

Meeting Summary

Transmission Charging Methodologies Forum and CUSC Issues Steering Group 131

Date: 02/02/2023 **Location:** MS Teams
Start: 10:30am **End:** 12:10pm

Participants

Attendee	Company	Attendee	Company
Claire Huxley (CH)	ESO (Chair & Presenter)	Andrew Hemus (AH)	ESO (Tec Sec)
Paul Mullen (PM)	ESO (Presenter)	Naomi De Silva (ND)	ESO (Presenter)
Nick George (NG)	ESO (Presenter)	Mike Oxenham (MO)	ESO (Presenter)
Binoy Dharsi (BD)	EDF Energy (Presenter)	Joseph Henry (JH)	ESO
Alice Taylor (AT)	ESO	Garth Graham (GG)	SSE Generation
Davinder Sanghera (DS)	ESO	Ruth Kemsley (RK)	EDF Renewables
Alan Kelly (AK)	Corio Generation	Neil Dewar (ND)	ESO
Chia Nwajagu (CN)	Orsted	Kate Livesey (KL)	Drax
Dimuthu Wijetunga (DW)	Shell Energy	Paul Jones (PJ)	Uniper Energy
Ryan Ward (RW)	Scottish Power	Alison Price (AP)	ESO
Grace March (GM)	Sembcorp	Paul Youngman (PY)	Drax
George Moran (GMO)	Centrica	Nicola Fitchett (NF)	RWE
Nick Sillito (NS)	Peak Gen	Robert Newton (RN)	Zenobe
Ander Madariaga (AM)	Ocean Winds	Heather Stratford (HS)	ESO
Kyran Hanks (KH)	Waters Wye	Vicki Holland (VH)	St Clements
Charlotte Tremouilhe (CT)	EON Energy	Niall Coyle (NC)	EON Energy
Varun Mittal (VM)	Total Energies	Jo Zhou (JZ)	ESO
Niall Stuart (NS)	Hutch Assoc	Matthew Patrick (MP)	Ofgem
Nick Everitt (NE)	ESO	Edda Dirks (ED)	SSE
Lorna Mitchell (LM)	SSE	Banke John-Okwesa (BO)	ESO
Alex Aristodemou (AA)	National Grid	Matthew Paige-Stimson (MP)	National Grid
Nicola White (NW)	ESO	Rustam Majainah (RM)	OVO

Darshak Shah (DS)	BP	Joshua Logan (JL)	Drax
Damian Clough (DC)	SSE	Catia Gomes (CG)	ESO
Swati Singh (SS)	BP	Karen Lilley-Thompson (KL)	ESO
Alex Ikonic (AI)	Orsted	Jheaunelle Thomas (JT)	ESO

Agenda, slides, and modifications appendices

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Meeting Opening - Claire Huxley, ESO

CH opened the meeting providing an overview of the agenda items for discussion, asked for any AOB items and reviewed the Action Item log.

Code Modifications update - Paul Mullen, Code Administrator ESO

PM gave a brief Code Modifications update. See slides for more detail.

Discussion themes / Feedback

CN asked for any update on CMP317/327 and any pending next steps while the Court of Appeal process is ongoing and is there going to be any impact on 2023 tariffs. NE commented that not expecting any impacts on 2023 tariffs and shared details of a scheduled webinar and links to the team's communications and contact details for TNUoS and BSUoS.

TNUoS Tariff

View our comms

Sign up for the webinar on the 14th February

Contact us about the TNUoS tariffs> tnuos.queries@nationalgrideso.com

BSUoS Tariff

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Contact us about the BSUoS tariff> bsuos.queries@nationalgrideso.com

Enduring Fixed BSUoS Arrangements - Naomi De Silva, ESO

ND shared details on Enduring Fixed BSUoS Arrangements. See slides for more detail.

Discussion themes / Feedback

GMO mentioned the defect in CMP408 and the conclusion that volatility should be considered within CMP408. PM clarified that the Terms of Reference for CMP408 had been updated by the Code Administrator to include the fixed period. PJ wanted the subgroup to be able to consider CMP408. GMO shared his concern that the subgroup would be developing the solution. ND commented that as there is

not one solution, the subgroup would be working to arrive at one. GM shared the CUSC panel view that the subgroup would be broader in scope and encouraged stakeholders to get involved. GMO asked if this group was a new or continuing group. ND clarified it was a new group to look at the enduring solution.

Payment timescales (CUSC 6.6.1) - Nick George, ESO

NG shared details on Payment timescales (CUSC 6.6.1). See slides for more detail.

Discussion themes / Feedback

GG asked that the legal text be back-to-back with the STC. Also queried how many invoices are hitting the first of month and shared concerns of the cycle being moved away from the first of the month. Which could lead to rolling invoices becoming normal. NG ensured that ESO want to hit the first of month and this change was purely as contingency. All customer invoices go out together and no intention of any creep around this. GG suggested that maybe the intent for no slippage is covered in the proposal to reassure stakeholders.

GB Connections Reform (verbal update) – Mike Oxenham, ESO

MO shared a GB Connections Reform verbal update.

Discussion themes / Feedback

PY asked for clarity on the difference between Executive and Steering groups and to clarify the scope. MO explained that the Executive group is proposed to consist of the ESO, BEIS, Ofgem, TO's and DNO's and the Steering group, which is to be independently chaired, is proposed to be made up of broader group of cross industry stakeholders. He also confirmed information on the membership of these groups should be made available in the near future. The scope of the reform programme is the end-to-end process to connect to and/or use the Transmission system. GG commented that with the design sprints being only 2x2hr sessions per sprint, there is not much industry involvement. MO confirmed that time doesn't allow for more engagement within each of the sprints themselves but that the outputs would be taken to the Steering group for further discussion and there would be further opportunity for engagement beyond the sprints. In addition, as the sprints would be considering high-level options there should be sufficient time within each of those sprint sessions to raise and discuss views. KH stated the requirement for Connections Reform leading to Transmission capacity being made available is there, but we are not sure how we get there and asked if the ESO have the hands-on people who have gone through the connection process feeding in. MO confirmed from a design workstream perspective that is thought to be the case. DS asked for details on the planned output of Phase 2. MO shared that it would likely be some sort of summary of (and consultation on) the options identified for reform and the initial views on those options.

TNUoS impact on investment decisions – Binoy Dharsi, EDF Energy

BP shared his thoughts and led a discussion on TNUoS impact on investment decisions. See slides for more detail.

Discussion themes / Feedback

MP shared that an Ofgem review of the TNUoS Taskforce has been undertaken during January and updates will be shared shortly. KH asked if a modification was being raised. BD clarified that they have spoken to Ofgem, BEIS and the ESO. They have not had any fed back from Ofgem not to pursue. GM acknowledge that REMA is a long way off but believe this would still take a while. BD Currently no visibility of tariffs over coming years, so although not perfect this would be an improvement on current situation. CH commented that the ESO tariff setting team would be presenting at future TCMF's on the 5yr TNUoS forecast and their thoughts looking at a 10yr forecast. GMO expressed a sense of tension with the TNUoS Taskforce and would be sensible to wait for the Taskforce conclusions. Several stakeholders shared that the fundamental issue of predictability and reflective cost are difficult to achieve together and would require a balance to address this issue.

AOB

VH - asked for an update on when the new format of the BPA files is going to be published. Suppliers load these files into systems for processing and are running out of time to make the necessary software

changes. NE apologised that they had not been released as yet and shared details of a BSUoS webinar taking place 7 February in the meeting chat. This webinar will cover an overview of the specification of the BPA files. There will also be a release of sample files to enable suppliers to view and play with them. We will also be providing more details very soon.

Action Item Log

Action items: In progress

ID	Description	Owner	Notes	Target Date	Status
23-1 Jan 5	ESO to look at the introduction of a "CUSC Modification Issues Log"	Claire Huxley		Feb	Open

Action items: completed

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