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By email

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Dear Nadir

Connection and Use of System Code (CUSC) Modification Panel Request an Updated Recommended Timetable for **CMP427: Update to the Transmission Connection Application Process for Onshore Applicants**.

[CMP427](#)¹ proposes that a Letter of Authority (LoA) should be required for new Onshore Transmission Connection Applications and was granted [Urgency](#) on 20 December 2023.

The CUSC Modifications Panel ("the Panel") met on 23 February 2024, with the intention of completing their Recommendation Vote and submitting the Final Modification Report.

Under CUSC Section 8.23.4 the Panel considered the alternative legal text suggested via the Code Administrator Consultation. During this discussion it was highlighted that the solution as outlined in the Draft Final Modification Report (and the preceding Code Administrator Consultation document) was not aligned with the solution as written in the legal text.

The Panel concluded that in order to complete the Panel Recommendation Vote:

- the Proposer should update the legal text to align with the solution outlined in the Code Administrator Consultation document;
- the updated legal text should be circulated via email to the Workgroup for review and approval;
- a Second Code Administrator Consultation should be issued to industry; and
- a Special CUSC Panel meeting should be convened to complete their Recommendation Vote ahead of submitting the Final Modification Report to the Authority

The Panel agreed that **CMP427**, subject to Ofgem's decision on extending the previously approved Urgency timeline, should follow the below proposed timetable.

Modification Stage	Date
Second Code Administrator Consultation (2.5 working days)	28 February 2024 to 04 March 2024 (12pm)
Second Draft Final Modification Report issued to Panel and Industry	05 March 2024

¹ [CMP427: Update to the Transmission Connection Application Process for Onshore Applicants | ESO \(nationalgrideso.com\)](#)

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Second Draft Final Modification Report presented to Panel / Panel Recommendation Vote	06 March 2024
Final Modification Report issued to Panel to check votes recorded correctly	06 March 2024 (4:30pm - 5pm)
Submit Final Modification Report to Authority	06 March 2024 by 6pm
Authority Decision	13 March 2024
Date of Implementation	27 March 2024 (10 BD after Authority Decision)

The Panel noted that the urgency timeline is required to now include;

- A Second Code Administrator Consultation period of less than 15 Business Days;
- Less than 5 full Business Days between publication of the Draft Final Modification Report and Panel's recommendation; and
- Less than 5 full Business Days for Panel to check that their Recommendation Vote had been recorded correctly.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions on this letter or the proposed process and timetable. I look forward to receiving your response.

Yours sincerely



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