

## CUSC Code Administrator Consultation

# CMP346: Price Control Updates to Charging Parameters

### Overview:

This modification seeks to amend incorrect and misleading references to old charging parameters in CUSC Section 14.

### Modification process & timetable



Have 3 minutes Read our [Executive summary](#)

Have 10 minutes Read the full [Code Administrator document](#)

Have 20 minutes Read the full Code Administrator document and annexes

**Status summary:** Code Administrator Consultation. We are now consulting on this proposed change.

**This modification is expected to have a:**  
**Low impact**  
Generator Users liable for TNUoS charges and Users liable for connection charges.

**Governance route**  
The CUSC Panel by majority agreed that this modification should follow the self-governance route and proceed to Code Administrator Consultation. The Panel will make the decision on whether it should be implemented.

**Who can I talk to about the change?**

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**How do I respond?**

Send your response proforma to [cusc.team@nationalgrideso.com](mailto:cusc.team@nationalgrideso.com) by **5pm on 11 September 2020**

## Executive Summary

CMP346 intends to amend any incorrect and misleading references to old charging parameters in Section 14 of the CUSC.

## What is the issue?

CUSC Section 14 defines a number of parameters that are used to derive Transmission Network Use of System (TNUoS) tariffs and also Connection charges, which must be reviewed and updated in preparation for the start of each new price control period.

Many of the parameters described in Section 14 have values included within the text which are either currently out of date or will be once they have been updated in preparation for the forthcoming RIIO-2 price control period, to apply from April 2021.

## What is the solution and when will it come into effect?

### Proposers solution:

This modification seeks to amend references to out of date charging parameters in CUSC Section 14, by removing the parameter values and instead referring the User to the Charging Statement, a document which ESO are obliged to publish in line with condition C5A of the National Grid Electricity System Operator Electricity Transmission Licence and is published each year on the [NGESO website](#). This contains up to date values for each parameter.

### Implementation date:

The proposed implementation date is 01 April 2021.

## What is the impact if this change is made?

### Who will it impact?

This modification will have a low impact on Generator Users liable for TNUoS charges and Users liable for connection charges.

## Code Administrator Consultation

This document is the CMP346 **Code Administrator Consultation**. This document outlines;

- **What is the issue?**
- **What is the solution?**
  - Proposer's solution
  - Legal text
- **What is the impact of this change?**
- **When will the change taken place?**
- **How to respond**
- **Acronym table and reference material**

We are seeking views on the proposed change. The questions it is seeking answers on are embedded within the document and outlined in the [How to respond](#) section.

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Changes would be limited to Section 14 of the CUSC to clarify, for each affected input parameter, where to find the current parameter value.

### Why is it an issue?

The inclusion of out of date parameters within CUSC section 14 is misleading and unhelpful to Users, it may lead to confusion and the potential use of incorrect data.

By referencing the Charging Statement, which is updated annually, this will provide customers with one accurate place to find current parameters, which will improve the clarity of charges. It also removes the need for annual CUSC modifications to be raised to maintain current values where parameters are subject to annual indexation.

## What is the solution?

### Proposer's solution:

This modification seeks to amend references to out of date charging parameters in CUSC Section 14. By removing the parameter values and referring the User to the Charging Statement, a document which the ESO publish in line with condition C5A of the National Grid Electricity System Operator Electricity Transmission Licence and is published each year on the [NGESO website](#). This contains up to date values for each parameter.

Where example calculations are given for a parameter, these will be updated, where necessary, to ensure it is clear that it is not the current data that is being used. For clarity,

if any impacted paragraphs also contain out of date references (to other paragraphs within the CUSC), these will also be updated.

Publication of the revised charging parameters in the charging statement, will;

- avoid the potential for incorrect, out of date, parameters to be available which could inadvertently be used by customers;
- avoid additional administrative burden on the industry of having to raise annual CUSC modifications to keep the parameters up to date for those which are subject to annual indexation.

For the avoidance of doubt, this modification is limited to those charging parameters, tariffs and generation charging zones which are reviewed at the start of a new price control period.

This modification intends to modify the location of the charging parameter values only. There is no change to the charging methodology for calculation of the charging parameters, and therefore there is no impact on the collection of Transmission Owner or Offshore Transmission Owner allowed revenue.

## Legal text

The legal text for this change can be found in Annex 3.

## What is the impact of this change?

### Who will it impact?

This modification will have a low impact on Generator Users liable for TNUoS charges and Users liable for connection charges.

## Proposer's Assessment against Code Objectives

Impact of the modification on the Code objectives:	
Relevant Objective	Identified impact
(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;	Positive
(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	None

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;	None
(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 Transmission Licence under Standard Condition C10, paragraph 1; and	None
(e) Promoting efficiency in the implementation and administration of the system charging methodology.	Positive
*Objective (d) refers specifically to European Regulation 2009/714/EC. Reference to the Agency is to the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER).	

Demonstration of how the Relative Objectives are furthered:

**(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**

The changes remove a barrier to entry which could be caused by incorrect or misleading information being included in the CUSC. Confusion where out of date parameter values is still available could cause new customers to inadvertently use incorrect information.

**(e) Promoting efficiency in the implementation and administration of the CUSC arrangements.**

The changes will provide customers with one accurate place to find current parameters and will only require a single CUSC modification to achieve it. This avoids additional administrative burden on the industry of having to raise annual CUSC modifications to keep the parameters up to date for those which are subject to annual indexation.

**Code Administrator Consultation question:** Do you believe that CMP346 Original proposal better facilitates the Applicable CUSC Charging Objectives?

## When will this change take place?

### Implementation date:

The proposed implementation date is 01 April 2021.

### Implementation approach:

This modification contains clarifications for calculations that are linked to the Price Control it would ideally be approved prior to the beginning of the RII0-2 price control period, in April 2021, for implementation on 1st April 2021.

**Code Administrator Consultation question:** Do you support the implementation approach?

## How to respond

### Code Administrator Consultation questions:

1. Do you believe that CMP346 Original proposal better facilitates the Applicable CUSC Objectives?
2. Do you support the proposed implementation approach?
3. Do you have any other comments?

Please send your response to [cusc.team@nationalgrideso.com](mailto:cusc.team@nationalgrideso.com) using the response proforma which can be found on the National Grid ESO website via the following [link](#).

*If you wish to submit a confidential response, please note that information provided in response to this consultation will be published on National Grid ESO's website unless the response is clearly marked "Private & Confidential", we will contact you to establish the extent of the confidentiality. A response marked "Private & Confidential" will be disclosed to the Authority in full but, unless agreed otherwise, will not be shared with the CUSC Modifications Panel or the industry and may therefore not influence the debate to the same extent as a non-confidential response. Please note an automatic confidentiality disclaimer generated by your IT System will not in itself, mean that your response is treated as if it had been marked "Private and Confidential".*

### Acronym table and reference material

Acronym	Meaning
ACER	Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators
CUSC	Connection and Use of System Code
NGESO	National Grid Electricity System Operator
SCR	Significant Code Review
STC	System Operator Transmission Owner Code
TCMF	Transmission Charging Methodology Forum
TNUoS	Transmission Network Use of System
TRC	Transmission Running Cost

### Reference material:

1. <https://www.nationalgrideso.com/industry-information/charging/charging-guidance>

**Annexes**

Annex	Information
Annex 1	CMP346 Proposal Form
Annex 2	Self-Governance Statement
Annex 3	Legal Text