

## CUSC Special Panel 12 July 2024

### CUSC Panel Minutes

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**Date:** 12/07/2024      **Location:** Microsoft Teams

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**Start:** 13:00      **End:** 14:10

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### Participants

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Attendee	Initials	Company
Trisha McAuley OBE	TM	Independent Panel Chair
Claire Goult	CG	Panel Secretary Code Administrator Representative
Catia Gomes	CCG	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 Colebrook	JC	Users' Panel Member
Joe Dunn	JD	Users' Panel Member
Kyran Hanks	KH	Users' Panel Member
Paul Jones	PJ	Users' Panel Member
Dan Arrowsmith	DA	National Grid ESO Panel Member
Nadir Hafeez	NH	Authority Representative
Harriet Harmon	HH	Authority Representative

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### Observers/Presenters

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Attendee	Initials	Company
David Wildash	DW	Head of Connections - ESO
Liam Cullen	LC	Senior Policy Manager - Ofgem

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## Apologies

Attendee	Initials	Company
Rashmi Radhakrisnan	RR	Elexon

### 1. Introductions and Apologies

12482. Apologies from Rashmi Radhakrisnan.

12483. No declaration of interest.

### 2. In flight modification updates

#### **CMP434 Implementing Connections Reform and CMP435 Application of Gate 2 Criteria to existing contracted background**

12484. DW thanked the Panel members for being able to convene for the Special Panel, recognising that is a very busy and challenging time for industry.

12485. ML gave an update to the Panel on the new timelines proposed for CMP434 and CMP435. Highlighting:

- the drive is to have the implementation of the legal text in the CUSC on the 01 January 2025.
- that the timelines take into consideration the Ofgem decision moratorium over the Christmas period (37 business days).
- that new proposed timelines are in line with the expected delivery dates and try to offer the necessary time for the Workgroup members to support the Minimal Viable Product (MVP) solutions for the different defects.

12486. Panel Members and Authority Representatives queried if the intention was to have the legal text implemented on the 01 of January 2025, but the operation go live date as a later date and what the impacts are for CUSC Parties in terms of their responsibilities if there was work to be done after implementation.

12487. DW advised that once there is an Authority decision, the legal text will go into the CUSC and will trigger the next stage that would be the methodologies, network design etc. They also advised that they were unable to confirm the operational go live date at this stage due to the on-going work.

12488. Authority Representatives queried whether the 22 October 2024 was feasible for the delivery of the Final Modification Report, and why the timelines were worked on backwards from the 01 January 2025, instead of being worked forward considering what is still needed.

12489. DW and PG explained that these modifications are an extremely high priority and that all resources will be available to achieve that date. And that the ESO believes that it can be achieved, and it was a priority to give industry time to respond to the consultations.

12490. PG advised that the timeline allows for the 37 business days for the Authority decision from the target implementation date of 01 January 2025, which had come from on-going discussions with the Authority.
12491. HH clarified the request for the 37 business days for the Authority decision was in place as these changes will require a change to the ESO license and there is a statutory 28-day consultation window for licence changes.
12492. HH continued that if the ESO considers that is not possible to present the Authority with a robust and legally sound solution that addresses the defects for the 01 January 2025, they encouraged the ESO to reconsider the timeline and have further conversations with the Authority.
12493. GG shared support for the dates presented in the timeline suggesting that additional, more lengthy Workgroup meetings would allow further time for discussions.
12494. The Panel discussed the risk to the timeline of the potential volume of Alternative Requests and the dependency on the Original Solution on methodologies which lead to further Alternative Requests.
12495. ML advised that provision for Alternatives was a key concern when developing the timelines but there was reassurance from the ESO Legal team that resources and support is available to address them.
12496. The Panel unanimously agreed that CMP434 and CMP435, subject to Ofgem's decision on extending the previously approved Urgency timeline, should follow the proposed timelines, allowing for a 37 Business Day Authority Decision ahead of the Christmas Decision moratorium.

*Post Panel Update: On the request from Panel the ESO continued offline conversations with the Authority to understand whether the 01 January 2025 implementation date was essential. Based on these discussions no timeline recommendation letter was published post this Special CUSC Panel.*

### 3. Any Other Business

12497. The Chair confirmed that there was no other business.

### 4. Close

12498. The Chair thanked the Panel for their time and contribution and brought the meeting to a close.

**The next CUSC Panel meeting will be held on 26 July 2024 at 10:00 via Faraday House**