

Special CUSC Panel 09 September 2024

CUSC Panel Minutes

Date: 09/09/2024	Location: Microsoft Teams
Start: 15:30 PM	End: 16:00 PM

Participants

Attendee	Initials	Representing
Trisha McAuley	TM	Independent Panel Chair
Milly Lewis	ML	Panel Secretary, Code Administrator
Catia Gomes	CCG	Panel Technical Secretary, Code Administrator
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
Daniel Arrowsmith	NH	National Grid ESO Panel Member
Camille Gilsenan	CG	National Grid ESO Panel Member
Nadir Hafeez	NH	Authority Representative

Presenters

Attendee	Initials	Representing
Scott Bull	SB	Ofgem Industry Codes - Observer
Liam Cullen	LC	Ofgem Senior Policy Manager - Observer
James Norman	JN	ESO Head of Connections Strategy - Observer

1. Introductions, Apologies and Declarations of Interest

12595. No apologies were received.

12596. No declarations of interest were received.

2. In flight modification updates

CMP434 Implementing Connections Reform & CMP435 Application of Gate 2 Criteria to existing contracted background Timeline Updates

12597. ML explained to the Panel that the objective of the Special Panel was to talk through the proposed timelines for CMP434 and CMP435 ahead of submitting to the Authority.

12598. ML advised that in the 12 July 2024 Special CUSC Panel the timelines which were discussed were based on an Implementation date of 01 January 2025. The Panel had asked for the ESO to have a conversation with the Authority and be certain that the implementation for the 01 of January was essential.

12599. ML confirmed that this conversation had happened, alongside the new additional requirements coming from the Clean Power 2030 letter, it was confirmed that 01 January 2025 is not crucial for implementation.

12600. ML talked the Panel through the proposed timelines highlighting:

- where possible the Workgroup meetings were planned around other known Industry activities
- where there are Workgroup meetings on consecutive days it is not anticipated that the outputs of the key objectives for the meetings are reliant on each.
- the key objectives are planned to allow additional review time between topics, advising that if the objectives can be achieved in less Workgroup meetings, then they will be removed ASAP.

12601. ML explained that the Code Administrator Consultation is planned for the 11 November 2024 to the 22 November 2024 and the Draft Final Modification Reports (DFMR) will be sent to Panel on the 13 December 2024. FMR will be sent to Ofgem on the 20 December 2024 and the decision is expected in Q1 2025.

12602. GG asked as there was a substantial amount of reading material for the Workgroup Consultation if the Panel could receive the CAC responses on the 25 November 2024 rather than waiting for the DFMR on the 13 December 2024. ML agreed with the suggestion.

12603. KH asked if a further modification from the ESO is to be expected taking into consideration the Open letter from the Government, and if these timelines have taken this into consideration. JN advised that they considered the letter fell into the remit of the Methodologies rather than the Code Modifications.

12604. GG pointed out that the Authority blog refers to the financial instruments and asked if there was to be a financial instruments modification the timelines does not allow time for it to start until November.

12605. ML advised that this had been taken into consideration when planning the timelines, considering the information available at this point.

12606. The Panel agreed unanimously with the revised timelines.

12607. LC advised that Ofgem will be publishing an Open Letter imminently with an update on the Connections Reform process, and next steps for developing and consulting on policy proposals in this area.

Post Panel Note: The recommendation letter was issued to the Authority on 09 September 2024.

3. Any Other Business (AOB)

12608. ML confirmed non submitted.

4. Close

12609. 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 27 September 2024 on Microsoft Teams.

New Modification Proposals to be submitted by 11 September 2024.

CUSC Panel Papers Day is 19 September 2024.