

Code Administrator Meeting Summary

Meeting name: Application of Gate 2 Criteria to existing contracted background (Workgroup 4)

Date: 29/05/2024

Contact Details

Chair: Elana Byrne, ESO Code Administrator

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Key areas of discussion

Action review:

Action 1 was agreed to be closed (revise Terms of Reference) as CUSC and STC Panels have respective documents for review as part of their May meetings.

Action 22 was agreed to be closed (Confirmation sought from the Authority on the DESNZ position on government designation exemption for projects) with confirmation received from the Authority representative that DESNZ will not pursue government designation exemption for projects.

Updates were suggested for Action 6 to reflect time requested by to discuss DNO/IDNO impacts with the Workgroup and Action 12 to better reflect Workgroup comments on impact assessments of the solution.

Topics covered as part of the Workgroup discussion:

The Workgroup 4 discussed the following topics:

- Confirmation of scope.
 - Overview of process (incl. outstanding queries on application fees)
 - Financial Instruments
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- A statement from the Authority representative as to the level of codification expected as part of CMP435/CM096 (and CMP434/CM095).
 - A Workgroup member raised the issue of the impact on DNOs/IDNOs and their connected customers, advising it needs to be given additional time in CMP435/CM096.
 - Timings for consequential changes to the DCUSA/guidance for DCUSA parties were discussed, with agreement to discuss further in CMP435/CM096.

- The request for impact assessments on the solution option(s) effect on the current and future connection queue.

Confirmation of scope

- The scope was discussed in CMP434 on 28/05/24 agreeing that directly connected generation, new directly connected demand, new interconnectors and offshore hybrid assets, relevant small and medium power stations and any significant changes to those projects are effectively in scope for the new process.
- The project types were discussed in terms of the conditions where ESO/DNO/IDNO evidence checks would be required (see meeting slides).
- It was confirmed that the solution proposes to change frameworks retrospectively, including Appendix G (meaning those projects would need to demonstrate evidence for gate progression).

Overview of process (incl. outstanding queries on application fees)

- Slides presented were high level showing key steps in the process with further detail to be explored in future Workgroups.
- The Workgroup members debated the timescale in the process overview, including proposed periods for evidence submission, decision dates on gate assignment and timings for any dispute process.
- It was suggested scenarios were explored for projects intending to progress/not progress through the gates.
- It was noted that evidence requirements would need to be clarified and volume of work estimated to assess the feasibility of the timeline.
- The ESO SME advised the possibility of a Gate 2 application fee remains under consideration.
- Continuation of works was raised and will be addressed when transitional arrangements are discussed.
- Queue ordering was discussed including 'restrictions on availability' in certain contracts, consequences for those with multiple customers on an application, avoiding 'gaming' of the process, changing liabilities due to queue changes and a suggestion that queue ordering be based on clock start dates.
- Clarity was sought on how the application fees would affect the order of the queue and ESO was assigned an action to review rationale on 3 months wait for refunds.
- Further queries on application fees can be submitted to the query log.

Financial Instruments

- An overview was shared for a proposed capacity holding security to be introduced at Gate 1 for contracted parties who have not met Gate 2 requirements.
- The ESO SME advised that this will be discussed in the next Workgroup for CMP434 and invited queries to be submitted for consideration (which included the request for analysis to support the proposal).

- A Workgroup member advised that ESO consider the possibility of using milestones to manage this rather than securities.

Next Steps

- Updated meeting 4 slides to be shared with the Workgroup
- Workgroup summary and meeting 5 papers to be shared with the Workgroup.

Actions

Action number	Workgroup Raised	Owner	Action	Comment	Due by	Status
1	WG1	AT/SB	Revise Terms of Reference based on Workgroup feedback	To submit to May Panels following discussion and changes made in WG3	WG3	Closed
2	WG1	AT	Document that charging and user commitments will be out of scope for CMP435	Propose to close in WG5 due to updates in the solution re: user commitments/financial instruments	N/A	Open
5	WG1	AT	Clarification of types of projects that will be in/out of scope for CMP435	Scope to be discussed in WG4 to help clarify the situation for different project types	WG4	Open
6	WG1	EB	Workgroup to discuss the consequences of the SO:DNO contract changes on DNO/IDNO contracts with other parties	Not for the CMP435 solution but WG Report WG time to be allocated to discuss this specifically	Ongoing	Open
7	WG1	Code Admin	Collaboration space – access queries to be explored with IT	Members can also explore this with their IT teams	Ongoing	Open
11	WG2	AT/RW	Discuss Capital Contributions.		WG5	Open
12	WG2 (amended post WG4)	LH/AC	Discuss possibility of further impact assessment (RFI data). Discuss impact assessments of solution options in terms of effects on the current and future queue.	ESO have confirmed that they will not pursue the use of consultants at this time	Ongoing	Open

14	WG2	AT/PM	Update WG topics	Further updates to be made post WG4	WG5	Open
15	WG2	AT/RW	Clarify process (WG2 slide 2 particularly the yellow box)		WG4	Open
16	WG2	LH	Look into securities for offers		June 2024	Open
19	WG3	PM, MO	Clarification on mod apps where CMP435/CM096 are applicable			Open
20	WG3	RW, AT	TOs and ESO meeting needed to discuss data available to review capital contributions for 2024	Information to be brought back to the WG and discussed in context of transitional arrangements	WG5	Open
21	WG3	ESO Connections Team	When considering transitional arrangements, include guidance for staged projects		WG6	Open
22	WG3	EB, LC	Confirmation sought from the Authority on the DESNZ position on government designation exemption for projects	This option will be out of scope for CMP435/96 - confirmation received 23.05.24 that DESNZ will not pursue government designation exemption for projects	WG4	Closed
23	WG3	MO	ESO to check the process to avoid both DNO and ESO assessing evidence for Gate progression		WG4	Open
24	WG4	EB	Additional Workgroup meeting arranged pre-WG consultation		WG5	Open
25	WG4	Proposers, SME, Code Gov	Topics slide – add dates to WG, consider best placement for discussion of impacts on DNO/IDNO, the WG consultation review & timings for DCUSA changes/guidance	Check with KS for DCUSA discussion	WG5	Open
26	WG4	LC	Authority to consider licence obligations and possible penalties for DNOs/IDNOs performing checks on projects		WG5	Open
27	WG4	MO	Updates to the WG4 slides on Scope	For the avoidance of doubt...line, reference to Pt 1 & Pt 2, synch	WG5	Open

				comps in embedded generation, wording around New Grid Supply Point/substation, reference to interconnectors		
28	WG4	PM	Work through different scenarios for progressing/not progressing through the Gates (accept, reject, refer) considering conditions such as restrictions on availability		WG5	Open
29	WG4	RP & KS	Map out the timings for implementation plan (ESO to liaise with ENA)		Ongoing	Open
30	WG4	PM	Review process slides – ongoing compliance pulled out to apply to all scenarios on example slide, consider simplification to manage queue position based on clock start date		WG5	Open
31	WG4	RP	Call to be arranged between RP and JD about the consequences of customers not progressing if part of multi-customer applications (to then progress understanding of this via the ENA SCG groups)		Ongoing	Open
32	WG4	MO	ESO to confirm rationale for 3 month waiting period for refunds		WG5	Open
33	WG4	RE	ESO to consider the analysis available/possible to support the proposal for the Gate 1 Capacity Holding Security	CMP434/CM095 to discuss first	Ongoing	Open

Attendees (excluding Observers)

Name	Initial	Company	Role
Elana Byrne	EB	Code Administrator, ESO	Chair
Prisca Evans	PE	Code Administrator, ESO	Technical Secretary
Tammy Meek	TM	Code Administrator, ESO	Technical Secretary

Alice Taylor	AT	ESO	Proposer
Angela Quinn	AQ	ESO	ESO legal
Paul Mullen	PM	ESO	Subject Matter Expert
Richard Paterson	RP	ESO	Subject Matter Expert
Alex Curtis	AC	ESO	Subject Matter Expert
Mike Oxenham	MO	ESO	Subject Matter Expert
Rachel Eynon	RE	ESO	Subject Matter Expert
Liam Cullen	LC	OFGEM	Authority Representative
Adanna Ugo-okoye	AU	Statkraft	Workgroup Member Alternate CMP435
Bill Scott	BS	Eclipse Power Solutions	Workgroup Member CMP435
Callum Dell	CD	INV Energy	Workgroup Member CMP435
Claire Hynes	CH	RWE Renewables	Workgroup Member CMP435 & CM096
Deborah MacPherson	DM	Scottish Power Renewables	Workgroup Member CMP435
Ed Birkett	EB	Low Carbon	Workgroup Member CMP435
Gareth Williams	GW	Scottish Power Transmission	Workgroup Member CMP435 & CM096
Garth Graham	GG	SSE Generation	Workgroup Member CMP435
Greg Stevenson	GS	SSEN Transmission	Workgroup Member CMP435 & CM096
Jack Purchase	JP	NGED	Workgroup Member CMP435
James Devriendt	JD	UK Power Networks	Workgroup Member CMP435
James Inn	HI	Elmya Energy	Workgroup Member Alternate CMP435
Jeremy Sainsbury	JS	Fred Olsen Seawind	Workgroup Member Alternate CMP435 & CM096
Joe Colebrook	JC	Innova Renewables	Workgroup Member CMP435 & CM096
Jonathan Hoggarth	JH	EDF Renewables	Workgroup Member CMP435

Kyran Hanks	KH	WWA ltd	Workgroup Member CMP435
Luke Scott	LS	Northern Powergrid	Workgroup Member Alternate CMP435
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Michelle MacDonald Sandison	GH	SSEN	Workgroup Member Alternate CMP435
Mireia Barenys	MB	Lightsourcebp	Workgroup Member Alternate CMP435
Niall Stuart	NS	Buchan Offshore Wind	Workgroup Member CMP435
Nina Sharma	NSh	Drax	Workgroup Member Alternate CMP435
Nirmalya Biswas	NB	Northern Powergrid	Workgroup Member CMP435
Paul Jones	PJ	Uniper	Workgroup Member CMP435 &CM096
Paul Youngman	PY	Drax	Workgroup Member CMP435
Richard Woodward	RW	NGET	Workgroup Member CMP435 &CM096
Rob Smith	RS	ENSO Energy	Workgroup Member CMP435
Sam Aitchison	SA	Island Green Power	Workgroup Member CMP435 &CM096
Samuel Railton	SR	Centrica	Workgroup Member CMP435
Steffan Jones	SJ	Electricity North West Limited	Workgroup Member CMP435
Tim Ellingham	TB	RWE Renewables	Workgroup Member Alternate CMP435
Tony Cotton	TC	Energy Technical & Renewable Services	Workgroup Member CMP435
Wendy Mantle	WM	Scottish Power Energy Networks	Workgroup Member CMP435