

CUSC Panel Minutes

24 November 2023

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Date: 24/11/2023	Location: Microsoft Teams Meeting
Start: 10:00	End: 11:50

Participants

Attendee	Initials	Representing
Jamie Webb	JW	Acting Independent CUSC Panel Chair
Milly Lewis	ML	Panel Secretary, Code Administrator Representative
Ren Walker	RW	Panel Technical Secretary, Code Administrator
Andrew Enzor	AE	Users' Panel Member
Andy Pace	AP	Consumers' Panel Member
Lauren Jauss	LJ	Users' Panel Member (Alternate)
Camile Gilsean	CG	Panel Member, National Grid ESO
Garth Graham	GG	Users' Panel Member
Kyran Hanks	KH	Users' Panel Member
Joe Colebrook	JC	Users' Panel Member
Joe Dunn	JD	Users' Panel Member
Paul Jones	PJ	Users' Panel Member
Nadir Hafeez	NH	Authority Representative
Rashmi Radhakrishnan	RR	BSC Representative (Observer)

Apologies

Attendee	Initials	Representing
Trisha McAuley	TM	Independent Panel Chair
Binoy Dharsi	BD	Users' Panel Member
Claire Huxley	CH	Panel Member, National Grid ESO

Presenters / Observers

Attendee	Initials	
Claire Goult	CGo	Code Administrator, Chair of CMP418
Hugh Boyle	HB	CMP413 Proposer - Presenter
Giulia Licocci	GL	CMP418 Proposer - Presenter
Elana Byrne	EB	ESO Code Administrator - Observer
Teri Puddefoot	TP	ESO Code Administrator - Observer

1. Introductions and Apologies

12204. Apologies were received from Trisha McAuley and Binoy Dharsi.

2. Minutes from previous meetings

12205. The minutes from the CUSC Panel held on 27 October 2023 were approved subject to the amendments made by NH.

3. Review of actions log

ML advised there were no further updates on the below actions.

12206. Action **182** – ML confirmed that this action is ongoing and to remain open.

12207. Action **187** – ML advised that a meeting is still to be confirmed between ESO and the Proposer of CMP304.

Both actions will remain open until the next Panel meeting.

4. Chair’s update

12208. No further updates for the Panel.

5. Authority Decisions and Updates

Decisions since the last Panel

12209. NH confirmed the following:

Modification	What this seeks to achieve	Decision
CMP331	To provide new generators with the option to replace the generic Annual Load Factors (ALFs) used to determine their TNUoS charges with a user-provided ALF.	On 30 October 2023, the Authority rejected CMP331.
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	On 13 November 2023, the Authority directed that WACM7 should be implemented on 27 November 2023.

Awaiting Decisions

Modification	What this seeks to achieve	Expected Decision Date
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CMP298	Process for aggregated assessment of Distributed Generators that impact (or may impact) on the National Electricity Transmission System.	30 November 2023 (previously 16 November 2023)
CMP330&CMP374	To amend the definition of Connection Assets in section 14 of the CUSC to allow cable and overhead line lengths over 2km to be contestable where agreed between the Transmission Owner and the User.	08 March 2024
CMP344	Clarifies that the allowed revenue for Transmission Owners recovered from Transmission Users under the Charging Methodologies is fixed for each onshore price control period for onshore transmission licensees and at the point of asset transfer for OFTOs.	08 December 2023
CMP392	Under CMP391 a definition of “Charges for Physical Assets Required for Connection” which reflects the Limiting Regulation has been added to the CUSC. CMP392 seeks to provide stakeholders with legal certainty and transparency of the methodology including the calculation and the output of the calculation.	31 January 2024
CMP398	GC0156 will place new obligations, within the Grid Code, upon CUSC Parties who are not contracted with the ESO as Restoration Service Providers. CMP398 proposes to introduce a codified cost recovery mechanism to prevent the affected parties being commercially disadvantaged by the implementation of the new obligations	30 January 2024 (previously 15 November 2023)
CMP408	Following the approval of CMP361 WACM3, of an ex-ante fixed BSUoS tariff with a 9-month notice and 6-month fix, this modification seeks to amend the notice period to a 3-month notice period.	To be confirmed
CMP412	Seeks to facilitate the implementation of CMP398 and proposes a small change to Section 14 (BSUoS) to ensure that any validated costs arising via the CMP398 solution are recovered (as happens today with black start costs via BSUoS).	30 January 2024 (previously 15 November 2023)
CMP414	Seeks to enact the Workgroup solution from CMP330/CMP374, by updating Exhibit B, Section 2 and Section 11 of the CUSC	08 March 2024
CMP415	This modification is a consequential modification for CMP408, which looks at a change to a definition in Section 11. Amending the Fixed Price Period from 6 months to 12 months.	To be confirmed

- 12210. Ofgem publish a table that provides expected decision dates, or dates that they intend to publish an impact assessment or consultation, for code modifications/proposals that are with them for decision. This was last updated on 14 November 2023 and is published [here](#).
- 12211. JC asked for previous Ofgem decision dates to be added to the panel slides going forward, this will make it easier to understand how dates have changed from the update at the previous panel. ML to consider if previous dates should be added to future panel slides. No action was recorded.
- 12212. JC restated his concern that the Authority decision on CMP298 has been delayed again. JC noted that CMP298 needs to be approved to codify the Planning Limits (AKA Technical Limits) that the DNO and ESO have announced to the industry, the industry has been told Technical Limits will be implemented which will allow GWs of connect earlier. Ofgem must decide on CMP298 to provide certainty to the industry.

Energy Code Reform and Future System Operator Updates

- 12213. NH had no further updates for the Panel.

6. New Modifications

12214. There were no new CUSC Modifications presented to the Panel.

7. In flight modification updates

12215. ML talked the Panel through the progression of the in-flight modifications. The modification tracker can be found on the National Grid ESO website via the following link:
<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/calendar/cusc-panel-meeting-24112023>

CMP286: Improving TNUoS Predictability through increased notice of the Target Revenue

12216. ML advised the Panel that on 30 June 2023, Ofgem sent back the CMP286&CMP287 Final Modification Report (FMR) for further work and directed Panel to revise and resubmit the FMR(s), due to the two modifications being treated as a single CUSC modification proposal and assessed accordingly.

12217. To address the deficiencies the Workgroup were set the following Terms of Reference by the Panel:

- Consider whether the modifications should be amalgamated ahead of the FMR being resubmitted to the Authority
- Secure further supporting evidence to demonstrate how often forecasts for previous charging years would have been incorrect and what the subsequent increased cost to consumers would have been.

12218. The Workgroup would like to proceed to Code Administrator Consultation as they believe they have the addressed the deficiencies and Terms of Reference by:

- agreeing that the CMP286 and CMP287 modifications should progress separately, and therefore have not been requested formal amalgamation
- producing Legal Text for solely the CMP286 Original and WACM1 solutions
- assessing the CMP286 Original and WACM1 solutions against the current baseline
- demonstrating which analysis related to CMP286

12219. The Panel approved the modification progressing to the Second Code Administrator Consultation.

CMP287: Inputs used in the TNUoS Tariff Setting Process Timeline Update

12220. ML advised the Panel that once the further analysis from the ESO has been completed and due to resource planning, Workgroups will start mid December / early January.

12221. The Panel unanimously agreed to the timeline extension.

CMP403 and CMP404: Introducing Competitively Appointed Transmission Owners & Transmission Service Providers (Section 14 and 11)

12222. ML advised the Panel that as previously agreed these modifications will follow the same timeline as the GC0159: Introducing Competitively Appointed Transmission Owners modification

12223. The Panel unanimously agreed to the timeline extension.

CMP413: Rolling 10-year wider TNUoS generation tariffs

12224. ML advised the Panel that the Proposer of CMP413 (HB, the Proposer of CMP413 attended the Panel to provide an update on the progression of CMP413. HB advised the Panel that originally, an implementation date of April 2024 was preferred, however after Workgroups have developed, proposing an implementation of April 2025.

12225. ML explained that a timeline extension request is required to allow further discussions on WACMs and an impact assessment to be done, as confirmed by the Authority.

12226. The Panel unanimously agreed the new timeline.

CMP417: Extending principles of CUSC Section 15 to all Users

12227. ML advised the Panel that a timeline extension request is required as the Proposer changed their solution which requires further development. A STC modification is required to progress this modification, this has been submitted to the November 2023 Panel.

12228. JC questioned if a further CUSC Modification is needed to introduce transmission import capacity. CG agreed to discuss this further offline with and bring an update to the next Panel.
Action 189

12229. The Panel approved the new timeline.

CMP418: Refine the allocation of Static Var Compensators (SVC) costs at OFTO transfer

12230. GL (Proposer of CMP418) attended the Panel to provide an update on CMP418. GL explained to the Panel that an amendment to the modification title is being proposed, not a change to the defect. This amendment is to capture all the equipment generators can use, which also aligns better to the Grid Code.

12231. Following Panel discussions, the Panel agreed that the defect is not changing, the amendment is to the title and solution only.

8. Prioritisation Stack / Dashboard

12232. The Panel will next review the prioritisation stack at the December 2023 Panel meeting. The CUSC prioritisation stack can be found [here](#).

9. Workgroup Reports

CMP425: Billing Demand Transmission Residual by Site

12233. ML delivered a presentation on CMP425. ML confirmed that the CMP425 proposes to amend Section 14.17.13 of the CUSC to include 'Where a Connection Site is served by more than one Supplier BM Unit, the charges will be divided by The Company, annually, between the relevant Supplier BM Units in proportion to their annual Consumption from the previous year, *and*' and other minor consequential amendments.

12234. ML advised that the Workgroup concluded unanimously that the Original better facilitated the Applicable Objectives than the Baseline.

12235. The Panel agreed that the Terms of Reference have been met and agreed for CMP425 to proceed to Code Administrator Consultation.

(Post Meeting Note: The Code Administrator Consultation was published on 24 November 2023 and closed on 29 November 2023. The Draft Final Modification Report will be presented at the Special CUSC Panel on 06 December 2023, where the Panel will carry out their recommendation vote.)

10. Draft Final Modification Reports

12236. There were no Draft Final Modification Reports presented to the Panel.

11. Standing Groups

Transmission Charging Methodology Forum (TCMF)

12237. CH advised that the the last meeting was held 23 November 2023. The papers and presentations for the last meeting can be found via the following link:

<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/calendar/transmission-charging-methodologies-forum-tcmf-23112023>

The next TCMF meeting will be held on 04 January 2024.

12. European Updates

Joint European Stakeholder Group (JESG)

12238. The last meeting was due to be held on 14 November 2023, however this was cancelled. The next meeting is scheduled for 12 December 2023.

<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/calendar/cancelled-jesg-meeting-12-december-2023>

European Code Development

12239. There were no updates at this Panel meeting.

13. Updates on other Industry Codes

12240. There were no updates for the Panel.

14. Relevant Interruptions Claim Report

12241. The Panel had no further comments.

15. Governance

12242. There were no updates at this Panel meeting.

16. Horizon Scan

12243. ML presented the horizon scan to the Panel. JC questioned if the Connection action plan and Transmission Acceleration Plan would be included in the FSO changes or will another modification be required. CG took an action to confirm this and provide an update at the next Panel. **ACTION 190**

12244. The Panel acknowledged the upcoming work, which will be required as a result of changes coming forward throughout 2024 and noted this will require resource across the industry to be actively engaged and how this will work alongside ongoing modifications and workstreams. Following discussions, the Panel agreed it would be useful to get a more holistic approach on resource and have action plans in place to be able to deliver the work, with input from the Authority where needed.

17. Code Administrator Update

12245. There were no updates at this Panel meeting.

18. Any Other Business (AOB)

12246. There was no AOB raised.

19. Close

12245. The Chair thanked the Panel for their time and contribution and brought the meeting to a close.

The next CUSC Panel meeting will be held on 15 December 2023 via Microsoft Teams.

New Modification Proposals are to be submitted by 30 November 2023.

CUSC Panel Papers Day is 7 December 2023.