

Headline Report – 30 April 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.

Approval of Panel Minutes

The meeting minutes from the CUSC Panels on 22 and 26 March 2021 will be presented for approval at the CUSC Panel on 28 May 2021 alongside the minutes from the CUSC Panels on 16, 21 and 30 April 2021.

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 April 2021 Panel, the CUSC Panel discussed the prioritisation of the following 3 Modifications but left them unchanged in the prioritisation stack:

CMP286/287	April 2021 Panel left priority unchanged. They noted that Paul Mullen spoke to Proposer on 1 April 2021 and that the Proposer remains keen to move this forward. However, the Proposer acknowledged they may need to review their solution following the TCR decisions.
CMP315	April 2021 Panel noted that no CMP315 Workgroups are planned to be held until the ESO have clarified their wider solution on the Expansion Constant but the ESO, the CMP315 Proposer would continue to discuss data requirements with the Transmission Owners. ESO are expected to raise a Modification in ~ June 2021 and it is possible that the scope of CMP315 is incorporated within this Modification. On balance, the Panel agreed to keep CMP315 high in the prioritisation stack given the materiality of the proposed change and the expected ESO Modification even though there will be no Workgroups planned for the foreseeable future.
CMP368/369	CUSC Panel on 30 April 2021 agreed to place high in the prioritisation stack as this is related to the TCR and an Ofgem decision is needed by 31 October 2021.

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

New Modifications

3 new Modification Proposals were presented for consideration.

CMP370 ‘Revision of the connection offer acceptance period for interactive connection offers’

A new Interactivity policy has been developed collaboratively with industry through the Energy Networks Association (ENA) Open Network Projects. CMP370 seeks to align the CUSC with this Interactivity policy.

CUSC Panel unanimously agreed that CMP370 should follow standard governance route and proceed straight to Code Administrator Consultation once questions raised by the Panel have been addressed. The Proposer are seeking to respond to Panel by 5pm on 7 May 2021 with a view to the Code Administrator Consultation being issued on 14 May 2021.

CMP370 documentation can be located via the following link:

<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/industry-information/codes/connection-and-use-system-code-cusc-old/modifications/cmp370-revision>

CMP371 ‘Assessing CUSC Modification Proposals against charging and standard objectives’

CMP371 seeks to update CUSC Section 8 such that it is possible, under one CUSC Modification Proposal, to change CUSC provisions relating to Connection Charges, and Use of System Charging Methodologies alongside non-charging provision.

CUSC Panel unanimously agreed that CMP371 should follow standard governance route and proceed straight to Code Administrator Consultation subject to tweaks to the proposed legal text being made. The Code Administrator Consultation is expected to be issued on 11 May 2021.

CMP371 documentation can be located via the following link:

<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/industry-information/codes/connection-and-use-system-code-cusc-old/modifications/cmp371-assessing>

CMP372 ‘CUSC changes to reflect the terms of the UK’s departure from the EU’

CMP372 seeks to ensure that retained EU law functions effectively in the context of the CUSC following the UK-EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement and the end of the transition period. It will ensure that the CUSC takes into account the provisions in the relevant Statutory Instruments prepared under the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 as amended by the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020.

CUSC Panel unanimously agreed that CMP372 should proceed straight to Code Administrator Consultation. However, the governance route could not be determined as current legal text indicates there may be EBGL interactions, which means the final decision must be made by Ofgem and therefore would need to follow standard governance. A Panel member proposed changes to the legal text for the Proposer to review and it is possible as part of the Proposer's review that the text being changed that impacts EBGL could be removed and therefore self-governance would be an option. The updated legal text will be circulated for Panel to review and as part of this review, the governance

route will be determined by Panel. The Code Administrator Consultation is expected to be issued w/c 10 May 2021.

CMP372 documentation can be located via the following link:

<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/industry-information/codes/connection-and-use-system-code-cusc-old/modifications/cmp372-cusc>

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 26 March 2021:

Decisions since last normal monthly Panel

Modification	Decision Date
CMP368/369 Urgency Request	Decision received 22 April 2021 to reject request for Urgency
CMP373 Urgency Request	Decision received 23 April 2021 to approve request for Urgency

Awaiting Decisions

Ofgem did provide an update at Panel on the Modifications awaiting decision. However, on 4 May 2021, Ofgem published a table that provides the expected decision date, or date they intend to publish an impact assessment or consultation, for code modifications/proposals that are with them for decision [here](#) and the CUSC position is summarised below:

Modification	Decision Date / Anticipated Decision Date
CMP335/336 and CMP343/340	Consultation on CMP343 to be published 10 May 2021. Expected decision dates for all these Modifications is 27 August 2021
CMP300	17 May 2021
CMP280	27 May 2021
CMP292	30 June 2021

Post Meeting Note: On 5 May 2021, Ofgem sent back CMP344 'Clarification of Transmission Licensee revenue recovery and the treatment of revenue adjustments in the Charging Methodology' as the Final Modification Report lacks clarity

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

None presented this month

Workgroup Reports

None presented this month

Questions or feedback?

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