

What is the solution?

Proposer's solution

In respect of the Proposals within [CMP435](#) there are several notable STC/STCP specific areas of the Proposals as follows:

- To define the touchpoint and timing changes between the ESO and TOs in the STC (and relevant STCPs) so that the ESO can facilitate the Gate 2 to Whole Queue process in the required timescales for in scope projects (Component A).
- The ESO will notify the TOs as to which existing TOCAs are related to projects who have not met the Gate 2 criteria once this is known within the Gate 2 to Whole Queue process (Component A).
- The ESO will notify TOs as to which existing TOCAs are related to developers who have met the Gate 2 criteria (and do not seek connection date advancement) once this is known within the Gate 2 to Whole Queue process (Component A).
- The ESO will notify TOs as to which existing TOCAs are related to developers who have met the Gate 2 criteria (and seek connection date advancement) once this is known within the Gate 2 to Whole Queue process (Component A).
- Once the Gate 2 to Whole Queue network design process has been undertaken the TOs will send updated TOCAs for such Gate 2 projects to the ESO through the standard TOCA update processes (Component A).
- TOCAs related to Gate 1 projects will be suitably addressed by the ESO and TOs on a case-by-case basis once Gate 1 projects are known (Component A).
- As a result of the above, TO Final Sums related changes may be required in the STC and/or STCPs (as appropriate) in relation to invoicing and payment timescales related to any realised abortive costs associated with Gate 1 projects in the event of termination (potentially only where over an upper threshold value) (Component A).

Component A: Proposed Process and Timescales, including ESO/TO Obligations

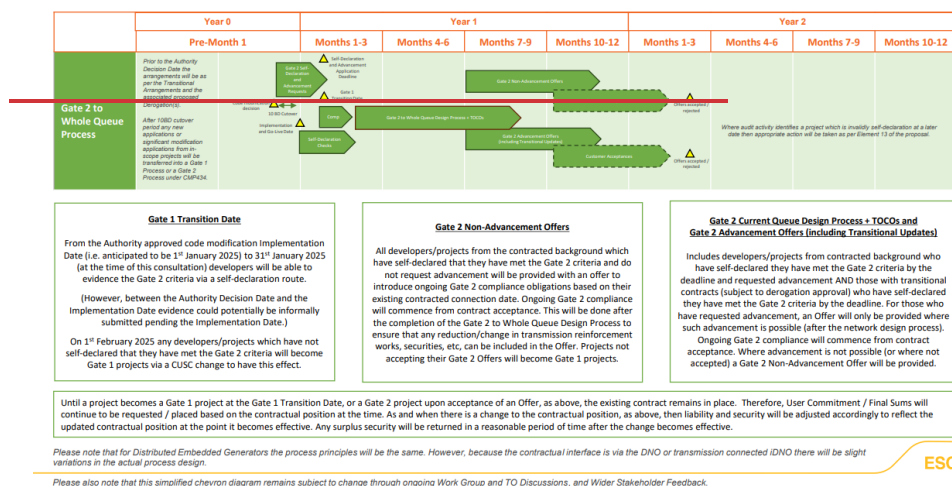
The following diagram provides a high-level overview of the current intent for the proposed Gate 2 to Whole Queue Process. The appropriate level of codification related to the process remains to be confirmed, but as the current codified process timescales are derived from the ESO and TO transmission licences this will in part depend upon changes to licence. The Proposer therefore plans to keep the process duration, as well as the process steps, under review ~~based on stakeholder feedback to this consultation~~.

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Indicative Process Timeline

Indicative (at the time of this consultation) process timeline

Gate 2 to Whole Queue Process is a One-Off Exercise



Arrangements will also need to be included in relation to the proposed new methodologies that are planned to be introduced as described in [CMP435](#). This will also require ESO (and potentially TO) licence changes, which are expected to be consulted upon by Ofgem in due course (and ahead of 'go-live', which is, ~~at the time of the consultation~~, anticipated to be 1st January 2025).

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When will this change take place?

Implementation date

1 January 2025

Date decision required by

13 December 2024¹

Implementation approach

~~At the time of this WG consultation~~ The go-live date is anticipated to be 1st January 2025, with the deadline for project developers to self-declare that their projects have met the Gate 2 criteria (and if so indicate whether they want an advanced connection date) anticipated to then be 31st January 2025. As a result, the ESO will provide the TOs with the status of the in-scope existing projects (i.e. Gate 1, Gate 2 with no advancement, or Gate 2 with advancement) after the deadline (so anticipated to be provided to the TOs by 28th February 2025).

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The ESO will then provide the TOs with Construction Planning Assumptions (CPA) to facilitate the TOs in undertaking a Gate 2 to Whole Queue network design exercise in accordance with the proposed Connections Network Design Methodology (CNDM).

¹ This represents the current proposed timeline for this modification (as of 25 July 2024), which is pending Authority approval.

Any new applications or Significant Modification Applications received by the ESO after the cutover date (i.e., 10 Business Days after the Ofgem Decision on CMP434/CMP435) will be processed under the arrangements set out in CMP434 (and CM095), and not under CMP435 and CM096.