

CUSC Panel Minutes: 27 August 2021

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Date: 27/08/2021 **Location:** Microsoft Teams

Start: 10:00am **End:** 12:00pm

Participants

Attendee	Initials	Company
Trisha McAuley	TM	Independent Panel Chair
Paul Mullen	PM	Code Administrator, National Grid Electricity System Operator
Ren Walker	RW	Technical Secretary, Code Administrator, National Grid Electricity System Operator
Jennifer Doherty	JDo	National Grid Electricity System Operator (Alternative)
Joseph Dunn	JDu	Users' Panel Member
Paul Jones	PJ	Users' Panel Member
Paul Mott	PMo	Users' Panel Member
Nadir Hafeez	NH	Authority Representative
Andy Pace	AP	Users' Panel Member
Mark Duffield	MD	Users' Panel Member
Cem Suleyman	CS	Users' Panel Member
Garth Graham	GG	Users' Panel Member
Andrew Enzor	AE	Users' Panel Member (Alternate)
Jeremy Caplin	JC	BSC Representative (Observer)

Kirsten Shilling	KS	National Grid Electricity System Operator – Observer
Rob Marshall	RM	National Grid Electricity System Operator – Agenda item 2
Abid Sheikh	ASh	Proposer of CMP378 (Ofgem) - Agenda item 6
Anna Stacey	ASt	Proposer of CMP378 (Ofgem) - Agenda item 6
Matt Baller	MB	National Grid Electricity System Operator – Agenda item 17
Laura Gordon	LG	National Grid Electricity System Operator – Agenda item 17
Apologies	Initials	Company
Jon Wisdom	JW	National Grid Electricity System Operator

1. Introductions and Apologies for Absence

11006. Apologies were received from Jon Wisdom.

2. Hybrid Working

11007. RM explained that the ESO are upgrading the capabilities of their conference suites in Faraday House to better facilitate hybrid meetings (i.e. one where some participants are physically in the room and some are dialling in from other locations). RM stated that new audio connections are being installed and calibrated and all the meeting rooms will be equipped with cameras at the front of the room. The room capacity will be between 6 -16 people at this time but the current assumption is that this limitation will be removed later in the autumn subject to Government guidance.

11008. The Panel were specifically asked about their thoughts on in person Panel meetings. TM advised that the focus for the Panel is maintaining personal relationships and proposed quarterly face to face meetings where attendance in person would be the default option with the remaining meetings being held remotely.

11009. The Panel provided their initial thoughts and there was some support for returning to face-to-face meetings on a quarterly basis and agreement that the meeting etiquette that has been adapted whilst remote working should remain going forward. However, some Panel members noted that their Company’s policy and personal circumstances are important considerations as to whether or not to travel for a face to face meeting. The Chair thanked Panel Members for their feedback and advised that next steps would be discussed at the September Panel. **Post Meeting Note: Added to September 2021 agenda.**

3. Approval of minutes from previous meetings

11010. The meeting minutes from the CUSC Panel held on 30 July 2021 and the Special CUSC Panel on 6 August 2021 will be approved at the Special CUSC Panel on 14 September 2021.

4. Action log

11011. The CUSC Panel reviewed the open actions from the meeting held on 30 July 2021, which can be found on the Actions Log.

5. Chair update

11012. TM had no further updates for the Panel.

6. Authority decisions

11013. NH stated that the following decisions had been made since the July 2021 Panel meeting:

Modification	What this does	Decision Date
CMP326	Introduce a cap on the MW element in the holding payment calculation for Frequency Response provided by sites with Power Park Modules (PPMs)	Decision received 10 August 2021 approving the CMP326 Original – to be implemented 1 December 2022

Awaiting Decisions

11014. NH provided an update at the Panel on Modifications awaiting decisions. The summary table below sets out which Modifications are with the Authority decision together with the expected decision date:

Modification	What this seeks to achieve	Expected Decision Date
CMP335/336 and CMP343/340	Proposes the methodology for Transmission Demand Residual charges to be applied only to 'Final Demand' on a 'Site' basis, as well as how to treat negative locational charges and the application of any charging bands.; CMP335/336 looks at the Transmission Demand Residual billing and consequential changes	Expected decision dates for all these Modifications was 27 August 2021; however Ofgem confirmed at CUSC Panel on 27 August 2021 that this date will not be met and will advise on the new expected decision date as soon as possible.
CMP292	Introduces a cut-off date for changes to the Charging Methodologies	30 September 2021 (previously 30 June 2021) as Ofgem consider this to be low priority
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	Final Modification Report received 7 July 2021 – expected decision date 29 September 2021
CMP370	Seeks to align the CUSC with the new Interactivity policy that has been developed collaboratively with industry through the Energy Networks Association (ENA) Open Network Projects	Final Modification Report received 13 August 2021 – expected decision date 20 September 2021

7. New modifications

[CMP378 ‘Market-wide Half- Hourly Settlement \(MHHS\) Implementation and Governance Arrangements](#)

- 11015. ASH and ASt from Ofgem delivered a presentation on CMP378. ASt explained that CMP378 seeks to insert a new Clause into the Connection and Use of System Code (CUSC) to place an obligation on The Company (defined in the CUSC as National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO) Limited) and upon the CUSC Code Administrator to comply with the obligations insofar as these apply to them under Section C12 (Market-wide Half-Hourly Settlement Implementation) of the Balancing and Settlement Code (BSC).
- 11016. Some Panel members queried the need for CUSC rather than licence changes; however they noted ASt’s explanation that adding to the CUSC is consistent with Ofgem’s approach across the other Codes and allows more flexibility if e.g. changes needed to be considered.
- 11017. The CUSC Panel unanimously agreed that CMP378 should follow a standard governance route and proceed to Code Administrator Consultation. PM confirmed that the consultation will be published on 31 August 2021 for 10 working days. **(Post Meeting Note: CMP378 Code Administrator Consultation was opened on 31 August 2021 and will close 5pm on 14 September 2021).** ASH and ASt thanked the Code Administrator and ESO for their help in developing the modification proposal.

8. In Flight Modification Updates

11018. PM talked the Panel through the progression of the in-flight modifications. The in-flight modifications can be found within the CUSC Panel papers pack on the National Grid ESO website via the following link:

<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/industry-information/codes/connection-and-use-system-code-cusc-old/meetings/cusc-panel-meeting-5>

- 11019. PM also presented the latest rolling 12-month cross code view of all the Workgroups currently planned in and when Workgroup Reports and Draft Final Modification Reports are planned to be presented to Panel and a view of modifications that are likely to be raised in the same period. PM stated that there were 11 cross code Workgroups (6 CUSC) held in August 2021 and Workgroups had commenced (re-commenced in the case of [CMP315](#)) on the Expansion Constant Modifications [CMP375](#) and [CMP315](#)
- 11020. PM added that in the next few months there are a lot of industry Workgroups with a number of Modifications starting or re-starting their Workgroup phase, which further reduces the numbers of Modifications where no progress is currently being made.

Month	Planned Number of Workgroups	Comments
September 2021	12 cross code – 8 CUSC	Workgroups will commence on CMP316 (TNUoS Arrangements for Co-Located Generation Sites) and the CMP344 Post

		Authority Send Back in September 2021.
October 2021	12 cross code – 9 CUSC	Workgroups planned to commence on CMP376 (Queue Management) and the CMP300 Post Authority Send Back in September 2021.
November 2021	13 cross code – 10 CUSC	Workgroups planned to recommence on CMP304 (Enhanced Reactive Power Service) and CMP288/289 (Charging for customer delays and backfeeds re: Transmission Connections)

11021. GG highlighted the need for System Restoration Standard Modifications which will impact both the CUSC and Grid Code to be raised as soon as possible. GG explained that Licensee’s obligations are currently being consulted on, which the ESO will need to transfer into Code obligations. A confirmed implementation date of December 2026 has been set. GG noted that although this implementation date seems far in the future, there will be a lot of work for industry to do ahead of this date, not least on their plant. JDo took an action to advise on ESO’s plan and report back to Panel. **ACTION**

[CMP330/CMP374: Allowing new Transmission Connected parties to build Connection Assets greater than 2km in length & CMP374: Extending contestability for Transmission Connections](#)

11022. PM advised the Panel that, at the June 2021 Panel, the Panel had agreed that the Workgroup Report would be presented to the September 2021 Panel rather than the August 2021 Panel, to allow sufficient scrutiny ahead of the second Workgroup Consultation. However, the August 2021 Panel noted that additional meetings have been required to clarify the solution, there are STC consequential changes and Ofgem's expectation is that the CUSC and STC changes are progressed in parallel. Therefore, August 2021 Panel agreed that the Workgroup Report will be presented at the December 2021 rather than the September 2021 Panel.

[CMP365 Improvements to CUSC Governance Arrangements](#)

11023. PM advised the Panel that CMP365 was implemented on 30 July 2021.

[CMP372 CUSC changes to reflect the terms of the UK’s departure from the EU](#)

11024. PM advised the Panel that CMP372 was implemented on 3 August 2021.

9. Discussions on Prioritisation

11025. The Panel reviewed the Prioritisation Stack. This can be found via the following link:

<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/industry-information/codes/connection-and-use-system-code-cusc-old/meetings/cusc-panel-meeting-6>

11026. The Panel specifically discussed [CMP315](#) & [CMP375](#) and the discussion is summarised in the table below:

Modification	Comments	Position in Prioritisation Stack
CMP315/CMP375	At August 2021 Panel, a Panel Member challenged whether or not CMP315 and CMP375 should remain as High as, in their Access SCR consultation, Ofgem have alluded to a wider TNUoS review and therefore progressing at the current pace may result in wasted work. Whilst some Panel Members agreed with this concern, they noted that Ofgem's thinking is at an early stage and therefore agreed to leave CMP315 and CMP375 as High in the prioritisation stack.	Unchanged at "High"

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

10. Workgroup Reports

11027. There were no Workgroup Reports presented to the Panel.

11. Draft Final Modification Reports

11028. There were no Draft Final Modification Reports presented to Panel.

12. Standing Groups

Transmission Charging Methodology Forum (TCMF)

11029. JDo advised the Panel that TCMF was cancelled in August due to lack of agenda items. JD stated that the September TCMF will be held on 2 September 2021.

Joint European Stakeholder Group (JESG)

11030. GG advised that the JESG meeting in August was cancelled. The next JESG meeting will be held on 14 September 2021. The meeting papers will be available via the following link:

<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/industry-information/codes/european-network-codes-old/meetings/jesg-meeting-14-september-2021>

Governance Standing Group

11031. No further updates.

EU Codes

11032. No further updates for Panel.

13. Update on other Industry Codes

11033. JC highlighted to the Panel that the BSC equivalent modification of CMP378 is open for consultation. Further information on this modification can be found via the following link:

<https://www.elexon.co.uk/mod-proposal/p423/>

14. Relevant Interruptions Claim Report

11034. No further updates for the Panel.

15. Governance

CUSC Panel Elections Update

11035. PM advised the Panel that votes for the elections close on 31 August 2021 at 5pm. Further updates will be provided once the votes have been confirmed.

16. Horizon Scan

11036. The Panel had no further comments on the horizon scan.

17. Forward Plan Update

11037. No further update for Panel.

18. AOB

General Discussion on Covid-19

11038. The Panel had no further discussion on this.

Online Voting Template

11039. MB from National Grid ESO provided a demonstration to the Panel on an online voting template he had drafted with the intention of making the Workgroup voting process less laborious and more efficient. The Panel thanked MB for his efforts and welcomed this positive step; however they raised concerns on the format and the efficiency of this template especially where there are a number of WACMs. MB agreed to consider this feedback.

Plugged In Newsletter

11040. LG from National Grid ESO attended the Panel to seek feedback on the Plugged In newsletter which the ESO publish (**Post Meeting Note: LG circulated the link to Panel**). GG re-noted that it would be useful if the newsletter was to follow the Ofgem approach with a daily rather than weekly frequency and include everything published, instead of it just being “selective” information. LG stated that she will take this feedback away.

11041. LG advised the Panel that a website calendar that includes all ESO events in one place is also being developed following industry feedback.

The next CUSC Panel meeting will be held on Friday 24 September 2021 via Microsoft Teams.