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STC Panel

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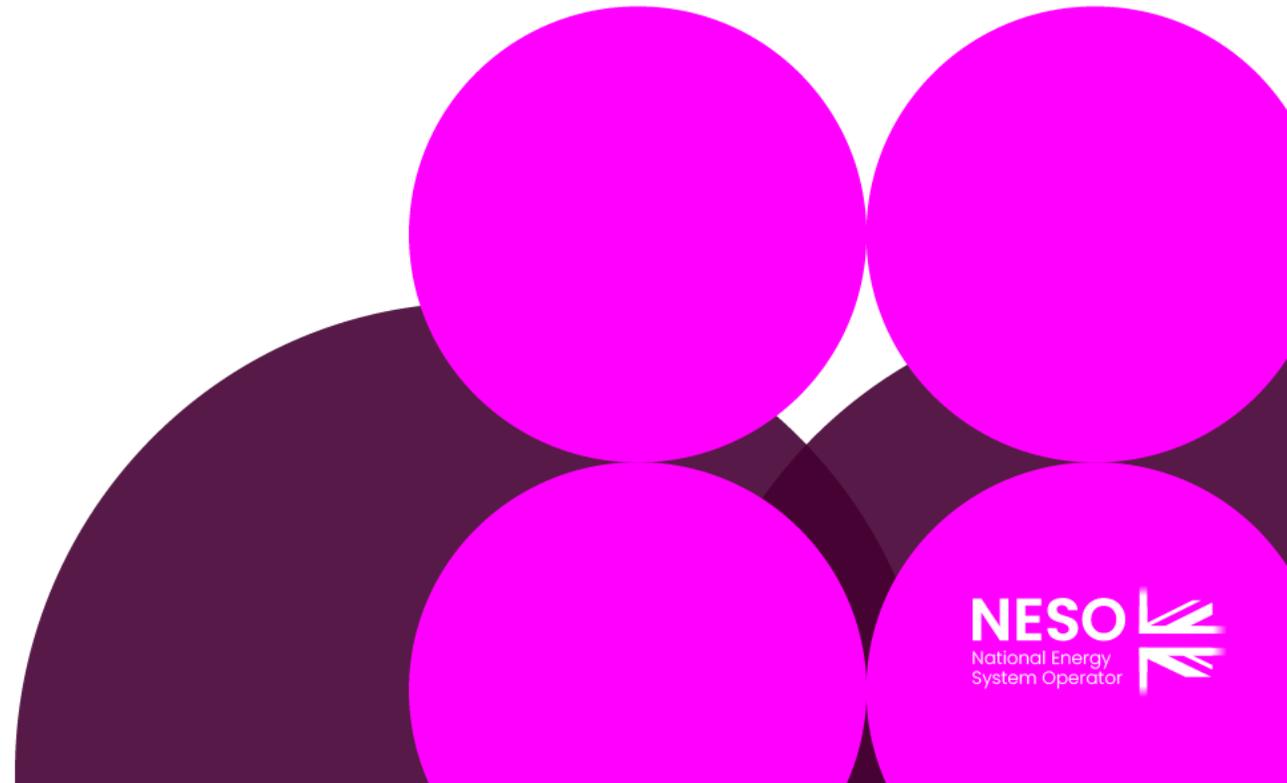
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Inflight Modification Updates

Elana Byrne, Code Administrator



CM096 Withdrawal

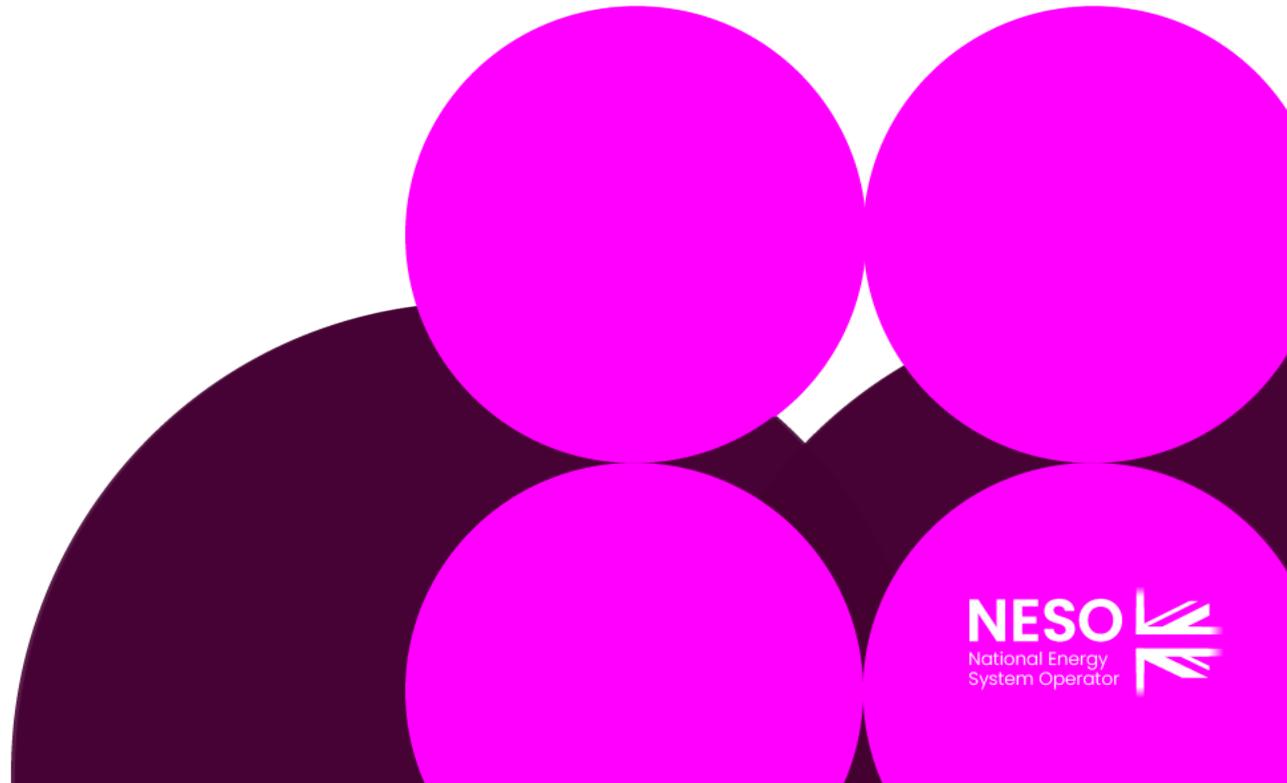
CM096 Application of Gate 2 Criteria to existing contracted background

The Proposer withdrew their support for **CM096 Application of Gate 2 Criteria to existing contracted background** on 29 October 2024, a withdrawal window was opened for 5 business days from this date.

No parties have come forward to become the Proposer for this Modification (deadline is Tuesday 05 November 2024, 5pm).

CM096 – the asks of Panel

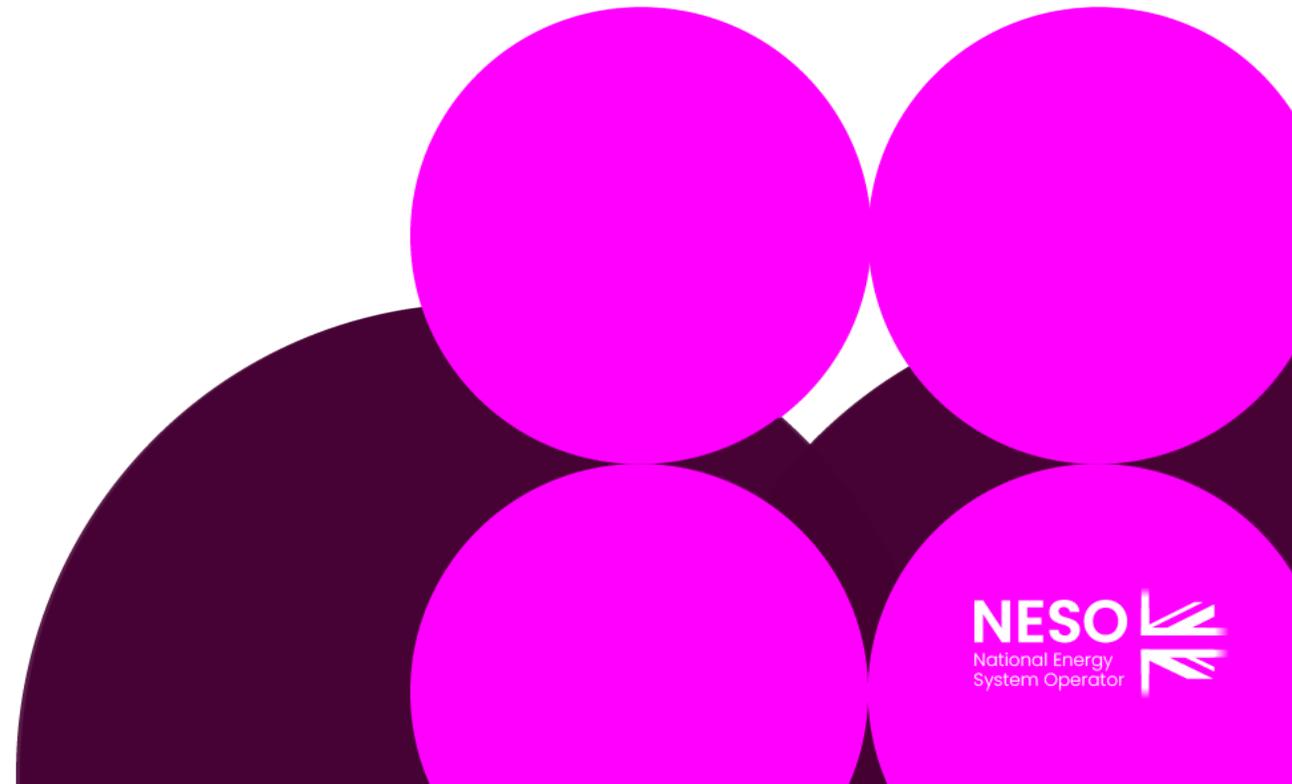
- **AGREE that the Modification can be withdrawn**



Workgroup Report

CM095: Implementing Connections Reform

Claire Goult (Chair)



Key points to note to the Panel

- During Workgroup discussion on CM095 Legal Text in Workgroup 31 (22 October 2024), a possible interaction with OFTOs was identified.
- The Proposer made the decision that it would be best to treat all TO parties in the same way under the CM095 solution.
- The Code Administrator and Proposer reached out to OFTO representatives from the STC Panel to discuss the Proposal and gain feedback on impacts to OFTOs of the changes.
- These discussions highlighted some concerns held by OFTOs with the existing connections processes, but ultimately it was agreed that the Proposals under CM095 were acceptable.
- The Proposer agreed to send on the CM095 finalised legal text to the OFTO representatives when ready.
- The Proposer will engage with the OFTO representatives on the follow up STCP changes required to facilitate this code modification.

Solutions

Proposer's solution:

To facilitate Connection and Use of System Code (CUSC) modification CMP434, this proposal outlines the following:

- To define the obligations and timing changes between the National Energy System Operator (NESO) and TOs in the STC) so that NESO can facilitate the combined Gate 1 and Gate 2 process in the required timescales for in scope projects (Component A).
- To propose a Connections Network Design Methodology (Component B).
- Introducing project specific and non-project specific processes through which NESO can reserve connection (or interface) points and/or capacity in the combined Gate 1 and Gate 2 process (Component C).

Summary of alternative solution:

ASM1: Obligation to Codify the Methodologies and Guidance Documents under Connection Reform

This option is in line with the Original proposal however also places an obligation on NESO to conduct a review of methodologies developed alongside CM095, and the TOs to provide any information to NESO to support in this review. The review will be presented to the STC Modification Panel to seek guidance on whether NESO should raise a code modification to incorporate relevant methodologies into the STC, taking into account any improvements identified following the review. This option should only be implemented if CMP434 WACM6 is implemented. The implementation of this Alternative STC Modification (ASM) is in line with the Original proposal.

Workgroup Vote

Summary of Workgroup Vote:

The Workgroup concluded by majority that the Original and ASM1 better facilitated the Applicable Objectives than the Baseline.

Option	Number of voters (out of the 11 voters) that voted this option as better than the Baseline
Original	9
ASM1	9

Terms of Reference

The Workgroup conclude that they have met their Terms of Reference and the references can be located below:

Workgroup Term of Reference	Location in Workgroup Report
a) Consider the implementation and transitional arrangements.	Implementation Approach – page 18
b) Review and support the legal text drafting.	Legal Text Discussions – page 11-12 Discussions on ASM1 – page 13
c) Consider the cross Code impacts this modification has, in particular the CUSC and distribution arrangements (e.g. DCUSA).	Consideration of the Proposer’s solution – Component A, B, C Interactions – page 18-19 Discussion on Alternative Options – page 12-13
d) Consider any potential licence changes which may be required, liaising with the Authority as required to discuss them.	Consideration of the Proposer’s solution – Component A, B Interactions – page 18-19
e) Consider the scope of application for the proposed solution by technology/project type, including changes to existing connected Users and any acceptable criteria for any exclusions or alternative approaches which may be needed.	Other Workgroup discussions – page 13
f) Consider the interactions between the proposed solution(s) and distribution connection processes.	Consideration of the Proposer’s solution – Component A
g) Consider the accessibility and transparency of new processes for Users as much as possible, particularly new entrants.	Other Workgroup discussions – page 13
h) Briefly consider any future policy development which may be beneficial to enhance the proposed ‘minimum viable product’ solutions.	Other Workgroup discussions – page 14



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i) Consider mechanisms to ensure projects progress from Gate 1 to Gate 2 including financial instruments.	Other Workgroup discussions – page 14
j) Consider the impact of NESO designation of Gate 2 status, and ways to make this non-discriminatory.	Other Workgroup discussions – page 14
k) Consider how the solution(s) conforms with the statutory rights with respect to terms and conditions for connection.	Other Workgroup discussions – page 14
l) Consider the relevant content of Annex B of the Open Letter on connections reform publication.	Discussion on Annex B of the Open Letter on Connections Reform – pages 14-15

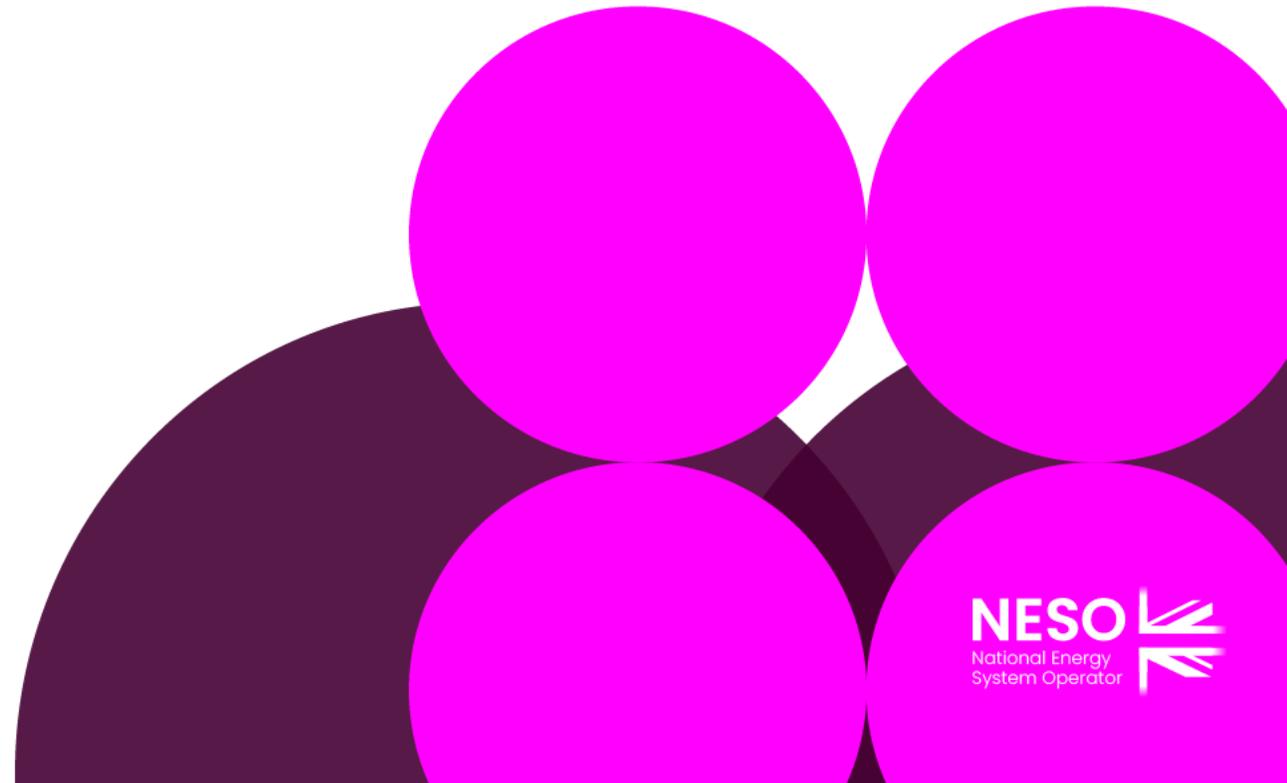
CM095 – the asks of Panel

- **AGREE** that the Workgroup have met their Terms of Reference
- **AGREE** that this Modification can proceed to Code Administrator Consultation
- **NOTE** the ongoing timeline

CMP095 Next Steps

Milestone	Date
Code Administrator Consultation (11 business days)	11 November 2024 to 5pm on 26 November 2024
Draft Final Modification Report issued to Panel	13 December 2024
Draft Final Modification Report presented to Panel	20 December 2024
Final Modification Report issued to Panel to check votes recorded correctly	20 December 2024
Submission of Final Modification Report to Ofgem	20 December 2024
Ofgem decision date	Q1 2025
Implementation Date	Q2 2025

Any Other Business



Updates on other industry codes

25 October 2024 CUSC [Panel Papers and Headline Report](#)

24 October 2024 Grid Code Review [Panel Papers and Headline Report](#)

11 September 2024 SQSS [Panel Papers and Headline Report](#) (No October meeting)

27 September 2024 STC [Panel Papers and Headline Report](#) (October meeting cancelled)

Activities ahead of the next Panel Meeting

Modification Proposal Deadline for November Panel	12 November 2024
Papers Day	19 November 2024
Panel Meeting	27 November 2024 Teams

Close

Elana Byrne

Chair, STC Panel