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Workgroup 26 Meeting

Summary

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Date: 30/09/2024 **Location:** Teams
Start: 10:00 AM **End:** 2:50 PM

Participants

Name	Initial	Company	Role
Lizzie Timmins	LT	Code Administrator, NESO	Chair
Andrew Hemus	AH	Code Administrator, NESO	Tech Sec
Stuart McLarnon	SM	Code Administrator, NESO	Tech Sec
Graham Lear	GL	NESO	Proposer
Ruby Pelling	RP	NESO	Proposer
Alison Price	AP	NESO	SME
Angela Quinn	AQ	NESO	SME
Dovydas Dyson	DD	NESO	SME
Mike Oxenham	MO	NESO	SME
Paul Mullen	PM	NESO	SME
Allan Love	AL	Scottish Power Transmission	Workgroup Member
Andy Dekany	AD	NGV	Workgroup Member
Andrew Yates	AY	Statkraft	Workgroup Member
Brian Hoy	BY	Electricity North West Limited (ENWL)	Workgroup Member
Claire Hynes	CH	RWE Renewables	Workgroup Member
Ed Birkett	EB	Low Carbon	Workgroup Member
Eibhlin Norquoy	EN	Community Energy Scotland	Presenter

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Garth Graham	GG	SSE Generation	Workgroup Member
Grant Rogers	GR	Qualitas Energy	Workgroup Member
Greg Stevenson	GS	SSEN Transmisson (SHET)	Workgroup Member
Helen Snodin	HS	Fred Olsen Seawind	Workgroup Member
Helen Stack	HES	Centrica	Workgroup Member
Hooman Andami	HA	Elmya Energy	Workgroup Member
Hugh Morgan	HM	Green Generation Energy Networks Cymru Ltd	Workgroup Member
Joe Colebrook	JC	Innova Renewables	Workgroup Member
Kyran Hanks	KH	CUSC Panel member	Workgroup Member
Laura Henry	LH	NGED	Workgroup Member
Mireia Barenys	MB	Lightsourcebp	Workgroup Member
Mohammad Bilal	MOB	UK Power Networks	Workgroup Member
Morgan Joyce	MJ	Scottish Power Renewables	Workgroup Member
Nirmalya Biswas	NB	Northern Powergrid	Workgroup Member
Paul Jones	PJ	Uniper	Workgroup Member
Paul Youngman	PY	Drax	Workgroup Member
Philip John	PJ	Epsilon Generation	Workgroup Member
Phillip Addison	PA	EDF Renewables	Workgroup Member
Ravinder Shan	RS	FRV TH Powertek Limited	Workgroup Member
Richard Woodward	RW	NGET	Workgroup Member
Rob Smith	RS	Enso Energy	Workgroup Member
Ross O'Hare	RO	SSEN	Workgroup Member
Sam Aitchison	SA	Island Green Power	Workgroup Member
Simon Lord	SL	ENGIE	Workgroup Member
Wendy Mantle	WM	Scottish Power Energy Networks	Workgroup Member
Zygimantas Rimkus	ZR	Buchan Offshore Wind	Workgroup Member

Agenda

#	Topics to be discussed	
1.	CMP434 Draft Legal Text Discussion	NESO
2.	CMP434 Alternative Requests	NESO
3.	CM095 Solution Walkthrough	NESO

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Discussion and details

Topics to be discussed

1. **CMP434 Draft Legal Text Discussion**

A Legal SME discussed changes to the Draft Legal Text that have been made outside of the Workgroup since meeting 25.

Workgroup members discussed the differences and similarities between Letters of Authority and Letters of Acknowledgement, and how these concepts interact with cable routing and offshore power islands. Workgroup members asked why the ESO could not define the length of a Gated Offer and asked for this information to be defined in Section 17. A Workgroup member asked for the ESO to consider how Modification Applications will be altered as a result of CMP434.

Workgroup members debated on whether NESO should still offer a paper copy of the application form or if having every applicant use the online forum was sufficient. Workgroup members stated the ESO should make the process of attaining reservation simpler to understand.

A Workgroup member asked for NESO to provide clarity on whether Embedded Generation would benefit from reservation, and also asked for a section on Embedded Generation and Reservation to be put in the Workgroup Report. Workgroup members debated on how Significant Modifications should be handled, to which NESO stated they would update the Workgroup on Significant Modifications in the future. Workgroup members asked for transparency in all aspects of these processes.

2. **Alternative Requests**

Alternative Request 23 was withdrawn.

Alternative Request 12's Proposer was asked how capacity reservation for community projects would work. Workgroup members stated they were concerned that this power could be abused.

The Chair began the voting on Alternatives 12, 21, and 27. The Workgroup did not believe by majority that the CUSC objectives may better be facilitated by these Alternatives, in comparison to the Original. The Chair did not put any through as WACMs.

The Chair noted that thought will be required from the STC Modification Proposer as to any knock on effects of the CUSC WACMs that were voted through.

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3. CM095 Solution Walkthrough

The ESO gave a run through of their CM095 Solution. A Workgroup member suggested they may raise a CUSC Alternative Request to ensure NESO published which projects have had capacity reserved for them after batched assessment. A Workgroup member suggested that CNDM arrangements will be altered by this modification if the ESO's suggestions were to be implemented, the Workgroup debated whether the Codes or the Methodologies would be the right place for CNDM.

A Workgroup member asked NESO to clarify if there was reservation for anyone outside the process, NESO confirmed there was not. NESO stated they will have to provide details on the inner workings of Capacity Reservation, as Workgroup members were concerned this power could be abused. A Workgroup member asked to codify a timeline for notification of rejection from NESO / TOs for applications that were withdrawn during the Network Design Process, to which NESO agreed.

Workgroup members asked why both calendar days and business days are used within the NESO Proposal. The Proposer agreed to consider this.

Action Log

Action number	Workgroup Raised	Owner	Action	Comment	Due by	Status
35	WG10	AC/AQ	ESO to confirm whether additional uncertainty clauses (which have been appearing in offers recently) will remain		TBC	Open
49	WG17	MO	Updated action: SMEs to share a short summary of the methodologies and the underlying principles of this modification. This should include a plan for development of methodologies, including timescales and engagement with stakeholders.	Ongoing discussion with Ofgem	TBC	Open
56	WG18	MO	Confirmation of when the financial instruments modification will be raised.	ESO are currently performing an options assessment,		Open

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and outcome of that (i.e. the specific option we proceed with) will dictate the timelines that we will need to follow.

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

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77	WG26	MO	Clarify what is proposed to be codified in relation to when Modification Applications are required. For example, will it be codified that it is only possible for a User to seek acceleration (or be offered acceleration by the ESO) by submitting a Mod App? Or will the ESO have full discretion to offer/grant acceleration to Users without a Mod App, as seems to be the case under the ongoing Transmission Works Review and the ESO initiative to accelerate the connection of Battery-only projects?	TBC	New
78	WG26	MO	Provide update on process and timescales to amend charging statements (re: application fees) and an indication on what scale of change could be seen to application fees.	TBC	New
79	WG26	MO	Clarify when applicants will have visibility that there is to be Reservation associated with their project and separately when wider industry will be informed about where Reservation has occurred, whether in relation to a specific project or otherwise.	TBC	New
80	WG26	MO	Provide information on where the power and criteria for reservation will be set out and what the	TBC	New

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Governance process is
around this.
