

1. SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The intent of Modification Proposal P25 (the "Proposal"), "Commissioning Status in NETA", is to enhance the objective of the Balancing Settlement Code ("BSC"), as set out in NGC's Transmission Licence, to "*promote effective competition in the generation and supply of electricity*". The Proposal suggests that the BSC should be amended to provide for a "Commissioning Status" to be granted to new plant. In recognition of the some of the problems often faced by plant during the commissioning phase, the Proposal recommends that some form of relief from System Buy Price and System Sell Price exposure should be then provided to plant granted this status.

An Initial Written Assessment of the Proposal was considered by the Panel meeting on 12 July 2001. The Panel recommended that the Proposal be progressed through the Definition Procedure, for report to the Panel on 23 August 2001. This report documents the findings of this Definition Procedure by the P25 Modifications Group.

The Modifications Group:

- (i) considered representations from 13 Parties provided in response to a consultation on the Initial Written Assessment;**
- (ii) has developed a clear definition of the Proposal suitable for subsequent assessment;**
- (iii) recommends that the Panel should refer the Proposal back to the Modifications Group for Assessment and that the Assessment Report be completed and presented to the Panel meeting on 18th October 2001; and**
- (iv) recommends that the Panel should direct the Modification Group to take account of a number of issues identified.**