

## Special CUSC Panel Minutes: 18 March 2020

### CUSC Panel Minutes: Meeting Number 247

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**Date:** 18/03/2020      **Location:** WebEx  
**Start:** 10:00am      **End:** 11:00am

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### Participants

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Attendee	Initials	Company
Trisha McAuley	TM	Independent Panel Chair
Paul Mullen	PM	Code Administrator, National Grid Electricity System Operator
Ren Walker	RW	Technical Secretary, Code Administrator, National Grid Electricity System Operator
Jon Wisdom	JW	National Grid Electricity System Operator
Joseph Dunn	JD	Users' Panel Member
Paul Mott	PMO	Users' Panel Member
Thomas Johns	TJ	Authority Representative
Andy Pace	AP	Users' Panel Member
Garth Graham	GG	Users' Panel Member
Grace March	GM	Users' Panel Member

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Mark Duffield	MD	Users' Panel Member
Cem Suleyman	CS	Users' Panel Member
Andrew Enzor	AE	Users' Panel Member
Rachel Kettles	RK	SSE Networks (Proposer of CMP337 & CMP338)
Michael Ferguson	MF	SSE Networks (Proposer of CMP337 & CMP338)
<b>Apologies</b>	<b>Initials</b>	<b>Company</b>
Paul Jones	PJ	Users' Panel Member
Simon Lord	SL	Users' Panel Member (Alternate)
Nadir Hafeez	NH	Authority Representative
Damian Clough	DC	BSC Representative

## 1. Introductions and Apologies for Absence

10125. Apologies were received from Paul Jones, Simon Lord, Nadir Hafeez and Damian Clough.

## 2. Urgency Requests and Votes

### **CMP337 'Impact of DNO Contributions on Actual Project costs and Expansion Factors' & CMP338 'Impact of DNO Contributions on Actual Project costs and Expansion Factors – New Definition of Cost Adjustment'**

10126. CMP337 seeks to allow Distribution Network Operators to contribute to the cost of new transmission assets, and allow this contribution to be netted off from the Transmission Owner's actual project costs in a way which maintains the exact pro-rating of costs between local and wider TNUoS charge elements as is currently in place. CMP338 introduces a new definition of "Cost Adjustment" to give effect to CMP337.

10127. At the January 2020 Panel meeting, Panel asked for clarity on a few issues before determining whether both modifications should proceed to Workgroup or Code Administrator Consultation. At February 2020 Panel meeting, Panel determined that CMP337/338 should proceed to Workgroup and agreed the Terms of Reference for the Workgroup.

10128. On 9 March 2020, the Proposer sought that these Modifications should be treated as Urgent Modifications. The urgency letter, submitted by the proposer can be found via the following link:

<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/codes/connection-and-use-system-code-cusc/modifications/cmp337-impact-dno-contributions-actual>

10129. The Panel welcomed the clear rationale from the Proposer why they believe both modifications meet each of Ofgem's Urgency Criteria. The Panel unanimously

recommended that CMP337/CMP338 should be treated as Urgent CUSC Modification Proposals.

10130. On 23 March 2020, Panel formally requested approval from Ofgem that these Modifications be treated as Urgent CUSC Modification Proposals under CUSC Section 8.24.4 – link to letter is attached

### **CMP339 - Consequential changes for CMP317/327 (TCR)**

10131. JW from National Grid ESO provided an overview of CMP339. JW stated that CMP339 seeks to allow the CMP317/327 Workgroup to develop the appropriate definitions needed for the Original and any alternative proposals and any other changes outside of Section 14 as appropriate. Panel unanimously agreed that given the TCR SCR direction issued to the Proposer, that there is a risk of a breach of a relevant legal requirement on the Proposer. Panel therefore unanimously recommended that CMP339 should be treated as an Urgent CUSC Modification Proposal (subject to Ofgem Approval).

10132. Panel also unanimously recommended that no Workgroup Consultation phase is needed for CMP339 (subject to Ofgem Approval). On 23 March 2020, Panel formally requested approval from Ofgem that this Modification is an Urgent CUSC Modification Proposal under CUSC Section 8.24 and that the Panel is allowed (under CUSC Section 8.24.7) to deviate from part of the CUSC Modification Procedures, specifically the removal of the need for a Workgroup Consultation. This request asks for a decision by 27 March 2020. **(Post Meeting Note: Decision expected w/c 30 March 2020)**All CMP339 documentation can be located via the following link:

<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/industry-information/codes/connection-and-use-system-code-cusc/modifications/consequential-0>

### **CMP340 - Consequential changes for CMP332 (TCR)**

10133. JW from National Grid ESO provided an overview of CMP340. JW stated that CMP340 will allow the CMP332 Workgroup to develop the appropriate definitions needed for the Original and any alternative proposals and any other changes outside of Section 14 as appropriate. Panel unanimously agreed that given the TCR SCR direction issued to the Proposer, there is a risk of a breach of a relevant legal requirement on the Proposer. Panel therefore unanimously recommended that CMP340 should be treated as an Urgent CUSC Modification Proposal (subject to Ofgem Approval).

10134. Panel also unanimously recommended that no Workgroup Consultation phase is needed for CMP340 (subject to Ofgem Approval). On 23 March 2020, Panel formally requested approval from Ofgem that this Modification is an Urgent CUSC Modification Proposal under CUSC Section 8.24 and that the Panel is allowed (under CUSC Section 8.24.7) to deviate from part of the CUSC Modification Procedures, specifically the removal of the need for a Workgroup Consultation. This request asks for a decision by 27 March 2020. **(Post Meeting Note: Decision expected w/c 30 March 2020 but urgency not required given the delay in Implementation to 1 April 2022)**

10135. All CMP340 documentation can be located via the following link:

<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/industry-information/codes/connection-and-use-system-code-cusc/modifications/consequential-changes>

## **3. AOB**

### **TCR Modifications Delivery**

10127. GG raised a concern regarding the current timescale of the TCR Modifications and how and if these could still be achieved with current circumstances (COVID-19). GG requested that an agenda item be added to the CUSC Panel on 27 March 2020, for the Panel to further discuss this. PM confirmed that this has been added to the agenda.

**The next CUSC Panel meeting will be held on Friday 27 March 2020 via WebEx only.**