

CMP435 & CM096

Application of Gate 2 Criteria to existing contracted background

Workgroup Meeting 20, 26 September 2024

Online Meeting via Teams

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Agenda

Topics to be discussed	Lead
Timeline	Chair
SME Update Proposer Update	SME, Proposer
Scene Setting – Workgroup 20	Proposer
Review of the Draft Legal Text	All
CMP435 Alternative Request and Alternative Request Vote	All
Action Log	Chair
Any Other Business	Chair
Next Steps	Chair

Timeline

Catia Gomes – ESO Code Administrator

CMP435 and CM096 Application of Gate 2 Criteria to existing contracted background

Pre-Workgroup	
Proposal raised	19/04/2024
Proposal submitted to Panel	26/04/2024
Workgroup Nominations	26/04/2024 - 02/05/2024
Urgency Decision	01/05/2024
Workgroups	
Workgroup 1	07/05/2024
Workgroup 2	15/05/2024
Workgroup 3	23/05/2024
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Workgroup 10	10/07/2024
Workgroup 11	19/07/2024
Workgroup 12	23/07/2024
Workgroup 13	24/07/2024
Workgroup Consultation	25/07/2024 - 06/08/2024
Workgroup 14	14/08/2024
Workgroup 15	22/08/2024
Workgroup 16	29/08/2024
Workgroup 17	04/09/2024

Workgroup Continuation		Key Objectives*
Workgroup 18	12/09/2024	CMP435 ToR Discussion/Action log; CM096 ToR Discussion/Action Log
Workgroup 19	18/09/2024	Alternative Requests Update
Workgroup 20	26/09/2024	Alternative Requests Update and Vote; CMP435 Draft Original Legal Text Discussion;
Workgroup 21	04/10/2024	CMP435 Workgroup Report Discussion; CM096 Workgroup Report Discussion
Workgroup 22	10/10/2024	CM096 Overview and Draft Legal Text Discussion; CMP435 Draft WACM Legal Text Discussion
Workgroup 23	17/10/2024	CMP435 Finalise Workgroup Report; CM096 Finalise Workgroup Report Discussion
Workgroup 24	24/10/2024	Complete sign off of ToR and Workgroup Vote
Workgroup 25	29/10/2024	Final Review of Workgroup Reports

Post Workgroups		Key info
Workgroup Report submitted to Panel	05/11/2024	
Panel to agree whether ToR have been met	08/11/2024	Special Panel to be arranged
Code Administrator Consultation	11/11/2024 - 22/11/2024	9 Business Days
Code Administrator Consultation Analysis and DFMR generation	25/11/2024 - 12/12/2024	13 Business Days
Draft Final Modification Report to Panel	13/12/2024	
Panel Recommendation Vote	20/12/2024	Special Panel to be arranged
Final Modification to Ofgem	20/12/2024	
Decision Date	Q1 2025	
Implementation Date	Q2 2025	

* Workgroup meetings will continue to include other relevant topics alongside the key objectives

SME Update
Catia Gomes– ESO Code Administrator

Proposer Update
Proposer

Scene Setting – Workgroup 20
Proposer

Meeting Objectives

What is the focus of the meeting?

- To walkthrough the initial draft of the CMP435 legal text
- Complete discussion of Alternative Requests to be voted on today

What is the ask of the workgroup?

- To gain an understanding of the approach and thinking around the CMP435 legal text
- Ask questions of the Alternative Request Proposers if necessary to then be ready to vote.

What is the desired output of the meeting?

- To have a clear understanding of the approach taken for the CMP435 legal text
- To vote on the Alternative Requests that have been presented

What should not be discussed?

- Debate on the approach of the initial CMP435 legal text

Review of the Draft Legal Text

All

CMP435 Alternative Requests
All – ESO Code Administrator

Alternatives Summary – CMP4345 (as of 24 Sept)

<u>Number</u>	<u>Proposer Name</u>	<u>Proposer Organisation</u>	<u>What does this Alternative suggest?</u>	<u>Update post Workgroup 20</u>
1	Jonathon Hoggarth	EDF	This Alternative proposes to implement a transition period of 6 months from the implementation period in order to allow the Gate 2 criteria to be achieved by existing contracted parties with viable projects.	Updated
2	Ed Birkett	Low Carbon	This Alternative Request would require the ESO to implement changes to existing agreements via Agreements to Vary.	Formally withdrawn 02.09.24
3	Grant Rogers	Q-Energy Sustainable Investments Ltd	Remove Element 14 from the proposed solution to ensure focus on the project and land requirements at application stage and ensure applicants are subject to requirements at Gate 2.	Formally withdrawn 18.09.24
4	Will Wason	Orron Energy	The proposal intended a fairer and more balanced approach that will ensure a reduction of TEC Queue, whilst also enabling a sensible transition period to enable roll-out of viable renewable energy projects in order to reach the UK Net Zero targets.	Not currently proceeding as a submission
5	Phillip John	Epsilon		Alternatives received for CMP434 following the critical friend check. Updated Alternative Request received 26.09.24 for critical friend check ahead of sharing with the WG for WG21.
6	Steffan Jones	ENWL	To introduce a (significant) Financial Instrument to the Gate 2 Criteria, potentially in the form of a £/MW non-refundable deposit.	Formally withdrawn 18.09.24
7	Garth Graham	SSE Generation	(In association with a twin CMP434 Alternative Request) Retention of pre-reform contracts/agreements for existing projects, with exemptions for i) projects with a connection/accepted offer prior to 02 Sept 2024 and a secured Government Support Contract, or ii) offshore wind projects with a connection/accepted offer prior to 02 Sept 2024 that are necessary to deliver Government plans. Acknowledgement of an Application Window and replacement of Gate 2 criteria with CMP376 QM milestones and financial commitment.	Alternative Request received 11.09.24, presented and took WG questions in WG19, proceeding to the Alternative Vote in WG20. Update circulated to WG on email 25.09.24

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8	Helen Sodin	Muir Mhor Offshore Wind Farm Ltd	<p>This Alternative is proposing that in addition to land requirements, projects entering Gate 2 should:</p> <p>receive a grid offer date based on completion of local works only, and from go-live have either submitted planning or post additional security up to planning submission</p> <p>Full TEC would be awarded at the FID milestone – with CFD budgets and awards tailored to available Connect and Manage capacity and government priorities on technology mix</p>	Alternative Request received 17.09.24. Presented in WG19, updated version pending from Proposer to be shared with WG
9	Rob Smith	ENSO Energy	<p>This Alternative is proposing:</p> <p>That the results of the Gate 2 compliance check should be published immediately – including any revised Transmission Entry Capacity (TEC) or technology change requests</p> <p>A 2- to 4 week pause should be implemented for Gate 2 qualified applicants to assess the viability of their projects in light of updated competitor information, to understand the Clean Power Plan for 2030 (CPP30)CP2030 regional technology quota proposals that we understand will emerge, and any NESO project designation activity that has been undertaken.</p> <p>Parties could then choose to submit an application for capacity advancement, keep their project as is or withdraw (with no penalty)</p> <p>The TO/ESO network investment would then proceed as under the original proposal, but in our view with a much more credible portfolio of generation projects which will reduce the risk of stranded assets and consumer costs.</p>	Alternative Request received 17.09.24. Presented in WG19, taking WG questions in WG20
10	Andrew Yates	Statkraft	<p>Inclusion of planning submission or permission as a valid entry point to Gate 2 alongside Land Option o that a greater pool of projects can be considered for delivery under CP2030 technology influence</p>	Initial Alternative Request received 24.09.24 Sept. Shared with WG for WG20.

CMP435 Alternative Request 9
Alternative Request Proposer

CMP435 Proposal (Unsure whether should apply to CMP434 On Ensuring Basis)



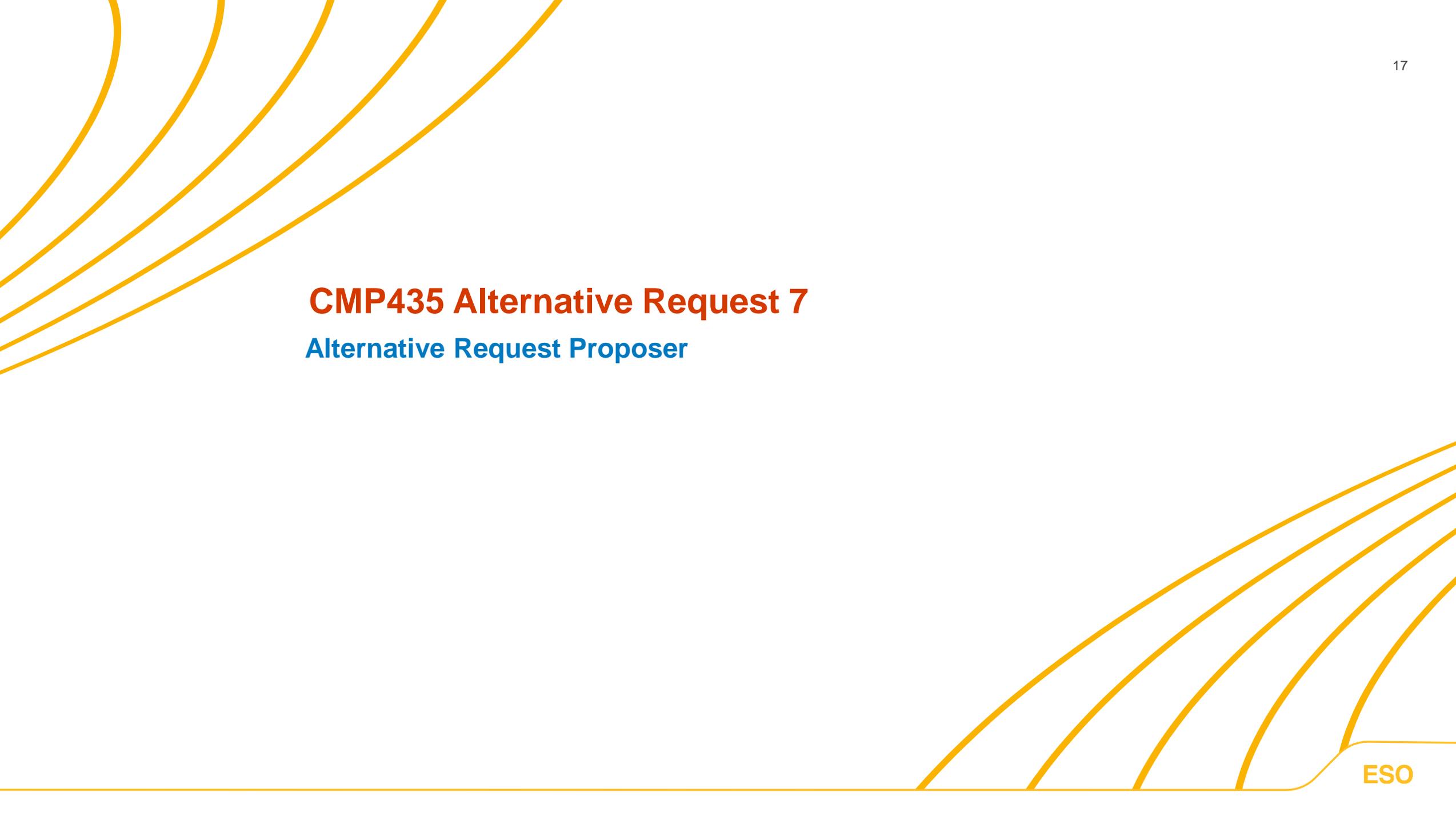
Issue

- Currently Applicants suffer from lack of clarity on the viability of competitor projects in the queue.
- This uncertainty leads to inefficient decision making as projects are taken forward based on risk appetite rather than strong project economic fundamentals

Benefit

- Developers make more efficient decision making (driven by market fundamentals)
- ESO/TO can undertake network assessment based on smaller portfolio of more credible projects

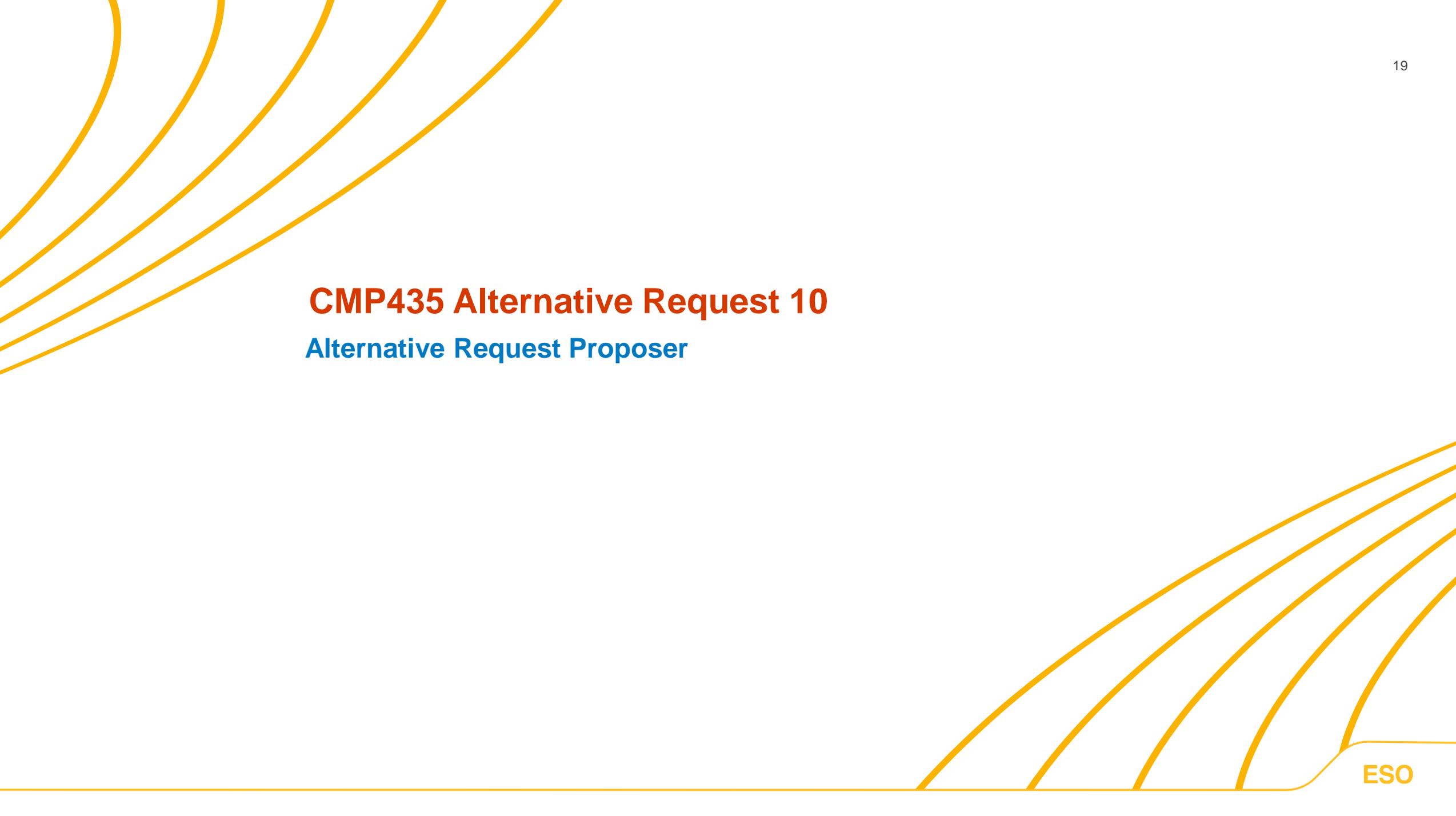
CMP435 Alternative Request 1
Alternative Request Proposer



CMP435 Alternative Request 7

Alternative Request Proposer

CMP435 Alternative Request 8
Alternative Request Proposer



CMP435 Alternative Request 10

Alternative Request Proposer

CMP435 Alternative Request's Vote
All – ESO Code Administrator

Actions Log

Catia Gomes – ESO Code Administrator

<u>Action number</u>	<u>Workgroup Raised</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Comment</u>	<u>Due by</u>	<u>Status</u>
21	WG3	AC / FP	When considering transitional arrangements, include guidance for staged projects	To be covered in more detail under Phase 2	Ongoing	Open
36	WG5	Angie	Statement from ESO as to the CAP150 powers and how they are applied /can be applied re: ongoing compliance (include link to CAP150 info on ESO website)	This is part of the CMP434 legal text	Ongoing	Propose to close
42	WG6	AC/FP	Check with legal as to the clock start dates for new applications considering the point of implementation after an Authority decision (is 15th of November date is legally acceptable as the Gate 1 process only comes to existence 10 Working days after Authority decision?)	This question is no longer applicable now that Phase 1 is in place and the decision and implementation dates have changed. ESO have said that following Ofgem's decision on 21 August 2024, any new directly connected transmission application made from 2 September 2024, will receive a Transitional Offer.	Ongoing	Propose to close
56	WG8	MO	Clarification with legal regarding guidance and introduction of any new obligations	Clarity on this should be provided by the legal text	Ongoing	Open
57	WG8	MO	ESO set out the processes and timing for determining liability and security for April 2025 and October 2025	April 2025 and October 2025 processes are currently expected to continue as normal in respect of existing agreements but this will be kept under review.	Ongoing	Propose to close
59	WG8	MO	Provide WG with the list of documents outside the mod, the principles for guidance docs and timelines for the development of methodology documents.	Methodologies session held on the 16th. Further session to be scheduled Mid-October. Methodology consultation to take place Nov-Dec. (Exact dates for both TBC.) Guidance to be used is already known, as this was set out in WG consultation.	Ongoing	Propose to close
60	WG8	RP	(Replacement for Action 35) Provide relevant updates from SCG.	Suggest that this is closed as an action and instead we have a standing agenda item moving forward	Ongoing	Propose to close

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79	WG10	MO	Develop a diagram for consultation for alignment of methodologies' timings vs the modifications	No longer proposing to complete this action due to the recent Ofgem Open Letter and approach in respect of methodology discussion	Ongoing	Propose to close
80	WG10	MO	Provide further clarity on the nature of the projects designated in 2025, and separately those projects would have reserved capacity	ESO are not providing any further information on this as part of the code process as until we have run the process we will not know which projects are subject to Capacity Reservation.	Ongoing	Propose to close
84	WG11	PM/HS	To discuss how to make Offshore projects holding offers in scope of the modification	Ongoing discussions between Connections and Offshore Coordination team and have spoken to Helen	Ongoing	Open
85	WG11	TBC	Comeback to WG with Justification on proposals on exempting mod apps from implementation date	This is related to the Phase 1 transitional arrangement scope which has now been set and is in place	Ongoing	Propose to close
89	WG14	MO	STC solution to expand on intended process and contract changes (particular importance for TOs)	ESO Legal are working on CM095 and CM096 legal text solutions. Ongoing weekly conversations with TOs is taking place	Ongoing	Open

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93	WG14	ESO Connections Team	Update on the pathway of modifications in relation to the wider Reform package	Propose that this becomes a standing agenda item instead to provide general updates on other aspects of TMO4+	Ongoing	Propose to close
94	WG15	ESO Connections Team	Clarification sought on whether the change to assess whether projects are needed introduces any risk to projects before the new arrangements go live (in context of an investment hiatus).	ESO session arranged for 16 th September "Potential to apply a technology lens to Connections Reform event". Further sessions scheduled for October.	Ongoing	Propose to close
96	WG15	PM	CNDM team to be asked how existing projects not meeting Gate 2 will be factored into the CNDM (in case of any consequential issues for removing the Gate 1 longstop)		Ongoing	Open
98	WG15	PM	To check if TEC reduction will still mean projects are open to liabilities	To be covered as part of CMP435 legal text	Ongoing	Open
99	WG15	PM	ESO to consider the new proposed reforms to National Planning Framework for nationally significant solar projects and any impacts for the Planning Regime timescales for Town & Country Planning (TCP)	We would either use the Exceptions process (if e.g, a developer can't meet M1 timings because planning authority have made it longer) and/or later raise a Modification to change the timescales set out in the forward looking M1 timetable (as set out in Section 16 Legal Text, which equally applies to CMP434 and CMP435)	Ongoing	Propose to close
100	WG15	RM	Will timescales for submitting offers change with changes in programme timelines	Cannot be provided until revised programme available, including revised implementation and go-live dates.	Ongoing	Open
101	WG15	RM	Workgroup require timings for the further updates on Element 19		Ongoing	Open
102	WG15	MO	Swim lane document to be produced for CMP434 and 435	Cannot be provided until revised programme available, including revised implementation and go-live dates.	Ongoing	Open
105	WG16	AT/SB	Request for ESO to provide comment on how options will be created for Govt decisions on capacity mix (and the legal basis for decisions)	ESO session arranged for 16 th September "Potential to apply a technology lens to Connections Reform event"	Ongoing	Propose to close

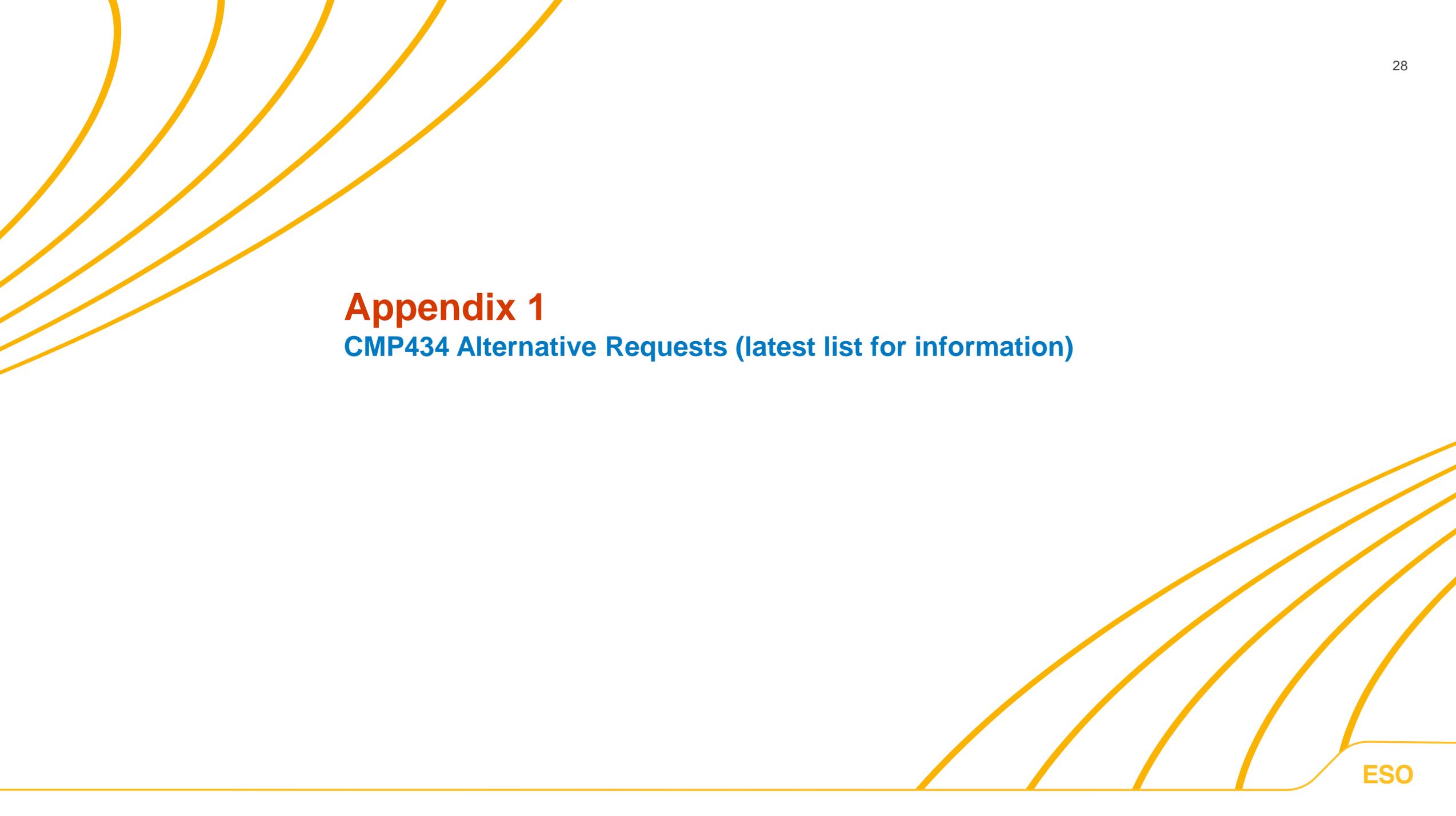
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107	WG17	AC	Clarify the process for transitional accepted offers in relation to 434 and/or 435 processes	Ongoing discussions	Ongoing	Open
108	WG17	AQ	Come back with a clarificatory position on application routes where GSPs are involved	TBC	Ongoing	Open
110	WG17	AQ	Provide the document outlining the CMP435 legal text approach for sharing with the Workgroup	Provided ahead of WG20	Ongoing	Propose to close
111	WG18	MO	ESO and Ofgem to discuss expectations re:ToR i) and feedback to Workgroup		Open	Open
112	WG18	RM	Underlying RFI data to be supplied in Excel format as per WG17		Ongoing	Open
113	WG19	AT	ESO to consider the technical impacts of the proposed Alternative Requests for CMP435	As per earlier update		Propose to close
114	WG19	MO	ESO to provide an update on the Swim lane diagram - ref dates and Ofgem letter			

Any Other Business

Catia Gomes– ESO Code Administrator

Next Steps

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Appendix 1

CMP434 Alternative Requests (latest list for information)

WITHDRAWN Alternatives (CMP434)

<u>Number</u>	<u>Proposer Name</u>	<u>Proposer Organisation</u>	<u>What does this Alternative suggest?</u>	<u>Update</u>
1	Simon Lord	Engie	Firm access only available to projects that are fully formed and formally in the planning process.	Withdrawn by Proposer 25/09/24
6	Steffan Jones/Brian Hoy	ENWL	To amend the threshold at which embedded schemes will follow the Primary Process	Withdrawn by Proposer 19/09/24 (principle incorporated into Number 5)
7	Zachary Gray	Hydrostor Inc	To provide greater certainty to all LDES projects, requesting regulatory alignment between future connection reforms, consents, and procurements by considering further provisions for LDES beyond pumped hydro.	Not eligible to raise an Alternative as a non CUSC party and not picked up - to be explored in another space outside CMP434
9	Deborah Walker	ABO Energy	Extend the timeline for implementation	Request withdrawn due to timeline update - email confirmation of official withdrawal received 29/8
11	Eibhlin Norquoy	Point and Sandwich Power Limited	In order to fully comply with objective (c) of CUSC, and especially alignment with articles of Regulation (EU) 2019/943 requiring “to ensure fair conditions of competition in the internal electricity market”, introduce an alternative to unfair connection regulation for Community Generators by considering a specific “Community” Project Designation. Community Generators have repeatedly been shown to deliver many times more value and return locally and have considerably more local acceptability and support when compared to embedded generation in general. The Alternative should both increase the installed capacity and value, and speed to build out of embedded Community led generation across the networks so furthering the overall aims of this reform. Furthermore, it addresses increasing fairness and inclusion challenges by recognising the additional benefits these generators bring to society through the additional operating restrictions they have in place in order to ensure benefit from their actions is socialised, the fact that speculation is effectively not a practical feature for them, and to compensate for the unbalanced conditions and lack of resources faced when Community Generators have to compete with the corporations in the new ‘first ready, first served’ approach of the connection reform.	Presented at WG24 – Consider if CMP434 is the correct space to raise. Following feedback agreed it can be progressed as a methodology rather than a change within the CUSC

WITHDRAWN Alternatives (CMP434)

Number	Proposer Name	Proposer Organisation	What does this Alternative suggest?	Update
15	Grant Rogers	Q-Energy Sustainable Investments Ltd	Remove DFTC from the proposed solution. DFTC is proposed as a forecast however existing DNO datasets already indicate this in the same way DFTC is intended to e.g. connections application data and the ECR's confirm the relevant generation applicants and the upstream GSP's at DNO level.	Withdrawn by Proposer 18/09/24
16	Grant Rogers	Q-Energy Sustainable Investments Ltd	Remove Element 14 from the proposed solution. This would limit/stop the ability to move site location post Gate 2 Offer.	Withdrawn by Proposer 18/09/24
18	Luke Scott	Northern PowerGrid	We would like the existing Allowable change rules to remain in place, and for us not to adopt the proposed significant change element.	Withdrawn by Proposer 13/09/24
20	Philip John	Epsilon Generation Limited	Planning submission or permission is required as part of Gate 2 criteria	Withdrawn by Proposer 23/09/24
22	Claire Hynes	RWE	For Users to provide the date they expect to submit planning consent to the ESO post Gate 2 when the outcome of Transmission Owner (TO) site studies is known and a point of connection is provided.	Withdrawn by Proposer 20/09/24
24	Phillip John	Epsilon	Introduction of Planning Consent within the Gate 2 Criteria Process	Withdrawn by Proposer 23/09/24

Alternatives Vote Completed Workgroup 25 25/09/25 (CMP434)

Number	Proposer Name	Proposer Organisation	What does this Alternative suggest?	Vote
2	Phillip Addison	EDF	This alternative proposes to remove the current proposed restrictions to build capacity outside of the red line boundary.	Unsuccessful 25/09/25
3	Phillip Addison	EDF	The current proposed forward planning milestone are to be removed from the proposal. The current Queue Management planning milestone dates will be used instead.	Unsuccessful 25/09/25
5	Steffan Jones/Brian Hoy	ENWL	Raising the lower threshold at which embedded schemes that will follow the Primary Process	Unsuccessful 25/09/25
10	Eibhlin Norquoy	Point and Sandwich Power Limited	To provide an indication of cost within the Gate 1 offer and for relevant Small and Medium Embedded Generators to be allowed to apply for a Gate 1 connection offer. Indication of costs ahead of application to Gate 2 would enable developers to undertake early planning for costs, securities, and liabilities and be in a better financial position to be able to accept a Gate 2 offer. This will be especially important for all scales of Embedded Generators on which is not familiar with Transmission costs.	Unsuccessful 25/09/25
17	Grant Rogers	Q-Energy Sustainable Investments Ltd	Alternative to element 18 and minor, stronger, wording update to Element 12. A new process, potentially codified (where applicable), to address how DNOs and transmission connected iDNOs notify the ESO of Relevant Embedded Small Power Stations or Relevant Embedded Medium Power Stations which meet Gate 2 criteria.	Unsuccessful 25/09/25
26	Garth Graham	SSE	To create a single process that will apply to new and existing projects. It seeks to filter projects based on (i) Gate 1 - system need (i.e., alignment with UK Government-backed plans); and Gate 2 - project commitment, plus recognition that, by securing grid connection, other project developers forgo the opportunity to connect their projects. Projects are then subject to the full suite of existing Queue Management Milestones to ensure they progress.	Unsuccessful 25/09/25

Alternatives Vote Completed Workgroup 25 25/09/25 (CMP434)

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4	Steffan Jones/Brian Hoy	ENWL	Clarifying the definition of embedded schemes that will follow the Primary Process	WACM 1 - 25/09/24
8	Helen Stack	CBS Energy Storage Assets UK Limited	Inclusion of wording within the proposal and subsequent CUSC legal text requiring DNOs to include all applicable Embedded Projects that provide a competent Gate 2 compliance application / submission of evidence within the Gate 2 application window as part of the DNOs fully completed Gate 2 application to the ESO. This would have to be within the codified period of time (currently 10 business days as per the "Rebaseline Proposal") following closure of the given window.	WACM 2 - 25/09/24
13	Ed Birkett	Low Carbon	This proposed alternative would codify a simple capacity reallocation mechanism, with terminated capacity being offered to the next project that has passed Gate 2 and can take advantage of that terminated capacity.	WACM 3 - 25/09/24
14	Ed Birkett	Low Carbon	This Alternative Request would codify the proposed restrictions on changes to project RLB post-Gate 2. The original solution does not propose to codify these new restrictions, instead proposing to house the restrictions in the proposed Gate 2 Criteria Methodology.	WACM 4 - 25/09/24
19	Joe Colebrook	Innova Renewables	Remove Element 9: Project Designation from the Original proposal.	WACM 5 - 25/09/24
25	Claire Hynes	RWE	Obligation to Codify the Methodologies and Guidance Documents under Connection Reform	WACM 6 - 25/09/24
28	Rob Smith	ENSO Energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of a pause for market self-regulation before the ESO/TO undertake the network assessment • Wait until the pause has completed to submit application for advancement as apposed to the current proposal where applicants do this at the point of Gate 2 submission • Defined obligation for the ESO to publish certain information on the TEC queue by a proposed date. At present the level of detail and the timing of this publication is not specified in the current proposal 	WACM 7 - 25/09/24

Alternatives – Postponed Vote (CMP434)

<u>Number</u>	<u>Proposer Name</u>	<u>Proposer Organisation</u>	<u>What does this Alternative suggest?</u>	<u>Update</u>
12	Eibhlin Norquoy	Point and Sandwick Power Limited	In order to fully comply with objective (c) of CUSC, and especially alignment with articles of Regulation (EU) 2019/943 requiring “to ensure fair conditions of competition in the internal electricity market”, introduce provisions so a proportion of any planned new grid infrastructure would be ring-fenced for use by Community Generators in the first instance. If community companies do not apply to use the capacity within a defined period (e.g., 5 to 7 years), the capacity can then be released back into the wider market. Community Generators have repeatedly been shown to deliver many times more value and return locally and have considerably more local acceptability and support when compared to embedded generation in general. The Alternative should both increase the installed capacity and value, and speed to build out of embedded Community led generation across the networks so furthering the overall aims of this reform. Furthermore, it addresses increasing fairness and inclusion challenges by recognising the additional benefits these generators bring to society through, the additional operating restrictions they have in place in order to ensure benefit from their actions is socialised, the fact that speculation is effectively not a practical feature for them, and to compensate for the unbalanced conditions and lack of resources faced when, Community Generators have to compete with the corporations in the new ‘first ready, first served’ approach of the connection reform.	Presented at WG24 – Consider if CMP434 is the correct space to raise. Need to clarify if Element 10 will be codified in the CUSC before proceeding to Alternative Request Vote
21	Philip John	Epsilon Generation Limited	Propose a 12 month grace period to move the red line boundary after Gate 2 acceptance.	Alternative updated – plan to present WG 26
23	Laura Henry/ Jack Purchase	NGED	To change the proposal in Element 12 for the time that DNOs and IDNOs have to submit the evidence to demonstrate that projects connecting to their networks have met the Gate 2 criteria (and also the full technical data submission required for a project progression), from 10 working days to 20 working days	Awaiting confirmation of the Original solution to decide next steps
27	Helen Snodin	Muir Mhòr Offshore Wind Farm Ltd	In addition to land requirements, projects entering Gate 2 should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • receive a grid offer date based on completion of local works only, and • from go-live have either submitted planning or post additional security up to planning submission • Full Transmission Entry Capacity (TEC) would be awarded at the FID milestone – with CFD budgets and awards tailored to available Connect and Manage capacity and government priorities on technology mix	Time requested to clarify – plan to present WG 26

Raising an Alternative Request Information

What is the Alternative Request?

What is an Alternative Request? The formal starting point for a Workgroup Alternative Modification to be developed which can be raised up until the Workgroup Vote.

Who can raise an Alternative Request? Any CUSC Party, BSC Party, the Citizens Advice or the Citizens Advice Scotland may (subject to Paragraph 8.20.20) raise a Workgroup Consultation Alternative Request in response to the Workgroup Consultation. If you are not a CUSC Party, but are nominated by a CUSC Schedule 1 Party, please submit a statement in writing from the nominating party to confirm submission of the Alternative Request on their behalf. No Workgroup Consultation Alternative Request may be raised by any CUSC Party during any second or subsequent Workgroup Consultation.

What do I need to include in my Alternative Request form? The requirements are the same for a Modification Proposal you need to articulate in writing:

- a description (in reasonable but not excessive detail) of the issue or defect as outlined in the Original Proposal which the alternative seeks to address compared to the current proposed solution(s);
- the reasons why you believe that the proposed alternative request would better facilitate the Applicable Objectives compared with the current proposed solution(s) together with background information;
- where possible, an indication of those parts of the Code which would need amending in order to give effect to (and/or would otherwise be affected by) the proposed alternative request and an indication of the impacts of those amendments or effects; and
- where possible, an indication of the impact of the proposed alternative request on relevant computer systems and processes.

How do Alternative Requests become formal Workgroup Alternative Modifications? The Workgroup will carry out a Vote on Alternatives Requests. If the majority of the Workgroup members or the Workgroup Chair believe the Alternative Request will better facilitate the Applicable Objectives than the current proposed solution(s), the Workgroup will develop it as a Workgroup Alternative Modification.

Who develops the legal text for Workgroup Alternative Modifications? ESO will assist Proposers and Workgroups with the production of draft legal text once a clear solution has been developed to support discussion and understanding of the Workgroup Alternative Modifications.

Voting Information

What is the Alternative Vote?

To participate in any votes, Workgroup members need to have attended at least 50% of meetings. The vote shall be decided by simple majority of those present at the meeting at which the vote takes place (whether in person or by teleconference)

Stage 1 – Alternative Vote

- Vote on whether Workgroup Alternative Requests should become Workgroup Alternative CUSC/ STC Modifications.
- The Alternative vote is carried out to identify the level of Workgroup support there is for any potential alternative options that have been brought forward by either any member of the Workgroup OR an Industry Participant as part of the Workgroup Consultation.
- **Should the majority of the Workgroup OR the Chair believe that the potential alternative solution may better facilitate the CUSC/ STC objectives than the Original then the potential alternative will be fully developed by the Workgroup with legal text to form a Workgroup Alternative CUSC modification (WACM)/ STC modification (WASTM) and submitted to the Panel and Authority alongside the Original solution for the Panel Recommendation vote and the Authority decision.**

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Stage 2 – Workgroup Vote

- 2a) Assess the original and Workgroup Alternative (if there are any) against the relevant Applicable Objectives compared to the baseline (the current code)
- 2b) Vote on which of the options is best.

Alternate Requests cannot be raised after the Stage 2 – Workgroup Vote

Voting Eligibility (prior to WG20)

CMP435 – Workgroup member voting eligibility (after WG19)

Code Administrator Modification Chair: Elana Byrne
Code Administrator Technical Secretary: Tammy Meek

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All Workgroup members are eligible to vote if they (or a declared alternate) have attended 50%+ of meetings to date.
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Proposer	Alice Taylor	ESO	System Operator	100%
Workgroup Member	Andy Dekany	NGV	Interconnector	100%
Workgroup Member	Antony Cotton	Energy Technical & Renewable Services Ltd	Other - not disclosed	100%
Workgroup Member	Barney Cowin	Statkraft	Generator	89%
Workgroup Member	Barry Matthews	Orron Energy	Generator	22% (joined WG15)
Workgroup Member	Callum Dell	Invenergy	Generator	42%
Workgroup Member	Charles Deacon	Eclipse Power Solutions	Network Operator	68%
Workgroup Member	Charles Edward Cresswell	Cero Generation	Generator	5% (ENSO vote via Rob Smith?)
Workgroup Member	Claire Hynes	RWE Renewables	Generator	94%
Workgroup Member	Deborah MacPherson	Scottish Power Renewables	Generator	89%
Workgroup Member	Donald Fu	Nat Power Marine	-	10% (joined WG16)
Workgroup Member	Ed Birkett	Low Carbon	Generator	100%
Workgroup Member	Gareth Williams	Scottish Power Transmission	Onshore Transmission Licensee	100%
Workgroup Member	Garth Graham	SSE Generation	Generator	100%
Workgroup Member	Grant Rogers	Qualitas Energy	Generator	57%
Workgroup Member	Greg Stevenson	SSEN Transmission (SHET)	Onshore Transmission Licensee	100%

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Workgroup Member	Helen Snodin	Fred Olsen Seawind	Generator	89%
Workgroup Member	Hooman Andami	Elmya Energy	Generator	73%
Workgroup Member	Jack Purchase	NGED	Network Operator	100%
Workgroup Member	Joe Colebrook	Innova Renewables	Generator	73%
Workgroup Member	Jonathon Lee Hoggarth	EDF Renewables Ltd	Generator	78%
Workgroup Member	Jonathan Wood	Tarchon Energy	Interconnector	10% (joined at WG8)
Workgroup Member	Kyran Hanks	WWA Ltd	CUSC Panel Member	73%
Workgroup Member	Mark Field	Sembcorp Energy (UK) Limited	Legal, Regulation and Compliance	84%
Workgroup Member	Michelle MacDonald Sandison	SSEN	Network Operator	78%
Workgroup Member	Niall Stuart	Hutcheson Associates (Nominated on behalf of Buchan Offshore Wind)	Consultancy	94%
Workgroup Member	Nirmalya Biswas	Northern Powergrid	Network Operator	94%
Workgroup Member	Paul Jones	Uniper	Generator	100%
Workgroup Member	Paul Youngman	Drax	Generation/Supply	100%
Workgroup Member	Pedro Javier Rodriguez	Lightsourcebp	Generator	84%
Workgroup Member	Philip John	Epsilon Generation	Generator	26% (joined at WG 13)
Workgroup Member	Phillip Robinson	ITPEnergised	Other – not disclosed	26% (joined at WG8)

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Workgroup Member	Ravinder Shan	FRV TH Powertek Limited	Generator	94%
Workgroup Member	Richard Woodward	NGET	Onshore Transmission Licensee	89%
Workgroup Member	Rob Smith	Enso Energy	Generator	94%
Workgroup Member	Ross Thompson	UK Power Networks	Network Operator	94%
Workgroup Member	Sam Aitchison	Island Green Power	Developer	73%
Workgroup Member	Samuel Railton	Centrica	Generator	94%
Workgroup Member	Steffan Jones	Electricity North West Limited (ENWL)	Network Operator	94%
Workgroup Member	Wendy Mantle	Scottish Power Energy Networks	Network Operator	94%

Regarding STC – no alternatives have been raised for CM096. Should an alternative be raised, voting eligibility will be calculated.
Currently all Workgroup Members for STC have voting eligibility.