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CUSC & Grid Code Panel

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Date: **26 February 2024**

Dear Trisha,

Request for Updated Recommended Timetable for the Connections and Use of System Code (CUSC) modification proposal CMP427: 'Update to the Transmission Connection Application Process for Onshore Applicants'

In your letter to us dated 23 February 2024, you noted that the CUSC Modifications Panel was unable to complete their Recommendation Vote or submit the Final Modification Report as intended.¹ This was due to a misalignment between the solution as outlined in the Draft Final Modification Report and the solution as written in the proposed legal text.

We **agree** with the Panel that in order to complete the Panel Recommendation Vote:

- the Proposer should update the proposed legal text to align with the solution outlined in the Code Administrator Consultation document;
- the updated proposed 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.

We consequently **agree** that an update will need to be made to the previously approved Urgency timeline on CMP427.² We have amended the below proposed timetable to extend the Authority Decision date and Date of Implementation by two working days.

¹ References to the "Authority", "Ofgem", "we", and "our" are used interchangeable in this document. The Authority refers to GEMA, the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority. The Office of Gas and Electricity Markets (Ofgem) supports GEMA in its day-to-day work. This decision is made by or on behalf of GEMA.

² [Decision on urgency treatment of CMP427: Update to the Transmission Connection Application Process for Onshore Applicants | Ofgem.](#)

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
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 (4:30 – 5PM)
Submit Final Modification Report to Authority	06 March 2024 by 6PM
Authority Decision	15 March 2024
Date of Implementation	29 March 2024 (10 WD after Authority Decision)

For the avoidance of doubt, in granting the request for extension to the Urgency timeline of CMP427, we are making no assessment of the merits of the proposal and nothing in this letter in any way fetters our discretion in respect of the proposal.

If you have any comments or questions about this letter, please contact connections@ofgem.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely,

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Duly authorised on behalf of the Authority