

CMP434 Implementing Connections Reform

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Workgroup Meeting 26, 30 September 2024
Online Meeting via Teams

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Agenda

Topics to be discussed	Lead
Timeline	Chair
Scene Setting – Workgroup 26	Proposer
CMP434 Draft Legal Text Discussion	AQ/ALL
CMP434 Alternative Request Update and Vote	Chair
Actions Log Review	Chair
Any Other Business	Chair
Next Steps	Chair
CM095 Solution Walkthrough	Proposer

Timeline

Lizzie Timmins – ESO Code Administrator

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** Post STC Panel 1pm

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Workgroup 28	09/10/2024	CMP434 Draft legal Text Discussion/ CM095 Draft Legal Text Discussion and Solution Update
Workgroup 29	14/10/2024	CMP434 WACM draft legal text discussion and development
Workgroup 30	15/10/2024	CM095 Draft Legal Text, WASTMs and STCPs/ Potential STCPs/CM095 ToR Discussion
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Workgroup 26 Scene Setting

Ruby Pelling, Proposer

Meeting Objectives

What is the focus of the meeting?

- Remaining Alternatives vote
- Discuss draft Legal Text feedback and any revisions
- CM095 end to end proposal walkthrough

What is the ask of the Workgroup?

- Ask clarification questions only
- Clarification questions and discussion on the draft Legal Text to aid understanding
- Vote on CMP434 Alternatives
- Clarification questions on CM095 process

What is the desired output of the meeting?

- The proposed Alternatives are clear and can be voted on
- To understand the Draft Legal Text
- Clear understanding of the application process from an STC perspective

What should not be discussed?

- Questions regarding alternatives which are not focussed on clarification
- Discussion on non CMP434 Legal Text
- Discussion on CMP434 Workgroup Report Draft

CMP434 Draft Legal Text Discussion
Angie Quinn – ESO Legal

CMP434 Alternative Requests Update

Lizzie Timmins – ESO Code Administrator

WITHDRAWN Alternatives

<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	Withdrawn by Proposer 25/09/24
6	Steffan Jones/Brian Hoy	ENWL	To amend the threshold at which embedded schemes will follow the Primary Process	Withdrawn by Proposer 19/09/24 (principle incorporated into Number 5)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

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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

Unsuccessful Alternatives Vote Completed Workgroup 25 - 25/09/25

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

CMP434 WACMs - Alternatives Vote Completed Workgroup 25 25/09/25

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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

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12	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 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	Muir Mhòr offshore wind farm (MM) suggests instead that from Go-live, projects entering Gate 2 should also have submitted planning or provide additional commitment / security up to the submission of planning milestone. In order not to penalise projects that are actively progressing and at the same time to filter out projects that are not going to meet the M1 milestone, the proposal is that the additional commitment is designed to reflect actual spend on meeting M1, and can be drawn down / evidenced as the spend is committed. This will ensure that only committed projects enter Gate 2, allowing the network companies to focus on design and build of assets for projects that are genuinely progressing.	Plan to present WG 26 and to participate in vote



CMP434 Alternative Request 12 Update

Eibhlin Norquoy - Point and Sandwick Power Limited

CMP434 Alternative Request 21 Update

Philip John - Epsilon

Problem

Under the current proposal, 50% of any project can be located outside of the original red line boundary. This gives an unfair competitive advantage for technologies with low ratios of capacity to land usage, such as solar. 90% of all applicants to the grid network have substantially smaller land footprints than solar for the same level of TEC capacity, which makes them vulnerable to site change requirements due to local issues through the development lifecycle. A 2,000 acre solar project with the same TEC capacity as any other applicant, can easily amend the design to cover any potential local development problem without breaching the 50% criteria rule.

There are a few points that we would like to note in making this proposal:

1. **Difficult to fully define a project on this scale**, before completion of planning, knowledge of contestable costs, knowledge of non contestable grid costs or having the confirmed location of the grid connection point. Similar rules have been applied by DNOs in the past, but with rules being set in non comparable circumstances where:
 - i) Capacity is much more available
 - ii) The lag between application and secured capacity was 3 months, instead of 12 months in today's proposals in bi-annual application windows.
 - iii) Solar projects typically required 10-100 acres at the time, instead of 1,000-2,000 acre developments observed today spanning several kilometres.
2. **Low ratio technologies of require less project definition at the application stage than any other applicant due to their lower ratio of land/MW usage**
 - i) Due to the modular nature of solar & wind projects, it is possible for it to spread the development across large disconnected areas across several kilometres, where 50% of a project can be built in one location and 50% can be spread across multiple other locations, several kilometres away. However, for most other applicants, this will not be possible (for example a datacentre is not modular in nature).
 - ii) The actual land density required for solar can easily double what is put in the minimum acreage requirements (i.e. 4acres/MW). This means that in the gate 2 application, a 400MW connection only has to commit to the location of 100MWs, and the remaining 300MWs can be moved to any location.

The concern is that the energy mix in the grid connection queue will become concentrated around solar projects or other low capacity/acre technologies as time progresses due to the softer commitments that these applicants have to make around red line boundaries, compared to all other applicants.

This is especially problematic as the scope of the connection reform includes directly connected demand customers. The economics of all energy generation projects assume a doubling of electricity demand. One 50 acre data centre consumes more energy than what can be produced by a 2,000 acre solar & battery project and is a core necessity to maintain an electricity price that allows the solar & battery project to be deployed.

A distortion in the market is taking place if highly accommodating rules are being put in place for an 800-900GW pipeline of generation projects but we are making it harder for any large scale consumer of electricity to connect to the grid network to consume that electricity due to the inflexibility of rules around the grid application & offer process.

Proposed Solution

As a consequence, assuming that everyone agrees some flexibility is required for applicants, we feel that the fairest way of dealing with this is through the addition of a 12 month grace period to move the red line boundary after Gate 2 acceptance.

The ability to move the red line boundary is the only way for 90% of the applicants to appropriately react to the outcome of a gate 2 application with a confirmed grid connection compared to other solar applications which due to the large areas of land required are able to easily accommodate any shocks in the grid costs or changes to connection points.

The short time limitation and immediate obligations around planning submission ensure that projects are required to progress quickly and limit the scope for any kind of privately traded capacity.

Proposer's assessment against Code Objectives

Relevant Objective	Identified Impact
(a) The efficient discharge by the Licensee of the obligations imposed on it by the Act and the Transmission Licence;	<p>Positive</p> <p>By ensuring that there is a level playing field in terms of project definition requirements for solar projects and all other applicants, it improves the deliverability of projects and ensure that the Licensee is able to deploy resources more efficiently.</p>
(b) Facilitating effective competition in the generation and supply of electricity, and (so far as consistent therewith) facilitating such competition in the sale, distribution and purchase of electricity	<p>Positive</p> <p>Ensuring that there is not unfair competition between solar projects and all other applicants, by ensuring that there is not a lower bar of project definition in</p>
(c) Compliance with the Electricity Regulation and any relevant legally binding decision of the European Commission and/or the Agency *; and	<p>Neutral</p>
(d) Promoting efficiency in the implementation and administration of the CUSC arrangements.	<p>Positive</p> <p>The more coordinated and efficient network design for connections also delivers benefits for customers and consumers as it ensure that projects within the connection queue can more easily become ready to proceed which should lead to lower overall costs to the licensee.</p>

CMP434 Alternative Request 23 Update

Laura Henry/ Jack Purchase - NGED

CMP434 Alternative Request 27 Update

Helen Snodin – Muir Mhòr Offshore Wind Farm Ltd

CMP434 Alternative Request Vote

ALL

Actions Log Review

Lizzie Timmins – ESO Code Administrator

Actions Log

Action	Workgroup	Owner	Action	Update	Due	Status
35	WG10	AC/AQ	ESO to confirm whether additional uncertainty clauses (which have been appearing in offers recently) will remain	Ongoing drafting legal text	TBC	Open
49	WG17	MO	Updated action: SMEs to share a short summary of the methodologies and their underlying principles. This should include a plan for development of methodologies, including timescales and engagement approach with stakeholders.	Methodologies session held 16 September, and there will be a webinar held on 7 October for those who missed the in-person event. Please register here . Further session on methodologies and CP30 to be scheduled Mid-October and Methodology consultation to take place Nov-Dec. (Exact dates for both TBC.)	TBC	Propose to close
56	WG18	MO	Confirmation of when financial instruments will be raised as a separate modification.	ESO are currently performing an options assessment, and outcome of that (i.e. the specific option we proceed with) will dictate the timelines that we will need to follow. Aim to have rolling update on TMO4+ programme, which can capture both 49/56 going forwards.	TBC	Propose to close
59	WG19	PM	Element 11 – Produce examples to provide clarification to the Workgroup (slide 25) on how using installed capacity could work in practice	To be added to the QM guidance (as relates to ongoing land compliance requirement) – follow up required to decide if ‘installed capacity’ is the correct term	TBC	Open
60	WG19	PM	Element 11 – Consider Workgroup Member request to provide analysis to show which projects could benefit from the Proposals (slide 26) to have a milestone adjustment ability for ESO e.g. where a developer asks for an earlier date and gets a later date, or asks for and gets a later date (but this is due to a normal programme timescales e.g. mega projects) to avoid unintended outcomes.	Ongoing – PM to reach out to EB	TBC	Open

Any Other Business

Lizzie Timmins – ESO Code Administrator

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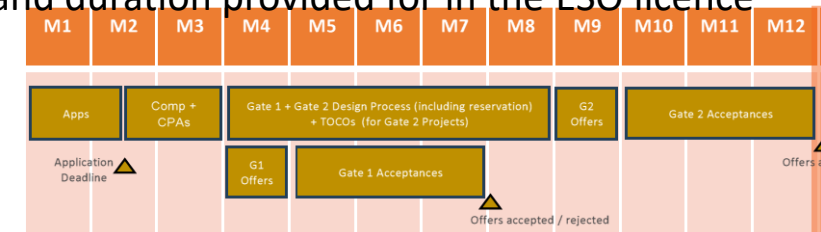
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CM095 Solution Walkthrough

Mike Oxenham – ESO Connections

Background and Context

- For a Gate 1 application and offer, TOs will not be involved, i.e. no need for SBNs, TOCOs etc, unless ESO makes the decision to Reserve for the application
- A Gate 1 application for which the ESO wishes to Reserve / a Gate 2 application will – from an ESO – TO perspective have the same process with some minor (e.g. SBN details) differences.
- A Gate 1 ESO Reservation (in lieu of a specific applicant) will have the same timescales as above, but will be managed via an updated STCP 16-1, where there will be a planning document produced, similar to but not the same as a TOCO.
- SLAs (as discussed in 434 WGs) will be communicated to denote expectations of ESO, TOs and Users as there will be a time limit whereby after a certain date (e.g. expected to be 15 working days from end of application window), the information provided by the User may not be seen or actioned in time to confirm Technical Effectiveness and or Batch Assessment Readiness (BAR); the Clock Start equivalent; i.e. the TO **and** ESO requirements to make a compliant application.
- These will be based on codified SLAs between ESO and TOs in STC Section D and STCP 18.1.
- Please note the first Gated Application and Offer Process will be run by ESO (at a frequency and duration provided for in the ESO licence and or CNDM) and will be published in advance (advance date TBC) on the ESO website.
- References to TOs and TOCOs herein should also be read as being applicable to ATOs and ATOCOs

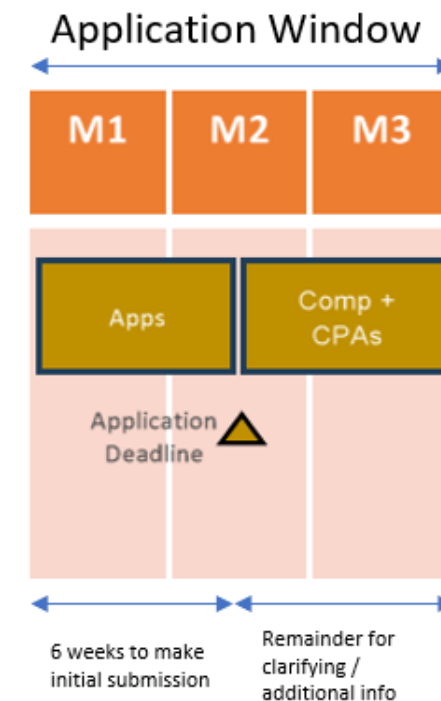


Application Window

- Reminder – Application window is M1-M3 with the first 6 weeks allowing applications* (new or gated [significant] modifications) to be submitted with the rest of the time being allotted to further information flows as needed between TO-ESO-User to get the application to be Batch Assessment Ready.

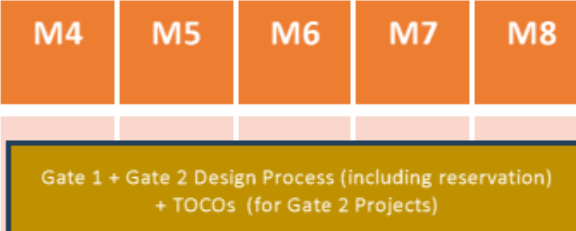
* DNOs will have additional time post the 6-week deadline to provide data / evidence.

Activity	Duration /Date
ESO reviews initial application and submits to TO with SBN	5 working days
TO reviews and confirms technical effectiveness or requests more info	5 working days
ESO reviews any subsequent information and passes on to TO	5 working days
TO reviews and confirms technical effectiveness or requests more info	5 working days
cycle repeats until below	
Last day for TO to confirm technical effectiveness	[no later than] 6 working days before end of application window
ESO to confirm which projects are Batch Assessment Ready	[no later than] Last working day of application window.



CPA and Design

- CPAs and Network Design will be governed by CNDM arrangements
- If an application is withdrawn during the Network Design process, ESO will confirm to TOs within 5 working days



ESO – A/TOCO Creation in relation to ESO Offers

Activity	Duration /Date
TO to send out Draft TOCO	As soon as reasonably practicable but no later than 15 calendar days before ESO is due to start issuing its offers to Users.
ESO to review Draft TOCO	As soon as reasonably practicable but no later than 8 calendar days after receipt of Draft TOCO
TO send Final TOCO	As soon as reasonably practicable but no later than 1 calendar day before ESO is due to start issuing its offers to Users and no later than 14 calendar days from issuing out draft TOCO.
TOCO validity	6 months to cover TOCOs being issued earlier than deadline, 1 month for ESO to issue out its Offers, 3 months acceptance from Users, 1 month for ESO to finalise contracts.

- ESO would confirm to TOs which Users had signed during the finalisation stage as soon as practicable rather than waiting to inform TOs once all contracts had been processed.



Anticipated STC(P) Changes

STC Including but not limited to :

Section D Part 2 Paragraph 2.3 sub-clauses (in respect a change of the SLA to 5 Business Days).

Section D Part 2 Paragraph 2.7.2 (in respect of withdrawal check to show that that Gate 2 criteria have not been met in spite of a declaration as such).

Section D Part 2 Paragraph 3.3 (to provide clarity that there will always be Construction Planning Assumptions associated with a batched process).

Section D Part 2 Paragraph 4.8 and 4.9 and 5.1 (in respect of a change of the timescales in relation to offers and acceptances).

Section D Part 4 (to remove the Statement of Works process in Paragraph 1 to Paragraph 3 and amend the Evaluation of Transmission Impact in Paragraph 4 and TIA process in Paragraph 5 including the removal of a Materiality Trigger).

D (at an appropriate place) will need to make a distinction between Gated Modification Applications (to follow the new gated process) and standard modification applications (to follow the existing process).

D (at an appropriate place) will need to create concept of CNDM

D (at an appropriate place) will need to create concept of Connection Point and Capacity Reservation

Schedule 13 NGENSO Request for Statement of Works (in respect of a request for Statement of Works being removed).

STC(P)s Including but not limited to :

STCP18-1 - Connection and Modification Application – will need a Non-Gated Section (unchanged) and the new Gated section

STCP18-2 - Use of System – will need aligning to updated 18.1 where applicable.

STCP18-3 - TEC Changes; section 3.3 – TEC increase will need to be changed as per new Gated process., and 3.5 to carve out TEC increase.

STCP18-4 - Request for a Statement of Works - SoW element to be removed from 18.4

STCP16-1 - Investment Planning – need to create provision for ESO Firm allocation or reservation of connection and or interface points (including substation bays) and/or capacity to a party or in lieu of a party as ESO.

- ESO and TOs will work on the changes needed to the STC and relevant STCPs in their respective timelines.
- The above list of STC and STCP changes is not exhaustive and additional changes may be required.
 - Conversely, STCP 18.6 (Variations to Agreements) whilst previously noted as may be requiring change, will likely no longer need to change.

CM095 Next Steps

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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.**

What is the Workgroup 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 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