

Headline Report – 25 June 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 Panel on 28 May 2021 will be presented for approval at the CUSC Panel on 30 July 2021 alongside the minutes from the CUSC Panel on 25 June 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 will next be carried out at our July 2021 Panel.

At June 2021 Panel, the CUSC Panel discussed the prioritisation of the following Modifications:

Modification	Comments	Position in Prioritisation Stack
CMP375	CMP375 was presented to the June 2021 Panel. Panel agreed that CMP315 will be progressed in parallel with CMP375 with Workgroups on the same day. Panel noted that CMP375 is a complex change and agreed that it is better to commence this as soon as possible and provide clarity for stakeholders on the future of the Expansion Constant and placed this “High” in the prioritisation stack. Given the interaction with CMP315, CMP315 will remain high in the prioritisation stack.	Placed as “High”
CMP315		Remain as “High”
CMP363/CMP364	Panel noted that implementation is expected to be delayed by 1 year from 1 April 2022 to 1 April 2023. However, as this is only Ofgem's minded to position (and therefore is not yet confirmed), the June 2021 Panel agreed to leave CMP363/364 as “High” in the prioritisation stack and re-consider at the next Panel after Ofgem's minded to position is confirmed.	Remain as “High”
CMP316	Some Panel members noted that there has been greater interest in co-location over the last 2-3	Moved from “Medium” to “Medium to High”

	months and a Panel Member believed more sites will be re-purposed in the near future. Therefore, the June 2021 Panel agreed to change the priority from "Medium" to Medium to High". Code Admin have previously reached out to the Proposer to get confirmation of numbers and content of Workgroups needed, which they will use to draw up a timeline and agreed to chase Proposer accordingly.	
CMP291	A Panel Member (and Proposer of CMP291) noted that the revised terms of reference for GC0117 ask the GC0117 Workgroup to consider the work done on CMP291). Therefore, although the Panel Member (and Proposer of CMP291) was not specifically seeking to raise the priority of CMP291, it now seems that CMP291 is considered relevant to the work of both GC0117 and also the Open Networks project and therefore there is a case for it to be moved up the prioritisation stack. Panel questioned whether there was indeed any dependency on GC0117 needing CMP291 to progress and Code Admin agreed to discuss with the Grid Code Review Panel ESO and Code Admin representatives to understand this further. Therefore, CMP291 will remain "Low" in the prioritisation stack.	Remain as "High"

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

New Modifications

1 new Modification Proposal was presented for consideration.

CMP375 'Enduring Expansion Constant & Expansion Factor Review'

CMP375 seeks to amend the calculation of the Expansion Constant & Expansion Factors to better reflect the growth of and investment in the National Electricity Transmission System (NETS).

CUSC Panel unanimously agreed that CMP375 should follow standard governance route and proceed to Workgroup that will be run in parallel with CMP315 but not at this stage formally amalgamated.

CMP375 documentation can be located via the following link:

<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/industry-information/codes/connection-and-use-system-code-cusc-old/modifications/cmp375-enduring>

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 30 April 2021:

No Decisions received since last normal monthly Panel

Awaiting Decisions

Ofgem did provide an update at Panel on the Modifications awaiting decision. However, since 4 May 2021 Ofgem have 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. This was last updated on 17 June 2021 and is published [here](#). The CUSC position is summarised below:

Modification	Expected 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.
CMP280	30 June 2021 (previously 8 June 2021)
CMP292	30 September 2021 (previously 30 June 2021) as Ofgem consider this to be low priority
CMP300	9 July 2021 (previously 4 June 2021) as Ofgem noted that CMP300 has raised some legal issues that are taking more time to address than previously anticipated.
CMP326	Final Modification Report received 10 June 2021 – expected decision date 10 August 2021
CMP365	Final Modification Report received 10 June 2021 – expected decision date 16 July 2021

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

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.

Following the closure of the Code Administrator Consultation run from 14 May 2021 to 7 June 2021, the Proposer (after discussion with the respondent who raised concerns on the definition of “Interactivity” and a further Legal view for ESO), proposed changes to the definition of Interactivity. The CUSC Panel considered these changes and agreed that these changes were not typographical. CUSC Panel therefore agreed that a 2nd Code Administrator Consultation would be run (specifically

re: the definition of Interactivity) for 5 working days between now and the July 2021 Panel at which the CMP370 Draft Final Modification Report will be presented for Panel recommendation vote.

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.

The CUSC Panel on 25 June 2021 discussed the responses to the Code Administrator Consultation specifically as to whether or not this is consistent with the requirements of the transmission licence with Panel noting that this decision would be made by Ofgem; and how the Panel vote would work with the majority agreeing that the Panel would vote against both the charging and standard objectives and provide a single recommendation on a CUSC Modification Proposal as a whole. CUSC Panel by majority recommended this should be implemented. Final Modification Report will be issued to Ofgem on 7 July 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.

The CUSC Panel on 25 June 2021 unanimously agreed that this should be implemented. The Appeals Window will be opened from 6 July 2021 and close 5pm on 27 July 2021. If no appeals are received by 5pm on 27 July 2021, CMP372 will be implemented on 3 August 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>

Workgroup Reports

None presented this month

Questions or feedback?

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