **Construction Agreement** is terminated or **Transmission Entry Capacity** or **Developer Capacity** or **Interconnector User Commitment Capacity** is reduced on or after the **Trigger Date** but prior to the **Charging Date** a **User** shall pay the **Cancellation Charge** calculated as:

***Cancellation Charge = Cancellation Charge (Attributable & Wider)*** *plus* ***Progression Commitment Fee***

where ***Cancellation Charge (Attributable & Wider)*** is the amount calculated using the formula set out in Paragraph 3.10.

**3.11** **Where the Transmission Entry Capacity** or **Interconnector User Commitment Capacity is reduced or Notice of Disconnection is given on or after the Charging Date**

The **Cancellation Charge** payable on notice of **Disconnection** and/or a reduction in **Transmission Entry Capacity** or **Interconnector User Commitment Capacity** on or after the **Charging Date** is calculated on a £/MW basis as follows by reference to the **Zonal Unit** **Amount** for the **Financial Year** in which the notice is given:

*Cancellation Charge = Wider Cancellation Charge*

Where:

* *Disconnection equates to reduction in Transmission Entry Capacity or Interconnector User Commitment Capacity to zero*
* *Wider Cancellation Charge = Zonal Unit Amount for year in which notice of disconnection or reduction is given x reduction in Transmission Entry Capacity or Interconnector User Commitment Capacity x Cancellation Charge Profile t*.
* *Cancellation Charge Profilet which varies according to the number of Financial Years notice given* *from the date of notification to Disconnection or reduction in Transmission Entry Capacity* *or Interconnector User Commitment Capacity*:
  + *where notice is given in the Financial Year in which such notice is to take effect (t=0) Cancellation Charge Profile = 1,*
  + *except as provided below where notice is given in the Financial Year prior to the Financial Year in which such notice is to take effect (t=1), Cancellation Charge Profile = 0.75,*
  + *where notice of reduction of Transmission Entry Capacity is given in the CMP 213 Judicial Review Period which is within a Financial Year prior to the CMP213 Financial Year in which such notice is to take effect (t=1), for the purposes of the Cancellation Charge such notice shall be deemed to have been given in timescales such that the Cancellation Charge Profile = zero where;*
    - *the “CMP213 Judicial Review Period” means the period of 20 Business Days (inclusive) from the day on which (having exhausted all appeals) the Judicial Review proceedings against the Authority’s decision to approve Approved CUSC Modification 213 are concluded*
    - *The « CMP213 Financial Year » means the Financial Year in which Approved CUSC Modification 213 is directed by the Authority to take effect,*
  + *where notice is given in the Financial Year which is two Financial Years prior to the Financial Year in which such notice is to take effect (t=2), Wider Cancellation Charge = zero.*

**4** **Annual Wider Cancellation Charge Statement**

**4.1** By not later than 31 January prior to the start of each **Financial Year** **The Company** will publish a statement showing:

1. the **Zonal Unit Amount** by **Generation Zone** for that **Financial Year**;
2. the **Wider User Commitment Liability Base** for that **Financial Year**;
3. the **Total TO Capex** for that **Financial Year** (*where the* ***Total TO Capex*** *is the forecast of the* ***Load Related Boundary Capex*** *and* ***Non Load Related Boundary Capex*** *for a given* ***Financial Year****,**excluding the total* ***Attributable Works Capital Cost****);*
4. a forecast of the **Total TO Capex** for the following three **Financial Years**;
5. the **Global Asset Reuse Factor** for that **Financial Year**;
6. the **Boundary** **Non Compliance Factors** for that **Financial Year**;
7. a forecast of the **Zonal Unit Amount** by **Generation Zone** for the following three **Financial Years**;
8. the proportion of the **Cancellation Charge** that is required to be secured prior to (and including) and after the **Key Consents in Place Date**.

**4.2** In the event that for any **Financial Year** it is proposed to change the **Global Asset Reuse Factor** or the proportion of the **Cancellation Charge** that is required to be secured prior to (and including) and after the **Key Consents in Place Date** from that set out in the **Annual Wider Cancellation Charge Statement** for the previous **Financial Year**, **The Company** shall not make such change without first consulting on the change (and its provision in electronic form on the Website and in electronic mails to **CUSC Parties** and such other persons who have supplied relevant details shall meet this requirement).

**5. Statement of Cancellation Charge**

**5.1** With an **Offer** **The Company** shall provide each **User** with an indicative profile of the estimated spend in respect of the **Attributable Works** and a **Notification of Fixed Cancellation Charge**.

**5.2 Cancellation Charge Statement**

**5.2.1 The Company** shall issue a **Cancellation Charge Statement** to a **User** showing the amount of the payment required or which may be required to be made by the **User** to **The Company** in respect of the **Cancellation Charge** prior to the **Charging Date** at the following times and in respect of the following periods:-

1. Forthwith on and with effect from the signing of the **Construction Agreement**, in respect of the period from and including the day of signing of the **Construction Agreement** until the next following 30 September or 31 March, whichever is the earlier; and thereafter
2. not less than 75 (seventy five) days (or if such day is not a **Business** **Day** the next following **Business Day**) prior to each 30 September and 31 March thereafter in respect of the period of six calendar months commencing on the immediately following 1 October or 1 April (as the case may be), until the earlier of either thetermination of the relevant **Construction Agreement** or the **Charging Date**.

5.2.2 From the **PCF Activation Date**, **The Company** must also issue a **Cancellation Charge Statement** to the owner/operator of a **Distribution System** showing the amount of the payment required or which may be required to be made by it to **The Company** in respect of the **Cancellation Charge** prior to the **Charging Date** where:

(i) the owner/operator of a **Distribution System** has notified the **Company** that Paragraph 4.4 of Part Five of this Section 15 is expected to, or does, apply in respect of the **Construction Agreement**; and

(ii) the owner/operator subsequently notifies **The Company** that Paragraph 4.4 of Part Five of this Section 15 does not apply,

as soon as reasonably practicable and in respect of the period from the **Cancellation Charge Statement** being issued until the next following 30 September or 31 March, whichever is earlier**.**

**5.3** If a **User** does not elect for the **Fixed Cancellation Charge** (unless and until a **User** subsequently elects for a **Fixed Cancellation Charge** as provided for at Paragraph 7 or advises **The Company** that it does not wish to receive this) **The Company** shall provide a **Notification of** **Fixed Cancellation Charge** and an estimate of the **Actual Attributable Works Cancellation Charge** with each **Cancellation Charge Statement**.

**5.4** The **Actual Attributable Works Cancellation Charge** shall apply unless and until a **User** elects for a **Fixed Cancellation Charge** in accordance with Paragraph 7.

**5.5 Estimating the Actual Attributable Works Cancellation Charge**

In the case of the **Actual Attributable Works Cancellation Charge**, the **Cancellation Charge Statement** shall set outa fair and reasonable estimate of the **Actual Attributable Works Cancellation Charge** for the 6 month period and, for the project generally. In addition the 6 month estimate of the **Actual Attributable Works Cancellation Charge** shall, for the purposes of assessing the **Cancellation Charge Secured Amount**, be prorated on a MW basis between those **Users** who share a component within the **Attributable Works**.

**6 Electing for the Fixed Cancellation Charge**

**6.1** To elect for a the **Fixed Cancellation Charge**, a **User** must notify **The Company** to this effect by (a) returning a signed copy of the **Notification of Fixed Cancellation Charge** with its acceptance of the **Construction Agreement** or (b) , where a **User** does not elect at that time, it can elect 45 days (or if such day is not a **Business** **Day** the next following **Business Day**) prior to each 30 September or 31 March thereafter by returning a signed copy of the **Notification of** **Fixed Cancellation Charge** as provided with the relevant **Cancellation Charge Statement**.

**6.2** Once a **User** has elected for the **Fixed Cancellation Charge**, the **Pre Trigger Amount**, **Attributable Works Amount** and **Cancellation Charge** **Profile** will then be fixed as that set out in the **Notification of** **Fixed Cancellation Charge** by reference to which such election was made and a **User** cannot revert to the **Actual Attributable Works Cancellation Charge**.

**6.2.2** If the **User** becomes aware that the bank or insurance company issuing the **Performance Bond** or **Letter of Credit** ceases to be a **Qualified Bank** or that the company giving the **Performance Bond** ceases to be a **Qualified Company**, the **User** shall so notify **The Company** in writing as soon as it becomes so aware. If **The Company** becomes aware that the bank or insurance company issuing the **Performance Bond** or **Letter of Credit** ceases to be a **Qualified Bank** or that the company giving the **Performance Bond** ceases to be a **Qualified Company**, **The Company** may notify the **User** to that effect in writing. Where the bank, insurance company or the company so ceases to be either a **Qualified Bank** or a **Qualified Company** (as the case may be) as a consequence of **The Company** having reasonable cause to doubt the continued rating of the said bank, insurance company or company, such notice shall be accompanied by a statement setting out **The Company’s** reasons for having such doubt. The **User** shall within 21 days of the giving of such notice by **The Company** or the **User** whichever is the earlier provide a replacement **Performance Bond** and/or **Letter of Credit** from a **Qualified Bank** or **Qualified Company**, as the case may be, and/or provide a cash deposit in the required amount in a **Bank Account**. From the date the replacement **Performance Bond** or **Letter of Credit** or **Bank Account** cash deposit is effectively and unconditionally provided and **Valid**, **The Company** will consent in writing to the security which it replaces being released.

**7 Cancellation Charge Secured Amount Statement**

**7.1** Where a **User** has to provide security in accordance with Part Three of this Section 15 the **Cancellation Charge Statement** shall be accompanied by the **Cancellation Charge Secured Amount Statement**.

**7.2** The **Cancellation Charge Secured Amount** shall be based on the highest level of **Cancellation Charge** due within the period covered by the **Cancellation Charge Secured Amount Statement**.

**8 Interconnector Transition to Cancellation Charge**

**8.1** This provision only applies in respect of **Users** who are **Interconnectors**.

**8.2** The provisions of this Section 15 shall apply in respect of the first **Security Period** which is not less than 6 months after the **Implementation Date** for **CUSC Modification Proposal 222**. In the period prior to that **Security Period** and as soon as practicable after the **Implementation Date** for **CUSC Modification Proposal  222**

8.2.1 **The Company** shall

8.2.1.1             offer to amend each **User’s Construction Agreement** such that it will be substantially in the form of that set out Schedule 2, Exhibit 3 Part 1 (as it relates to the **Cancellation Charge** arrangements);

8.2.1.2             send to each **User** in respect of each **Construction** **Agreement** a **Cancellation Charge Statement** for that **Security Period**

8.2.2      the **User** shall put **Security Arrangements** in place in respect of its **Construction Agreement** in accordance with **CUSC** Section 15 to be effective from the start of that **Security Period** to the next following 31 March or 30 September (whichever is the earlier).

**8.3** If **The Company** and a **User** fail to agree changes to the **Construction Agreement** either such person may refer the matter to the **Authority** under condition E13.5 of the **ESO Licence**.

**PART THREE**

**1. CALCULATION OF CANCELLATION CHARGE SECURED AMOUNT AND CREDIT REQUIREMENTS**

**2.** Each **User** which has a **Construction Agreement** shall provide security in respect of each of its **Construction Agreements** for the **Cancellation Charge Secured Amount** as applied and calculated in accordance with this Part Three of Section 15:

**2.1** in the case of a **User** which meets **The** **Company Credit Rating** at the date of the **Construction Agreement** in accordance with Paragraph 4; and

**2.2** in the case of a **User** which does not meet **The Company Credit Rating** at the date of the **Construction Agreement** or thereafter ceases to meet it, in accordance with Paragraph 5.

**3.** **CALCULATION OF CANCELLATION CHARGE SECURED AMOUNT**

**3.1** Prior to the **Trigger Date** the **Cancellation Charge Secured Amount** is the **Cancellation Charge** as set out in the **Cancellation Charge Statement** for the relevant **Security Period**.

**3.2** On or after the **Trigger Date** until the **Charging Date** before the **PCF Activation Date** or where the **PCF Activation Date** has not been set,the **Cancellation Charge Secured Amount** is that percentage of the figure shown as the **Cancellation Charge** in the **Cancellation Charge Statement** for the relevant **Security Period** determined as follows:

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| For Users in category (a) as per  Section 15 Part One Paragraph 2 |  |
| Prior to (and including) the **Key Consents In Place Date** | the % for that **Financial Year** as set out in the **Annual Wider Cancellation Charge Statement**. |
| From the **Key Consents In Place Date** | the % for that **Financial Year** as set out in the **Annual Wider Cancellation Charge Statement**. |
| For Users in categories (b) and (c)  as per Section 15 Part One  Paragraph 2 |  |
| Prior to (and including) the **Key**  **Consents In Place Date** | the % for that **Financial Year** for  **Distributed Generation** as set out in the  **Annual Wider Cancellation Charge**  **Statement**. |
| From the **Key Consents In Place**  **Date** | the % for that **Financial Year** for  **Distributed Generation** as set out in the  **Annual Wider Cancellation Charge**  **Statement**. |

**3.2A** From the **PCF Activation Date**, on or after the **Trigger Date** until the **Charging Date**,the **Cancellation Charge Secured Amount** shall be calculated as:

KC% of (**Cancellation Charge** minus **Progression Commitment Fee**)

plus **Progression Commitment Fee**

where:

a) KC% is the % as determined for different categories of **User** in accordance with Paragraph 3.2, and

b) the **Cancellation Charge** and the **Progression Commitment Fee** are as set out in the **Cancellation Charge Statement** for the relevant **Security Period**.

**3.3** The **User** shall notify **The Company** once it considers that it has been granted the **Key Consents**. **The Company** shall respond as soon as practicable after such notification confirming that it is satisfied that this is the case or giving reasons why it is not so satisfied.

**3.4** The **Cancellation Charge Secured Amount** shall be calculated using the **Cancellation Charge** inclusive of any applicable **Value Added Tax** that would be due.

**4. PROVISION OF SECURITY WHERE USER MEETS THE COMPANY CREDIT RATING**

**4.1** The **User** shall as soon as possible after entering into a **Construction Agreement** and/or **Bilateral Connection Agreement** or **Bilateral Embedded Generation Agreement** and in any event no later than one (1) month after the date of the same confirm to **The Company** whether it meets **The Company Credit Rating**. Thereafter not less than 75 days before the 1 April and 1 October each year until 30 days after the **Charging Date** the **User** shall confirm to **The Company** whether it meets **The Company Credit Rating** (which in the case of a long term private credit rating shall be confirmed by Standard and Poor’s or Moody’s within a period of 45 days prior to the date of confirmation). The **User** shall inform **The Company** in writing forthwith if it becomes aware of no longer meeting **The Company Credit Rating** or if it is or is likely to be put on credit watch or any similar credit surveillance procedure which may give **The Company** reasonable cause to believe that the **User** may not be able to sustain meeting **The Company Credit Rating** for at least 12 months.

**4.2** In the event that the **User** has elected to provide **The Company** with an indicative credit rating and **The Company** is of the reasonable opinion that the **User** has ceased to comply with the requirements of Paragraph 4.1 then **The Company** may require the **User** forthwith:

**(i)** to apply to Standard and Poor’s and/or Moody’s for a further indicative long term private credit rating; or

**(ii)** to confirm to **The Company** that it shall provide the security referred to in Paragraph 4.4 below.

**4.3** In the event of the **User**:

**(i)** not meeting **The Company Credit Rating**; or

**(ii)** having a credit rating below **The Company Credit Rating**; or

**(iii)** not having obtained from Standard and Poor’s or Moody’s within 30 days of the written notification under Paragraph 4.2(i) above an indicative long term private credit rating,

or if **The Company** becomes aware that:

**(iv)** the **User** ceases to meet **The Company Credit Rating**; or

**(v)** the **User** is put on credit watch or other similar credit surveillance procedure as specified above which may give **The Company** reasonable cause to believe that the **User** may not be able to maintain **The Company Credit Rating** for at least 12 months; or

**(vi)** the **User** has not obtained from Standard and Poor’s within 30 days of the written notification by **The Company** under Paragraph 4.2(i) above a further indicative long term private credit rating,

the **User** shall (where appropriate on receipt of written notification from **The Company**) comply with the terms of Paragraph 4.4.

**4.4** The **User** shall within 21 days of the giving of a notice under Paragraph 4.3 or within 30 days of the **User** confirming to **The Company** under Paragraph 4.2(ii) that it will provide the security specified below (whichever is the earlier), provide **The Company** with the security specified below to cover the **Cancellation Charge Secured Amount** for the relevant **Security Period** as notified by **The Company** to the **User.**

**4.5** The form of security provided shall be of a type set out in Paragraph 6.

**4.6** If the facts of circumstances giving rise to the obligation of the **User** to provide the security have ceased, then **The Company** shall release the security.

**5. PROVISION OF SECURITY WHERE USER DOES NOT MEET OR CEASES TO MEET THE COMPANY CREDIT RATING**

**5.1** Each **User** hereby agrees that it shall at the date of the relevant **Construction Agreement** and/or **Bilateral Connection Agreement** or **Bilateral Embedded Generation Agreement** provide to **The Company** or procure the provision to **The Company** of, and the **User** shall until 28 days after the **Charging Date** maintain or procure that there is maintained in full force and effect (including by renewal or replacement) a security arrangement from time to time and for the time being as set out in Paragraph 6 to provide security for the **Cancellation Charge Secured Amount**.

**5.2** If there shall be any dispute between the **User** and **The Company** as to:-

1. the fairness and reasonableness of the estimate of the **Attributable Works Capital Charge**; or
2. the calculation of the **Cancellation Charge**, or
3. whether there has been an **Event of Default** as provided in **CUSC** Section 5; or
4. the lawfulness or otherwise of any termination or purported termination of the **Construction Agreement**,

such dispute shall not affect the ability of **The Company** to make demands pursuant to the security arrangement to be provided pursuant to this **CUSC** Section 15 and to recover the amount or amounts payable thereunder, it being acknowledged by the **User** that but for such being the case **The Company’s** security would be illusory by reason of the period of validity of the relevant security being likely to expire or capable of expiring before the final resolution of such dispute. The **User** accordingly covenants with **The Company** that it will not take any action, whether by way of proceedings or otherwise, designed or calculated to prevent, restrict or interfere with the payment to **The Company** of any amount secured under the security arrangement nor seek nor permit nor assist others to do so.

**6. TYPES OF SECURITY**

**6.1** The **User** shall from time to time and for the time being as set out in Paragraph 5 provide security for the **Cancellation Charge Secured Amount** by any one of the following:-

**6.1.1** A **Performance Bond** or **Letter of Credit** from a **Qualified Bank** for **Cancellation Charge Secured Amount** for a given **Security Period**, such **Performance Bond** or **Letter of Credit** to be **Valid** for at least that given **Security Period** and to be renewed periodically where applicable in the manner stated in paragraph 6.2.3; or

**6.1.2** A cash deposit in a **Bank Account** at least for the amount of the **Cancellation Charge Secured Amount** to be secured for a given **Security Period**, such cash deposit to be increased or reduced periodically where applicable in the manner stated in paragraph 6.2.4; or

**6.1.3** A **Performance Bond** from a **Qualified Company** for the amount of the **Cancellation Charge Secured Amount** to be secured for a given **Security Period**, such **Performance Bond** to be **Valid** for at least that **Security Period** and to be renewed periodically where applicable in the manner stated in paragraph 6.2.3.

**6.2** **General Provisions** **regarding Security**

**6.2.1** Any **Notice of Drawing** to be delivered to Barclays Bank PLC or any other bank at which the **Bank Account** shall have been opened or a **Qualified** **Bank** or a **Qualified Company** may be delivered by hand, by post or by other agreed communication method.

**6.2.2** If the **User** becomes aware that the bank issuing the **Performance Bond** or **Letter of Credit** ceases to be a **Qualified Bank** or that the company giving the **Performance Bond** ceases to be a **Qualified Company**, the **User** shall so notify **The Company** in writing as soon as it becomes so aware. If **The Company** becomes aware that the bank issuing the **Performance Bond** or **Letter of Credit** ceases to be a **Qualified Bank** or that the company giving the **Performance Bond** ceases to be a **Qualified Company**, **The Company** may notify the **User** to that effect in writing. Where the bank or the company so ceases to be either a **Qualified Bank** or a **Qualified Company** (as the case may be) as a consequence of **The Company** having reasonable cause to doubt the continued rating of the said bank or company, such notice shall be accompanied by a statement setting out **The Company’s** reasons for having such doubt. The **User** shall within 21 days of the giving of such notice by **The Company** or the **User** whichever is the earlier provide a replacement **Performance Bond** and/or **Letter of Credit** from a **Qualified Bank** or **Qualified Company**, as the case may be, and/or provide a cash deposit in the required amount in a **Bank Account**. From the date the replacement **Performance Bond** or **Letter of Credit** or **Bank Account** cash deposit is effectively and unconditionally provided and **Valid**, **The Company** will consent in writing to the security which it replaces being released.

**6.2.3** The following provisions shall govern the issuance, renewal and release of the **Performance Bond** or **Letter of Credit**:-

**6.2.3.1**  The **Performance Bond** or **Letter of Credit** shall be **Valid** initially for the **First Security Period**. Such **Performance Bond** or **Letter of Credit** shall be for an amount not less than the **Cancellation Charge** **Secured Amount** for that **First Security Period**.

**6.2.3.2** On a date which is at least 45 days (or if such day is not a **Business Day** then on the immediately preceding **Business Day**) before the start of each following **Security Period** such **Performance Bond** or **Letter of Credit** shall be renewed so as to be **Valid** for not less than such **Security Period** and in the case of the last **Security Period** to be **Valid**, unless **The Company** agrees otherwise, for 45 days after the last day of such **Security Period**. Such renewed **Performance Bond** or **Letter of Credit** shall be for an amount not less than the **Cancellation Charge Secured Amount** to be secured during that **Security Period**.

**6.2.4** The following provisions shall govern the maintenance of cash deposits in the **Bank Account**:-

**6.2.4.1** The amount of the **User’**s cash deposit to be maintained in the **Bank Account** shall be maintained by the **User** from the date of the **Construction Agreement** at least to the end of the **First Security Period**. Such cash deposit shall be in the amount of the **Cancellation Charge Secured Amount** to be secured during that **First Security Period**.

**6.2.4.2** If the amount of the **Cancellation Charge Secured Amount** to be secured from the start of each **Security Period** is an amount greater than the amount then secured, the **User’s** cash deposit in the **Bank Account** in respect of the **Security Amount** shall be increased by the **User** to such greater amount on the date which is 21 days before the start of the given **Security Period**.

**6.2.4.2a** The value of any cash deposit to be provided by the **User** under 6.2.4.2 shall be notified to **The Company** in writing on or before 45 calendar days before the start of the given Security Period.

**6.2.4.3** If the **Cancellation Charge Secured Amount** for a given **Security Period** is smaller than the amount then secured, the **User’s** cash deposit in the **Bank Account** in respect of the **Security Amount** shall not be reduced to the amount so stated until the expiry of 7 days after the start of that given **Security Period** (“the **Release** **Date**”).

**6.2.4.4** The sum equal to the amount of reduction in the **User**’s cash deposit in the **Bank Account** in respect of the **Security Amount** shall be paid by **The Company** to the **User** from the **Bank Account** on the **Release Date**.

**6.2.4.5** Any interest accruing in respect of the **User**’s cash deposit in the **Bank Account** in respect of the **Security Amount** shall be for the account of and belong to the **User** absolutely, and **The Company** agrees to take any steps required to be taken by it for the release from the **Bank Account**  (or any other bank account in the name of **The Company** in which such interest is held) and payment to the **User** of such interest as soon as **The Company** shall have received notice from the **User** requesting such payment.

**6.2.4.6** For the avoidance of doubt, the **User**’s cash deposit in the **Bank Account** shall remain the sole property and entitlement of the **User** until such time when (and to such extent as) the **Company** exercises its right of set off against the **User**’s cash deposit in accordance with the terms of the **CUSC**, and the **User** shall have no right to have the cash deposit returned to it for so long as it is under any prospective or contingent liability to the **Company**.

**6.3** Notwithstanding any provision aforesaid:-

**6.3.1** The **User** may provide different securities to **The Company** at any one time, each securing a different amount, provided that the aggregate amount secured by such securities shall be not less than the amount of the **Cancellation Charge Secured Amount** required to be secured for that **Security Period**.

**6.3.2** The **User** may upon the expiry of at least 14 days prior written notice to **The Company**, substitute one type of security for another provided that unless **The Company** shall otherwise agree in writing such substituted security must be **Valid** from the first day of the relevant **Security Period** and committed at least 45 days before this in the following manner:-

**(a)** where a **Performance Bond** or a **Letter of Credit** is to substitute for other securities, it must be issued or given at least 45 days before the start of the **Security Period** to which it relates.

**(b)** where a cash deposit in a **Bank Account** is to substitute for other securities, it must be deposited into the **Bank Account** at least 45 days before the start of the **Security Period** to which it relates.

**6.3.3** Upon request by the **User** to **The Company**, securities substituted in the aforesaid manner shall, providing the substitute security shall be **Valid**, be released on the first day of the **Security Period** which the substitute security is securing. However, where the **Cancellation Charge Secured Amount** to be secured for any **Security Period** is less than the amount required to be secured in the preceding **Security Period**, the substituted security shall not be released until 7 days after the start of the **Security** **Period** that that substitute security is securing.

**6.3.4** Where the User provides securities to The Company in multiple types as per paragraph 6.1, the provisions of paragraph 6.2.3 and 6.2.4 shall apply respectively to each type of security.

**PART FOUR RECONCILIATION OF ACTUAL ATTRIBUTABLE WORKS CANCELLATION CHARGE**

**1.** As soon as practicable and in any event within 60 days of the date, as appropriate, of termination of the **Construction Agreement** or reduction in **Transmission Entry Capacity** or **Developer Capacity** or **Interconnector User Commitment Capacity** **The Company** shall:

**(a)** furnish the **User** with a state­ment showing a revised estimate of the **Actual Attributable Works Cancellation Charge** and will provide as soon as practicable evidence of such having been incurred; and

**(b)** furnish the **User** with justification of and supporting information in respect of its assessment of the actual or potential for reuse and any strategic benefits of the **Attributable Works** and any of the resulting **Transmission** assets.

**2.** As soon as reasonably practicable after termination of this **Construction Agreement** or reduction in **Transmission Entry Capacity** or **Developer Capacity** or **Interconnector User Commitment Capacity** and in any event within 12 months of such event **The Company** shall provide the **User** with a final statement of the **Actual Attributable Works Cancellation Charge**. If the **Actual Attributable Works Cancellation Charge** is greater than the payments made by the **User** in respect of **The Company’s** estimate(s) of the **Actual Attributable Works Cancellation Charge** the **User** shall within 28 days of the said statement and invoice prepared by **The Company** pay to **The Company** the additional payments due by the **User** together with interest calculated thereon on a daily basis at **Base Rate** for the time being and from time to time from the date of previous payment(s) to the date of the final statement of the **Actual Attributable Works Cancellation Charge** and final invoice for the **Attributable Works Cancellation Charge**. If the **Actual Attributable Works Cancellation Charge** is less than the payments made by the **User** in respect of **The Company’s** estimate(s) of the **Actual Attributable Works Cancellation Charge** **The Company** shall forthwith pay to the **User** the excess paid together with interest on a daily basis at **Base Rate** for the time being and from time to time from the date of payment of the fair and reasonable estimate of the **Actual Attributable Works Cancellation Charge** to the date of reim­bursement by **The Company** of the said excess paid.

**PART FIVE**  **ACTIVATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE PROGRESSION COMMITMENT FEE**

**1.1** The **Progression Commitment Fee** shall become payable in accordance with, and shall be calculated in accordance with, this Part Five. For the avoidance of doubt, the **Progression Commitment Fee** is only payable (in accordance with this Section 15) from the **PCF Activation Date**, which shall not be set until the **PCF Activation Metric** has reached the **PCF Activation Threshold**.

2 **Activation of the Progression Commitment Fee**

2.1 Subject to Paragraph 2.2, twice each **Financial Year**, **The Company** must use the data it holds to calculate and publish on its web-site the **PCF Activation Metric**. **The Company** must publish the **PCF Activation Metric**:

2.1.1 on or before 1 August (or, where 1 August is not a **Business Day**, the following **Business Day**) in each **Financial Year** for the period from the start of the current **PCF Metric Period** until the end of the immediately preceding month of June**;** and

2.1.2. on or before 1 February (or, where 1 February is not a **Business Day**, the following **Business Day**) each **Financial Year** for the period from the start of the current **PCF Metric Period** until the end of the immediately preceding month of December.

2.2 Paragraph 2.1 shall not apply:

2.2.1 for the period from the date the **PCF Activation Metric** published in accordance with Paragraph 2.1 exceeds the **PCF Activation Threshold** to the end of the **PCF Metric Period**; or

2.2.2 from the point **The Company** has set out the **PCF Activation Date** in a **PCF Determination Notice**.

2.3 Where the **PCF Activation Metric** calculated and published in accordance with Paragraph 2.1 exceeds the **PCF Activation Threshold**, **The Company** must within one month of that publication determine whether or not, in its view, the **Progression Commitment Fee** should become payable (in accordance with this Section 15), notify the **Authority** of its determination and publish this determination on its web-site.

2.4 Within two months of a notification by **The** **Company**, having regard to **The Company’s** determination under Paragraph 2.3, the **Authority** may determine whether or not, in its view, the **Progression Commitment Fee** should become payable (in accordance with this Section 15).

2.5 Within five **Business Days** of a determination by the **Authority** under Paragraph 2.4 or, where there is no such determination, within five **Business Days** following the end of the period set out in Paragraph 2.4, **The Company** must publish on its web-site a **PCF Determination Notice** setting out any determination made.

2.6 **The Company** must include a **PCF Activation Date** in the **PCF Determination Notice** where either:

2.6.1 the **Authority** has determined under Paragraph 2.4 that the **Progression Commitment Fee** should become payable; or

2.6.2 **The Company** has determined under Paragraph 2.3 that the **Progression Commitment Fee** should become payable and the **Authority** has not, within the period set out in Paragraph 2.4, determined that the **Progression Commitment Fee** should not become payable.

2.7 Other than as provided for in Paragraph 2.6, **The Company** may not include a **PCF Activation Date** in a **PCF Determination Notice**.

2.8 For the avoidance of doubt, the **Progression Commitment Fee** shall not become payable in the remainder of the **PCF Metric Period** where in the **PCF Metric Period** either:

2.8.1 the **Authority** has determined under Paragraph 2.4 that the **Progression Commitment Fee** should not become payable; or

2.8.2 **The Company** has determined under Paragraph 2.3 that the **Progression Commitment Fee** should not become payable and the **Authority** has not, within the period set out in Paragraph 2.4, determined that the **Progression Commitment Fee** should become payable.

2.9 Where the **Progression Commitment Fee** has not become payable during a **PCF Metric Period**, **The Company** must consider whether or not, in its view, the **PCF Activation Threshold** is appropriate and publish this determination on its web-site, together with any change **The Company** would propose, within three months following the end of the **PCF Metric Period**. (For the avoidance of doubt, that determination will not itself change the **PCF Activation Threshold**.)

3 **Information exchange to support calculation of the PCF Activation Metric**

3.1 Subject to Paragraph 3.3, twice each **Financial Year** each owner/operator of a **Distribution System** must notify to **The Company** the cumulative total of **Developer Capacity** in MW for **Relevant** **Construction Agreements** between it and **The Company** which:

3.1.1 were terminated as a result of termination (by the owner/operator of the **Distribution System**) of a related **Distribution Connection Agreement** due to a failure by the developer to meet **Milestone 1**; or

3.1.2 had **Developer Capacity** reduced as a result of termination (by the owner/operator of the **Distribution System**) of a related **Distribution Connection Agreement** due to a failure by the developer to meet **Milestone 1** (where the **Construction Agreement** relates to more than one **Distribution Connection Agreement**).

3.2 The owner/operator of a **Distribution System** must provide the notification in Paragraph 3.1:

3.2.1 on or before 14 July (or, where 14 July is not a **Business Day**, the following **Business Day**) in each **Financial Year** for the period from the start of the current **PCF Metric Period** until the end of the immediately preceding month of June**;** and

3.2.2. on or before 14 January (or, where 14 January is not a **Business Day**, the following **Business Day**) each **Financial Year** for the period from the start of the current **PCF Metric Period** until the end of the immediately preceding month of December.

3.3 Paragraph 3.1 shall cease to apply from the point **The Company** has set out the **PCF Activation Date** in a **PCF Determination Notice**.

3.4 Each owner/operator of a **Distribution System** must provide the information set out in Paragraph 3.1 in such form, and promptly provide such further relevant information, as **The Company** may reasonably request from time to time.

4 **Calculation of the Progression Commitment Fee**

4.1 The following Paragraphs set out in detail how the **Progression Commitment Fee** shall be calculated.

4.2 The **Progression Commitment Fee** shall be calculated as follows:

4.2.1. where a **Construction Agreement** is terminated, the **Progression Commitment Fee** shall be equal to the **Applicable PCF**, and

4.2.2 where **Transmission Entry Capacity** or **Developer Capacity** or **Interconnector User Commitment Capacity** is reduced:

**Progression Commitment Fee** = **Applicable PCF** × (**C - RC**),

where:

**Applicable PCF** is calculated in accordance with Paragraphs 4.3 and 4.4;

**C**  is the **Transmission Entry Capacity** or **Developer Capacity** or **Interconnector User Commitment Capacity**;

**RC**  is the **Transmission Entry Capacity** or **Developer Capacity** or **Interconnector User Commitment Capacity** under the **Construction Agreement** as reduced.

4.3 Subject to Paragraph 4.4, the **Applicable PCF** shall be calculated as follows for the time periods set out below:

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| **Time Period** | **Applicable PCF calculation** |
| Where the **Construction Agreement** is entered into before or on the **PCF Activation Date**, the period from the **PCF Activation Date** to the end of the **PCF Period**,  OR  where the **Construction Agreement** is entered into after the **PCF Activation Date,** the period from the **Construction Agreement** being entered into to the end of the **PCF Period**.  (in either case being the first **PCF Period**) | £2,500/MW × **Transmission Entry Capacity** or **Developer Capacity** or **Interconnector User Commitment Capacity** |
| Second **PCF Period** | £5,000/MW × **Transmission Entry Capacity** or **Developer Capacity** or **Interconnector User Commitment Capacity** |
| Third **PCF Period** | £7,500/MW × **Transmission Entry Capacity** or **Developer Capacity** or **Interconnector User Commitment Capacity** |
| Fourth **PCF Period** and any subsequent **PCF Periods** | £10,000/MW × **Transmission Entry Capacity** or **Developer Capacity** or **Interconnector User Commitment Capacity** |

4.4 Notwithstanding Paragraph 4.3 above, the **Progression Commitment Fee** shall be £0 in relation to a **Construction Agreement**:

4.4.1 where the **Construction Agreement** was entered into on or before the **PCF Activation Date** and there is six months or less between the **PCF Activation Date** and **Milestone 1**;

4.4.2 where the **Construction Agreement** is entered into after the **PCF Activation Date** andthere is six months or less remaining until **Milestone 1**;

4.4.3 where the **Construction Agreement** is entered into without **Milestone 1** being determined and, once determined, there is six months or less between the date the **Construction Agreement** was entered into and **Milestone 1**;

4.4.4 for so long as there is no determined **Milestone 1**; or

4.4.5 where **Milestone 1** has been reached,

provided that, where the **Construction Agreement** is between an owner/operator of a **Distribution System** and relates to more than one **Distribution Connection Agreement**, the **Progression Commitment fee** shall be £0 only in relation to the **Distribution Connection Agreement(s)** where the relevant subparagraph above applies**.**

5 **Information exchange to support application of the Progression Commitment Fee**

5.1 Within one month of a **PCF Determination Notice** which sets out the **PCF Activation Date**,each owner/operator of a **Distribution System** must notify **The Company** for each **Construction Agreement** entered into between it and **The Company** whether or not Paragraph 4.4 applies to the **Construction Agreement** and, if it applies, the relevant sub-paragraph on which this is based.

5.2 From the **PCF Activation Date** the owner/operator of a **Distribution System** must, on or before the date it provides **The Company** with a signed **Construction Agreement**, notify **The Company** of whether or not it reasonably expects Paragraph 4.4 to apply to the **Construction Agreement** once entered into and, if it will apply, the relevant sub-paragraph on which this is based.

5.3 Where, in accordance with Paragraph 5.2, the owner/operator of a **Distribution System** has notified **The Company** that Paragraph 4.4 is expected to apply to a **Construction Agreement** once entered into on the basis that **Milestone 1** has not been determined, the owner/operator of a **Distribution System** must, within three months of a **Construction Agreement** being entered into, notify **The Company** of whether or not Paragraph 4.4 applies to the **Construction Agreement** and, if it applies, the relevant sub-paragraph on which this is based.

5.4 Where an owner/operator of a **Distribution System** has notified to **The Company**:

5.4.1 in accordance with Paragraph 5.2 that it reasonably expects Paragraph 4.4 to apply to the **Construction Agreement** (other than on the basis that **Milestone 1** has not been determined); or

5.4.2 in accordance with Paragraph 5.3 that Paragraph 4.4 does apply to the **Construction Agreement**,

it must use best endeavours to notify **The Company** promptlyif it becomes aware that circumstances have changed such that Paragraph 4.4 does not apply.

5.5 From the **PCF Activation Date**,each owner/operator of a **Distribution System** must by the 14th day of each month (or, where the 14th day is not a **Business Day,** the next **Business Day**) notify **The Company** of the following in respect of the **PCF Distribution Notice Period**:

5.5.1 the details of **Construction Agreements** entered into between it and **The Company** where **Milestone 1** has been met; and

5.5.2 the details of **Construction Agreements** entered into between it and **The Company** which have been terminated or where **Developer Capacity** has been reduced without **Milestone 1** having been met.

5.6 Where the **Construction Agreement** relevant to any notification provided under Paragraphs 5.1 to 5.5 relates to more than one **Distribution Connection Agreement** the owner/operator of a **Distribution System** must provide details for each **Distribution Connection Agreement**.

5.7 Each owner/operator of a **Distribution System** must promptly provide such further information to **The Company** as **The Company** may reasonably request from time to time to enable it to calculate the **Progression Commitment Fee** which may be payable (or the **Cancellation Charge Secured Amount**)in relation to a **Construction Agreement**.

5.8 Each owner/operator of a **Distribution System** must provide the information set out in Paragraphs 5.1 to 5.7 in such form, and promptly provide such further relevant information, as **The Company** may reasonably request from time to time.

Relevant definition extracts from Section 11

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| "**Applicable PCF"** | the amount calculated in accordance with Paragraphs 4.3 to 4.4 of Part Five of the **User Commitment Methodology**; |
| **"Distribution Connection Agreement"**  ***[Drafting note – change to existing definition]*** | in the context of the Distribution Queue Management Process and the User Commitment Methodology means, as appropriate, the agreements between the owner/operator of a Distribution System and (a) a User for the connection of a User’s project to that Distribution System or (b) a developer for the connection of it’s project to the Distribution System; |
| **“Milestone 1”** | the **User Progression Milestone** “Milestone 1 Initiated Statutory Consents and Planning Permission”, set out in the table in Paragraph 16.3 of Section 16 or, where the **Distribution Queue Management Process** applies, the equivalent milestone (relating to the initiation of statutory consents and planning permission) under the relevant **Distribution Connection Agreement**; |
| **“PCF Activation Date”** | the date set out by **The Company** in a **PCF Determination Notice**, which must be not less than three months following a determination by the **Authority** under Paragraph 2.4 of Part Five of the **User Commitment Methodology** or, where there is no such determination, not less than three months following the end of the period set out in that Paragraph 2.4; |
| **“PCF Activation Metric”** | the cumulative total (in MW) of **Transmission Entry Capacity**, **Developer Capacity** and **Interconnector User Commitment Capacity** for **Relevant Construction Agreements** which:  (a) were terminated (by **The Company**)due to a failure by the **User** to meet **Milestone 1**;  (b) were terminated as a result of termination (by the owner/operator of a **Distribution System**) of a related **Distribution Connection Agreement** due to a failure by the developer to meet **Milestone 1**; or  (c) had **Developer Capacity** reduced as a result of termination (by the owner/operator of a **Distribution System**) of a related **Distribution Connection Agreement** due to a failure by the developer to meet **Milestone 1** (where the **Construction Agreement** relates to more than one **Distribution Connection Agreement**);  during the **PCF Metric Period** in which the calculation is undertaken; |
| **“PCF Activation Threshold”** | 6,500MW; |
| **“PCF Determination Notice”** | the notice issued by **The Company** in accordance with Paragraph 2.5 of Part Five of the **User Commitment Methodology**; |
| **“PCF Distribution Notice Period”** | (a) in the case of the first notification provided in accordance with Paragraph 5.1 of Part Five of the **User Commitment Methodology**, the period from the date Part Five of the **User Commitment Methodology** takes effect to the 14th day of the month before the notification; and then  (b) in the case of any subsequent such notifications, the period from the 15th day of the month two months before the notification to the 14th day of the month before the notification; |
| **“PCF Metric Period”** | (a) the period from the date Part Five of the **User Commitment Methodology** takes effect until 31 December 2030; and then  (b) each subsequent period of five years commencing on 1 January and ending on 31 December; |
| **“PCF Period”** | each six month period commencing on the 1 April or 1 October; |
| **“Progression Commitment Fee”** | the component of the **Cancellation Charge** which applies from **PCF Activation Date** as more particularly described in Parts One, Two and Five of the **User Commitment Methodology**; |
| **“Relevant Construction Agreement”** | a **Construction Agreement** in relation to which the **Cancellation Charge** is payable in accordance with the **User Commitment Methodology**; |