

## CUSC Alternative Form

# CMP298 WACM3 (combination of WACM1 and WACM2)

**Overview:** Removal of an explicit approval step by ESO in the process; and removal of the re-work fee (charged from the ESO to the DNO) when confirming if requirements of Transmission Impact Assessment are met

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### What is the proposed alternative solution?

As per WACM1 and WACM2

### What is the difference between this and the Original Proposal?

As per WACM1 and WACM2

### What is the impact of this change?

Proposer's Assessment against CUSC Non-Charging Objectives	
Relevant Objective	Identified impact
(a) The efficient discharge by the Licensee of the obligations imposed on it by the Act and the Transmission Licence;	<b>Positive:</b> There are new obligations on whole system and this removes commercial uncertainty for customers connecting at Distribution and unnecessary cross charging of costs. If each party is responsible for its own costs it drives more efficient behaviours than if it can charge another party for it.
(b) Facilitating effective competition in the generation and supply of electricity, and (so far as consistent therewith) facilitating such competition in the sale, distribution and purchase of electricity;	<b>Positive:</b> The removal of the approval step will give more commercial certainty to Distributed Generation customers wishing to connect. The ESO can raise, by exception, issues and therefore there is no detriment to the ESO.  The removal of the re-work charge streamlines the process and will speed up the process thereby facilitating speedier connections.
(c) Compliance with the Electricity Regulation and any relevant legally binding decision of the European Commission and/or the Agency *; and	<b>None</b>

<p>(d) Promoting efficiency in the implementation and administration of the CUSC arrangements.</p>	<p><b>Positive:</b> The removal of the approval step will remove a process step that undermines the stated intention of this change ie to allow DNOs to make connection offers setting out the transmission impact within the DNO's licence timescales which can then be accepted by the customer without further reference to the ESO.</p> <p>Removal of the re-work charge brings a number of benefits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• It removes the administrative burden of raising and paying invoices</li><li>• It removes a hurdle in the efficient processing of changes</li><li>• Any charges to the DNO would be socialised and therefore it adds an unnecessary step</li><li>• If each party is responsible for its own costs it drives more efficient behaviours than if it can charge another party for it.</li></ul>
<p>*Objective (c) refers specifically to European Regulation 2009/714/EC. Reference to the Agency is to the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER).</p>	

**When will this change take place?****Implementation date:**

As per CMP298 Original

**Implementation approach:**

As per CMP298 Original

**Acronyms, key terms and reference material**

Acronym / key term	Meaning
DNO	Distribution Network Operator
ESO	Electricity System Operator

**Reference material:**

1. None