

# Code Administrator Meeting Summary

**Meeting Name:** CMP376 Workgroup 4

**Date:** 6 September 2022

## Contact Details

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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. This was the 4<sup>th</sup> Workgroup but the 1<sup>st</sup> following the agreed pause for the Proposer to further consider the stakeholder feedback received and consider this in their revised Original Proposal.
- Chair explained why there had been a pause between Workgroup 3 and this Workgroup and the Proposer then walked through the revised Original solution, which was largely welcomed. In summary:
  - The concept of Tolerances and Cumulative Delay are no longer part of the solution;
  - Milestones are applied from the Connection Date rather than the date that the Construction Agreement was signed; and
  - Will apply to any new Applications and Modification Applications from the Implementation Date – note that Offshore non-radial connections are not within scope (Offshore Radial connections are within scope) and will be covered by a separate Modification and the Proposer agreed to confirm, that for Bilateral Embedded Generator Agreements (BEGAs)<sup>1</sup>, the Distribution rather than the Transmission Milestones will apply.
- The key points for the Proposer to consider are:
  - Making the evidence requirements and exceptions watertight so minimises risk of grey areas and appeals;

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<sup>1</sup> User is connected to the Distribution System but also makes use of the Transmission system so needs to have agreements with both the Distribution Network Operator (Distribution Agreement) and the ESO (Transmission Agreement)

- Ensuring the Milestone durations are correct and considering having separate Milestone timescales for those projects that need an Environmental Impact Assessment and those who don't;
- Consider suggestion that later milestones should be changed (backdated from new connection date) as part of a Modification Application but the early milestones wouldn't rather than the current position of the Original proposal, which is to not change any of the milestones as part of a Modification Application

*The Actions Log shows a full list of the specific questions for the Proposer to consider.*

- The Workgroup agreed that changes are needed to the Terms of Reference given the Original has changed and these will be drafted ahead of the next meeting on 27 September 2022. CUSC Panel would then be asked to agree to these changes at their next meeting on 30 September 2022.

### Actions Log

Action Number	Owner	Action	Due by	Status
1	Richard Woodward	Propose changes to Terms of Reference and circulate to Workgroup for comment	20 September 2022	Open
2	ESO Workgroup Member	Milestones – check that the Milestone durations are correct	20 September 2022	Open
3	ESO Workgroup Member	Milestones – Consider having separate milestones for those projects which need an EIA and those who don't	20 September 2022	Open
4	ESO Workgroup Member	Milestones – Update definition of M1 and M2 to clarify which forms of Planning are acceptable – <i>consider wording used for CfD Qualification process</i>	20 September 2022	Open
5	ESO Workgroup Member	Milestones – Consider if M4 should apply for Distribution connected projects that also have Transmission Entry Capacity rights (i.e., BEGAs) and confirm that for such projects, it is the Distribution milestones that take precedence	20 September 2022	Open
6	ESO Workgroup Member	Milestones – ensure any differences between the Transmission and Distribution milestones are clearly shown	5 October 2022	Open
7	ESO Workgroup Member	Scope – Confirm that Competitively Appointed Transmission Owners are not within scope	20 September 2022	Open
8	ESO Workgroup Member	Implementation – Clarify in Original Proposal that a Project misses a Milestone they are terminated and not moved down the queue	20 September 2022	Open
9	ESO Workgroup Member	Modification Applications - Consider suggestion that later milestones should be changed (backdated from new connection date) as part of a Modification Application but the early milestones wouldn't rather than the current position of the Original proposal, which is to not change any of the milestones as part of a Modification Application.	20 September 2022	Open
10	ESO Workgroup Member	Process – Clarify timescales for evidence submission and evaluation	20 September 2022	Open
11	ESO Workgroup Member	General – Remove subjectivity (e.g., evidence requirements clear, remove “case by case” basis, and define “exceptional circumstances) where possible	20 September 2022	Open

12	ESO Workgroup Member	General – make clear what is guidance/process and what will be within the Legal Text	20 September 2022	Open
13	ESO Workgroup Member	Legal Text - Issue draft legal text to Workgroup	20 September 2022	Open

### Next steps

- Next Workgroup will be on 27 September 2022 at which the ESO Workgroup Member will present any revisions to their Original proposal and the Legal Text and we will finalise any tweaks to the Terms of Reference.