

CUSC Panel 28 June 2024

CUSC Panel Minutes

Date: 28/06/2024 **Location:** Microsoft Teams

Start: 10:00 **End:** 13:00

Participants

Attendee	Initials	Company
Trisha McAuley OBE	TM	Independent Panel Chair
Claire Goult	CG	Panel Secretary Code Administrator Representative
Stuart McLarnon	SM	Panel Technical Secretary (Code Administrator)
Andrew Enzor	AE	Users' Panel Member
Andy Pace	AP	Consumers' Panel Member
Binoy Dharsi	BD	Users' Panel Member
Garth Graham	GG	Users' Panel Member
Joe Dunn	JD	Users' Panel Member
Lauren Jauss	LJ	Users' Panel Member (Alternate for Paul Jones)
Dan Arrowsmith	DA	National Grid ESO Panel Member
Nadir Hafeez	NH	Authority Representative
Harriet Harmon	HH	Authority Representative
Milly Lewis	ML	Code Administrator Representative

Observers/Presenters

Attendee	Initials	Company
Rugby Pelling	RP	EBR Update Presenter
Steve Wright	SW	EBR Update Presenter
Nick George	NG	CMP438 Proposer

Matthew Vickers	MV	ESO, Director of Connections and Contracts
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Apologies

Attendee	Initials	Company
Catia Gomes	CCG	Panel Technical Secretary (Code Administrator)
Joe Colebrook	JC	Users' Panel Member
Kyran Hanks	KH	Users' Panel Member
Paul Jones	PJ	Users' Panel Member
Rashmi Radhakrishnan	RR	ELEXON Observer

1. Introductions and Apologies

12436. Apologies for absence were received from Catia Gomes, Joe Colebrook, Kyran Hanks, Paul Jones and Rashmi Radhakrishnan.

12437. No declarations of interest were recorded.

2. Minutes from previous meetings

12438. The meeting minutes from the CUSC Panel held on 31 May were approved.

3. Review of actions log

12439. Action 182 - CG confirmed that this action is ongoing and to remain open. The Panel agreed with this.

4. Chair's update

12440. There were no updates from the Chair.

5. Authority Decisions

12441. NH confirmed that no decision updates would be published until after the general election on 04 July 2024 and there was an expectation that all expected decision dates would be reset following this period.

Decisions since last CUSC Panel

Modification	What this seeks to achieve	Expected Decision Date
CMP428	The Authority has designated certain circuits within the Holistic Network Design (HND) to be onshore transmission (reinforcement). This modification aims to define the User Commitment liabilities for Generators connected via onshore transmission (reinforcement) within the HND. This is to ensure that the purpose and function of circuits classified as onshore transmission (reinforcement) are considered when determining which Users are responsible for the associated liabilities.	On 11 June 2024, the Authority approved the modification proposal.

Awaiting Decisions

Modification	FMR submitted	Expected Decision Date
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CMP315 'TNUoS Review of the expansion constant and the elements of the transmission system charged for' and CMP375 'Enduring Expansion Constant & Expansion Factor Review'	07/02/2024	30/09/2024
CMP330&CMP374 'Allowing new Transmission Connected parties to build Connection Assets greater than 2km in length and Extending contestability for Transmission Connections'	10/08/2023	31/07/2024
CMP396 'Re-introduction Of BSUoS on Interconnector Lead Parties'	05/01/2024	TBC (Previously 31/05/2024)
CMP408 'Allowing consideration of a different notice period for BSUoS tariff settings'	13/10/2023	09/09/2024
CMP413 'Rolling 10-year wider TNUoS generation tariffs'	08/05/2024	TBC
CMP414 'CMP330/CMP374 Consequential Modification'	10/08/2023	31/07/2024
CMP415 'Amending the Fixed Price Period from 6 to 12 months'	13/10/2023	09/09/2024
CMP418 'Refine the allocation of Dynamic Reactive Compensation Equipment (DRCE) costs at OFTO transfer'	08/05/2024	TBC

6. New modifications

12442. TM informed Panel Members that one new CUSC Modification was being presented to the Panel to agree the governance route.

CMP438: Clarification of Illustrative Example of a TNUoS Demand Reconciliation

12443. NG from the ESO delivered a presentation on CMP438.

12444. Panel members questioned the extent of the legal text changes proposed.

12445. JD and HH highlighted that the number of changes to the legal text suggested that the proposal is going further than a normal housekeeping modification and therefore a more material change.

12446. The Proposer explained that it was mostly changes to the summary data and was therefore not material.

12447. JD believed that readers must be taken through the changes to be able understand the extent and that this needs to be conveyed in the Code Administrator consultation.

12448. The Proposer agreed to clarify the extent and share the outcome with JD prior to Code Administrator submission.

12449. All Panel members agreed this modification had a clearly defined defect and scope.

12450. Panel members unanimously agreed that this modification should follow the Self-Governance route and that the modification should proceed to Code Administrator Consultation.

7. In flight modification updates

12451. MV gave an update to Panel members regarding the urgent connection modifications (CMP434/CMP435) explaining how the Urgency timelines previously agreed by the Authority been ambitious. MV noted there had been much industry engagement to progress the modifications but there were still key topics requiring exploration. MV sought the Panel's advice on how best to manage the workgroup process to achieve a robust outcome within the critical timeline.
12452. Panel members were broadly supportive of the approach being taken by the ESO regarding the timeline assessment but raised a number of concerns. Members encouraged the ESO to rank the remaining topics in importance and risk ahead of the solutions being finalised to ensure that time was being spent efficiently. The Panel encouraged the ESO to be clear on the preferred solution and not need to feel a consensus was required to progress.
12453. A Panel member also highlighted a risk of future legal disputes if the process does not allow enough time for robust review and challenge at each stage ahead of being implemented, i.e., Industry consultation, Panel recommendation and Authority decision.
12454. GG, as a Workgroup member of the urgent connections modifications, requested the ESO to consider budgeting time for stakeholders to read and review the consultation and advised the Workgroup to focus on one subject at a time, rather than multiple areas. GG felt in person meetings in for the Urgent connections modifications would be valuable to the progression of the modifications.
12455. HH asked for the ESO to only present a clear minimum viable product for the urgent connection modifications, to ensure that Ofgem can undertake a full opinion and therefore able to make a decision.
12456. MV recognised the need to balance the urgency of the modifications and the robustness of developing the solution and therefore requested further time to have discussions with Workgroup members, Ofgem and DESNZ to put forward a revised timeline recommendation. Panel members agreed.
12457. MV thanked the Panel for its helpful input and agreed to provide a timeline update on CMP434/CMP435 at a Special CUSC Panel planned for 12 July 2024.
12458. CG and ML talked the Panel through, in detail, the progression of the other in-flight modifications and informed members that the Workgroup Reports for the other urgent modifications, CMP430/CMP431, will be presented at the July Panel.
12459. The Panel agreed to continue the modification workgroup meeting hiatus, noting that work was continuing for all modifications and that this hiatus would be subject to further Panel review on a monthly basis.
12460. The in-flight modifications can be found within the CUSC Panel papers pack on the National Grid ESO website via the following link: [Modification Tracker](#). The next Modification Tracker will be published on 08 July 2024.

8. Workgroup Reports

12461. No Workgroup Reports were presented to the Panel.

9. Draft Final Modification Reports (DFMR)

12462. One Draft Final Modification was submitted to Panel.

[CMP424: Amendments to Scaling Factors used for Year Round TNUoS Charges](#)

12463. The Panel unanimously agreed that the Original proposal better facilitates the appropriate CUSC objectives than the Baseline and should be implemented. The Final Modification Report will be issued to Ofgem on 09 July 2024.

10. Discussion on Prioritisation

12464. As part of the prioritisation discussion, HH presented an Authority view on prioritisation, applying the following criteria: Is the modification related to a strategic project? Are there interactions between modifications? What is the impact to Users and also the scale of change required by the modification?

12465. The Panel agreed with the suggestions made and that a refresh of the approach to prioritisation was required.

12466. ML agreed that, although the criteria are clear in the code in terms of complexity, importance, and urgency it would a good idea for the Panel to have a wider look as to how the prioritisation process might be improved. ML proposed to discuss this at TCMF as the Panel agreed on the importance of seeking industry input.

12467. No changes were made to the Prioritisation Stack. The Prioritisation Stack can be found [here](#).

11. Standing Groups

Transmission Charging Methodology Forum (TCMF)

12468. CG advised the Panel that the next meeting is planned for the 09 July 2024.

12469. Relevant material for the meeting can be found here [Transmission Charging Methodologies Forum](#)

12. European Updates

Joint European Stakeholder Group (JESG)

12470. GG advised that the meeting planned for the 11 June 2024 had been cancelled.

12471. The next meeting is planned for the 09 July 2024.

13. Update on other Industry Codes

12472. 26 June 2024 STC Panel [Papers and Headline Report](#)

12473. 27 June 2024 Grid Code Review Panel [Papers and Headline Report](#)

12474. 03 June 2024 SQSS Panel [Papers and Headline Report](#)

13. Relevant Interruptions Claim Report

12475. There were no updates at this Panel meeting.

14. Governance

EBR Update

12476. RB and SW presented the Panel with an update on EBR.

12477. An Action was taken by SW to create process the EBR decision-making process within the code, reflecting the action already taken at the Grid Code Review Panel.

15. Horizon Scan

12478. There were no updates at this Panel meeting.

16. Code Administrator Update

12479. There were no updates at this Panel meeting.

17. Any Other Business

12480. The Chair confirmed that there was no other business.

18. Close

12481. The Chair thanked the Panel for their time and contribution and brought the meeting to a close.

New Modification Proposals are to be submitted by 11 July 2024.

A special CUSC Panel will be hosted on the 12 July on Teams.

CUSC Panel Papers Day is 18 July 2024.

The next CUSC Panel meeting will be held on 26 July 2024 in Faraday House.