

CUSC Workgroup Consultation Response Proforma

CMP345: 'Defer the additional Covid BSUoS costs'

Industry parties are invited to respond to this consultation expressing their views and supplying the rationale for those views, particularly in respect of any specific questions detailed below.

Please send your responses to cusc.team@nationalgrideso.com by **5pm on 3 June 2020**. Please note that any responses received after the deadline or sent to a different email address may not receive due consideration by the Workgroup.

If you have any queries on the content of this consultation please contact Paul Mullen at paul.j.mullen@nationalgrideso.com or cusc.team@nationalgrideso.com.

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For reference the applicable CUSC Charging objectives are:

Relevant Objective
(a) That compliance with the use of system charging methodology facilitates effective competition in the generation and supply of electricity and (so far as is consistent therewith) facilitates competition in the sale, distribution and purchase of electricity;
(b) That compliance with the use of system charging methodology results in charges which reflect, as far as is reasonably practicable, the costs (excluding any payments between transmission licensees which are made under and accordance with the STC) incurred by transmission licensees in their transmission businesses and which are compatible with standard licence condition C26 requirements of a connect and manage connection);
(c) That, so far as is consistent with sub-paragraphs (a) and (b), the use of system charging methodology, as far as is reasonably practicable, properly takes account of the developments in transmission licensees' transmission businesses;
(d) Compliance with the Electricity Regulation and any relevant legally binding decision of the European Commission and/or the Agency. These are defined within the National Grid Electricity Transmission plc Licence under Standard Condition C10, paragraph 1 *; and
(e) To promote efficiency in the implementation and administration of the CUSC arrangements

Please express your views regarding the Workgroup Consultation in the right-hand side of the table below, including your rationale.

CMP345 - Standard Workgroup Consultation questions		
1	Do you believe that the CMP345 Original Proposal better facilitates the Applicable CUSC Charging Objectives?	Yes
2	Do you support the proposed implementation approach for CMP345?	Yes, we support that the implementation is backdated such that it covers the Covid costs from 1 May 2020 to the 23 June 2020 (and beyond to 31 August 2020) and to apply these costs across the BSUoS charging base for the whole 2021/22 charging year.
3	Do you have any other comments?	Click or tap here to enter text.
4	Do you wish to raise a Workgroup Consultation Alternative Request for the Workgroup to consider?	No
Specific Workgroup Consultation Questions		
5	Do you believe it is necessary to define Covid related costs for the purposes of BSUoS charging as a result of this Modification proposal? Please provide rationale to support your response.	We have no firm views at this point
6	Do you agree with the Original Proposal (and each of the potential alternatives) as to what constitutes Covid related costs? Please provide rationale to support your response.	We have no firm views at this point
7	Do you think any deferral of Covid costs should be i) within the 2020/2021 Charging Year only, ii) deferred to the 2021/2022 Charging Year or iii) deferred to 2022/2023 Charging Year or iv) deferred equally across the 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 Charging Years? Please provide rationale to support your response.	<p>We believe the deferral of the £500 million for Covid related costs should be smeared across the whole of 2021/22 charging year.</p> <p>This is a fair and less discriminatory way of recovering deferred costs.</p>

8	<p>Do you consider it appropriate to smear the entire deferred Covid costs equally across the whole of a Charging Year e.g. 2021/2022 or target the deferred Covid costs to the equivalent Settlement Periods in 2020/21 in which Covid costs arose? If the charge was to be applied equally across a Charging Year should that be on a per Settlement period only basis or on a per MWh basis? Please provide rationale to support your response.</p>	<p>Yes, we consider it appropriate to smear the entire deferred Covid costs equally across the whole of 2021/22 charging year rather than the equivalent settlement period in which Covid costs arose.</p> <p>This is a less discriminatory way of socialising the cost impact of Covid, and as mentioned by the proposer it removes the risk of cost avoidance or potential gaming</p> <p>Retaining the recovery on the charge via a per MWh basis is our preferred option. This retains close alignment with current BSUoS recovery, thereby reducing further distortions.</p>
9	<p>Do you consider it appropriate to codify a capped figure for the Covid costs to be deferred? If so, based on the information available, what value do you believe it should be? Please provide rationale to support your response.</p>	<p>We have no firm views on this currently</p>
10	<p>Do you agree that the period to be covered for deferral of Covid costs should be limited to those incurred up to 31 August 2020?</p>	<p>Given the uncertainty around Covid, we believe the period covered could be extended to September on the condition that it mirrors any additional services National Services ESO could potentially procure in that month.</p>
11	<p>Do you think the impact of the Covid pandemic on BSUoS is sufficient to justify a different approach to charging BSUoS in advance of the second BSUoS Taskforce completing its work? Bearing in mind the short timescale for implementation do you agree with the approach in the option outlined above? Please provide a rationale with your response.</p>	<p>No. Taking a different approach prior to the conclusions of the second BSUoS Task Force introduces yet more change and unpredictability into BSUoS that erodes investment certainty.</p>
12	<p>Do you agree with the financing options set out above? Is there another way? Please provide</p>	<p>We have no firm views on this currently</p>

	rationale to support your response.	
13	Do you agree with the impacts we have set out in this Workgroup Consultation? Have we missed any impacted parties? Please provide details to support your response.	We have no firm views on this currently