

Headline Report – 22 March 2021 and 26 March 2021

Connection and Use of System Code (CUSC) Panel

The CUSC Panel Headline Report is produced after every CUSC Panel and aims to provide an overview of the key decisions made. Minutes for this meeting will be published separately.

22 March 2021

New Modifications

1 new Modification Proposal was presented for consideration.

CMP367 ‘Urgent housekeeping modification as a result of 1 April implementations’

CMP367 seeks to amend Section 14 of the CUSC due to the overlap of the implementation of CMP333 and CMP360 (if approved by the Authority). It also aligns numbering within Section 14.30.

The CUSC Panel on 22 March 2021 unanimously agreed that CMP367 met Ofgem’s Urgency criteria (c) and therefore recommended urgent treatment to Ofgem (**Post Meeting Note: Ofgem approved this request for Urgency on 23 March 2021**). The CUSC Panel also unanimously agreed that CMP367 should proceed to Code Administrator Consultation. (**Post Meeting Note: The Code Administrator Consultation was run from 5pm on 23 March 2021 to 5pm on 25 March 2021 with 2 responses received**).

CMP367 documentation can be found via the following link:

<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/industry-information/codes/connection-and-use-system-code-cusc-old/modifications/cmp367-urgent>

26 March 2021

Approval of Panel Minutes

The meeting minutes from the CUSC Panels on 26 February 2021¹ and 2 March 2021 were approved at the CUSC Panel meeting on 26 March 2021. These will be uploaded to our website.

Prioritisation Stack

For each Modification in the prioritisation stack, Panel have determined if the Priority is “High”, “Medium to High”, “Medium”, “Low” to “Medium or Low”. Panel continue to review the prioritisation stack on a monthly basis and every quarter hold a more in-depth review (ahead of this review, Proposers will be asked to provide updated justification against the prioritisation criteria). This in-depth review was last completed at the February 2021 Panel.

At March 2021 Panel, the CUSC Panel reviewed CMP286/287 following a stakeholder’s question about why this wasn’t currently being progressed. CUSC Panel’s views were mixed on the materiality of the proposed change; however, before they consider amending CMP286/287’s position in the prioritisation stack, they needed assurance that the Proposer still wishes to progress this. Code Admin noted they have already tried to contact the Proposer but would contact them again ahead of April 2021 Panel and provide them with some options on next steps.

The full discussions on each Modification can be found [here](#).

New Modifications

2 new Modification Proposals were presented for consideration.

CMP365 ‘Improvements to CUSC Governance Arrangements’

CMP365 seeks to incorporate a smoother and more efficient process for code modifications that will allow for the best use of industry time.

CUSC Panel unanimously agreed that CMP365 should follow standard governance route and proceed to Code Administrator Consultation once a possible issue in the legal text has been addressed. Code Admin intend to issue the Code Administrator Consultation on 12 April 2021.

CMP365 documentation can be located via the following link:

<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/industry-information/codes/connection-and-use-system-code-cusc-old/modifications/cmp365>

CMP366 ‘Housekeeping Modification as a result of CMP346 and CMP324/CMP325 1 April 2021 implementation’

CMP366 seeks to ensure that the legal text in paragraph 14.14.5 reads correctly, following the implementation of CMP346 and CMP324/CMP325 (WACM2).

¹ Subject to comments from Panel members being incorporated

The Panel unanimously agreed that CMP366 met the Self Governance and Fast Track criteria and agreed the modification should be implemented. Planned date for implementation is 30 April 2021 subject to there being no objections received from industry in the Appeals Window (31 March 2021 – 5pm on 23 April 2021)

CMP366 documentation can be located via the following link:

<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/industry-information/codes/connection-and-use-system-code-cusc-old/modifications/cmp366>

New / Pending Authority Decisions

Ofgem provided an update on Modifications that are currently awaiting their decision or have been decided upon since CUSC Panel on 29 January 2021:

Decisions since last normal monthly Panel

Modification	Decision Date
CMP367	Decision to agree to Urgent treatment was made on 23 March 2021.
CMP360	Decision was made on 25 March 2021 – the Original Proposal will be implemented on 1 April 2021.

Awaiting Decisions

- On the remainder of the TCR decisions, which Ofgem are prioritising, Ofgem provided the following update:

Modification	Decision Date / Anticipated Decision Date
CMP335/336 and CMP343/340	Decision expected on CMP343 w/c 29 March 2021 with the decisions on CMP340 and CMP335/CMP336 to follow this.

- On the other outstanding decisions:

Modification	Decision Date / Anticipated Decision Date
CMP344	Ofgem noted the Proposer's request for a decision date by 25 January 2021 to allow an implementation of 1 April 2021. However, they do not expect to make a decision until w/c 29 March 2021.
CMP300	Ofgem at January 2021 Panel indicated that a decision would be made ~ mid-February 2021 but at March 2021 Panel advised that a decision would now not be until April 2021 due to high workload on Capacity Market issues.
CMP280	Update on CMP280 was provided on 2 October 2020. Ofgem will consider whether or not CMP280 is needed after they have decided on the other Transmission Demand Residual Modifications but do not expect to make a decision on CMP280 in the near future.
CMP292	CMP292 decision was expected 20 September 2019; however, this remains de-prioritised due to Ofgem's focus on the TCR modifications.

In flight Modifications

Please refer to latest Modification Tracker for an update on each in flight Modification. This is published monthly at <https://www.nationalgrideso.com/industry-information/codes> and will be published on 7th of the following month or the next working day thereafter.

Draft Final Modification Reports

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The CUSC Panel on 26 March 2021 unanimously recommended that the CMP367 Original is implemented (**Post Meeting Note: Final Modification Report sent to Ofgem 26 March 2021 requesting decision by end March 2021 in order to allow Implementation on 1 April 2021**)

CMP367 documentation can be found via the following link:

<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/industry-information/codes/connection-and-use-system-code-cusc-old/modifications/cmp367-urgent>

Workgroup Reports

CMP326 'Introducing a 'Turbine Availability Factor' for use in Frequency Response Capacity Calculation for Power Park Modules (PPMs)'

CMP326 seeks to introduce a cap on the MW element in the Holding Payment calculation to reflect reduced capability to ramp from de-loaded positions – this will be dependent on proportion of turbines available.

The CUSC Panel on 26 March 2021 unanimously agreed that the Workgroup Report had met its Terms of Reference and could proceed to Code Administrator Consultation - this will be opened on 6 April 2021 and run until 5pm on 6 May 2021.

CMP326 documentation can be found via the following link:

<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/industry-information/codes/connection-and-use-system-code-cusc-old/modifications/cmp326-introducing>

Questions or feedback?

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