

Code Administrator Meeting Summary

Meeting Name: CMP376 Workgroup 3

Date: 28 January 2022

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Key areas of discussion

- CMP376 seeks to implement the queue management process into CUSC including introducing a right for the Electricity System Operator (ESO) to terminate contracted projects which are not progressing against agreed milestones. The main components of Queue Management are:
 - **Milestones:** benchmarks agreed between network companies and customers to measure and track project progress towards a contracted connection date.
 - **Tolerance:** recognition that some delays can lead to milestones not being achieved and provides customers with an opportunity to get their project back on track.
- The focus of this Workgroup was to further understand the original solution by walking through the legal text and discussing examples of how the process of cumulative delay works.
- On Legal Text:
 - General comment that references to the “Relevant Transmission Licensee” should be removed from the CUSC legal text and the arrangements between the ESO and Relevant Transmission Licensee should be housed in the ESO;
 - Workgroup overall believed the evidence requirements needed further clarity and the milestones proposed were not in line with project development with some Workgroup Members suggesting they should be based on the Connection Date rather than when the Construction Agreement was signed;
 - Workgroup also noted that the disputes process (including whether or not a project that has been terminated is continued to be progressed whilst awaiting the outcome of the dispute), how modification applications would impact this process and seasonality need to be reflected in the Legal Text;
 - Workgroup noted that the tolerance periods for 132kV Transmission connections were in line with 132kV at Distribution; and

- Workgroup were content with the proposed list of exceptional events where a delay would be acceptable.
- On Cumulative Delay¹:
 - The Workgroup welcomed the illustrative examples (although they were based on a distribution connected scenario). However, some Workgroup Members queried the concept of Cumulative Delay and were concerned that a project could be terminated even if their own programme catches up between milestones.
- General
 - The Workgroup agreed it would be helpful to walk through an illustrative example of how a project would be treated under this process.

The following action was carried over as needed to have more of an understanding of the detail of the CUSC change:

Actions Log

Action Number	Workgroup raised	Owner	Action	Due by	Status
5	WG2	Richard Woodward (RW)	Complete a draft proposal of the consequential STC mod to be raised and present at next Workgroup for review	WG4	Open

The following new actions were noted:

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Action Number	Workgroup raised	Owner	Action	Due by	Status
6	WG3	Keren Kelly (KK)	Legal Text - consider the various options discussed for amending clause 2.18.4	WG4	Open
7	WG3	KK	Legal Text - Consider feedback that Evidence should be provided at earliest “practicable” opportunity	WG4	Open
8	WG3	KK	Legal Text - Remove references to “Relevant Transmission Licensee” apart from the section on Exceptional Events	WG4	Open
9	WG3	KK	Legal Text - Confirm who is a “User” for Queue Management process	WG4	Open
10	WG3	KK	Legal Text - Confirm if ESO’s right to terminate is a “may” or “shall”	WG4	Open
11	WG3	KK	Legal Text – Include Disputes Process, recognise seasonality and what happens when Modification Applications (e.g. do the Milestones reset?)	WG4	Open
12	WG3	KK	Legal Text Milestones – Consider if “Project Construction” Milestone is needed	WG4	Open
13	WG3	All	Legal Text - Provide feedback on proposed evidence, Milestones Period and Exceptional Events as set out in Legal Text	11 Feb 2022 (4 Feb 2022 if possible)	Open
14	WG3	KK	Cumulative Delay – Update examples to be Transmission specific	WG4	Open

¹ Delay against the early milestones is accumulated and compared to the relevant tolerance period

15	WG3	KK/Will Bowen(WB)	Cumulative Delay – Consider the alternative approaches proposed by Workgroup Members to Cumulative Delay	WG4	Open
16	WG3	KK	Provide an illustrative example of how the process would work for an individual project	WG4	Open
17	WG3	KK/AT (Adam Towl)	Provide clarity on ESO’s current policy as to whether or not to continue including the Queue Management Milestones in Connection Offers or wait until (if) Queue Management is implemented into CUSC	ASAP but by WG4	Open

Next steps

- Next Workgroup will be on 28 February 2022 (10am to 1pm).

Participants

Attendees	Company	Position
Paul Mullen	Code Administrator National Grid ESO	Chair
Ruth Roberts	Code Administrator National Grid ESO	Technical Secretary
Keren Kelly	National Grid ESO	Proposer & Workgroup Member
Richard Woodward	NGET	Workgroup Member
Joshua Logan	Drax	Workgroup Member
Alan Kelly	Scottish Power Renewables	Workgroup Member Alternate
Garth Graham	SSE Generation	Workgroup Member
James Jackson	Orsted	Workgroup Member
Binoy Dharsi	EDF Energy	Workgroup Member
Mikey Clark	Pivot Power	Workgroup Member
Paul Jones	Uniper	Workgroup Member
Will Bowen	UKPN	Workgroup Member
Charles Cresswell	Cero Generation	Workgroup Member
Tim Ellingham	RWE	Workgroup Member
Martin Moran	National Grid Interconnectors Limited	Workgroup Member
Donald Fu	Zenobe	Workgroup Member
Faysal Mahad	Ofgem	Observer
Sam Aitchison	Island Green Power UK Limited	Observer
Adam Towl	National Grid ESO	Observer

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