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CMP435 & CM096

Workgroup 25 Meeting

Summary

CM434 & CM095 Workgroup Meeting 24

Date: 28/10/2024 **Location:** Teams
Start: 10:00 AM **End:** 3:00 PM

Participants

Name	Initial	Company	Role
Catia Gomez	CG	Code Administrator, NESO	Chair
Prisca Evans	PE	NESO	Technical Secretary
Katie McGuinness	KM	NESO	Technical Secretary
Alice Taylor	AT	NESO	Proposer CMP435
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Paul Mullen	PM	NESO	Subject Matter Expert
Steve Baker	SB	NESO	Proposer CM096
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Andy Dekany	AD	NGV	Workgroup Member CMP435
Adanna Ugo - Okoye	AU	Statkraft	Workgroup Member Alternate CMP435
Charles Yates	CY	Fred Olsen Seawind	Workgroup Member Alternate CMP435
Charles Deacon	CD	Eclipse Power	Workgroup Member CMP435
Ciaran Fitzgerald	CF	Scottish Power	Workgroup Member Alternate CMP435
Clare Evans	CE	Scottish Power Energy Networks	Workgroup Member Alternate CMP435
Claire Hynes	CH	RWE Renewables	Workgroup Member CMP435

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Garth Graham	GG	SSE Generation	Workgroup Member CMP435
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Muhammad Madni	MM	NGV	Workgroup Member Alternate CMP435
Mpumelelo Hlophe	MH	Fred Olsen Seawind	Workgroup Member Alternate CMP435
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Nina Sharma	NS	Drax	Workgroup Member Alternate CMP435
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Paul Jones	PJ	Uniper	Workgroup Member CMP435
Paul Youngman	PY	Drax	Workgroup Member CMP435
Ravinder Shan	RS	FRV TH Powertek Limited	Workgroup Member CMP435
Richard Woodward	RW	NGET	Workgroup Member CMP435
Rob Smith	RS	Enso Energy	Workgroup Member CMP435
Robin Prince	RP	Island Green Power	Workgroup Member Alternate CMP435
Ross O'Hare	RO	SSEN	Workgroup Member Alternate CMP435
Ross Thompson	RT	UK Power Networks	Workgroup Member Alternate CMP435
Salvatore Zingale	SZ	Ofgem	Authority Representative
Sam Aitchison	SA	Island Green Power	Workgroup Member CMP435
Samuel Railton	SR	Centrica	Workgroup Member CMP435
Steffan Jones	SJ	ENWL	Workgroup Member CMP435

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Tim Ellingham	TE	RWE Renewables	Workgroup Member Alternate CMP435
Tony Cotton	TC	Energy Technical & Renewable Services Ltd	Workgroup Member Alternate CMP435

Agenda

#	Topics to be discussed	
1.	Timeline	Chair
2.	SME Updates – SCG and TMO4+ / CM096	NESO
3.	Scene Setting – Workgroup 25	Proposer
4.	Finalise Workgroup Report	All
5.	Agree ToR	All
6.	Workgroup Vote Run Through	Chair
7.	Action Log	All
8.	Any Other Business	All
9.	Next Steps	Chair

Discussion and details

Timeline

The Chair stated that the finalisation of CMP435 depended on the finalisation of CMP434 in corresponding meetings this week. For CMP435, it was planned for the legal text and WACM 1 legal text to be discussed in Workgroup 25 and Workgroup 26, with the Workgroup Vote planned for 30 October if all meetings run to schedule.

SME Updates

A Workgroup member requested having the table in the slides from today's meeting, as a flow diagram. The Chair responded it could be put into the Annex in the Workgroup Report (whether as a diagram or table).

It was stated by some of the Workgroup members that it needs to be clear from the legal text and the final report whether an embedded generator can apply for acceleration with permission. It needs to be clear on whether it is part of the modification or CNDM as to whether it features in legal text for CMP435. It was asked that this be clarified in the meeting tomorrow on legal text (29 October).

Scene Setting

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The focus of this meeting was to discuss updates and address comments in the Workgroup Report and to discuss the Terms of Reference (ToR). It is then asked of the Workgroup members to ask clarification questions and provide feedback on both the report and the ToR. The plan is then to finalise the Workgroup Report and to agree on ToRs. It was stated that Legal Text will not be discussed in this meeting.

Finalise WG Report

Overall, from the Workgroup report discussion, it was noted that consistency on wording is needed throughout. While going through the report, there were comments on grammar, slight formatting changes, capitalising letters, and minor changes to phrasing of a sentence, e.g., adding in words to make a sentence clearer to a layperson reading the report. These were accepted and changed as we went through the report. In relation to consistency, it was asked by a Workgroup member that consistency throughout the report and the legal text is needed.

One Workgroup member added in a footnote to explain the wording for when a project meets the criteria for a gate, but it could have the connection point or date changed. It was stated that it would be 'highly likely' for this to happen, but it was agreed upon by the Workgroup members to change this to say that it 'has the potential to change'.

Another footnote which was added in by a Workgroup member was requested to be simplified by another Workgroup member. They agreed wording to outline that because of CP30 there is a risk that a queue position is detrimentally changed by going backwards, and that other projects are prioritised, due to the nature of that project. Simpler wording was added to the Workgroup Report to allow members to view it before it is published.

It was asked by Workgroup members that a comment be made to reflect that some information was not available to feature in the Workgroup Report at the point of writing/publication.

One of the Workgroup members asked about the licences that will be changing, which ones these will be, as this is important for stakeholders to know. NESO stated that they do not have that information yet from Ofgem as they are waiting on a consultation that has not been published yet. The Ofgem licence consultation will feature information on which licences are changing when it is published. Due to this uncertainty, NESO proposed to put the following wording in: "at the time of this report, the Proposer expected this licence consultation to cover Network Companies". The Workgroup members agreed with this.

There is still some clarity needed on a few things that were raised throughout. For example, in relation to Element 4, with the existing projects, clarity is needed on whether this is part of CMP435 or CMP435. There is also clarity needed on NESO using proposed rights under CUSC to remove or reduce contractual rights to have intended installed capacity. This was highlighted in the report.

It was then asked by the Chair to NESO to raise concerns or queries with the author of any comment which may need to be discussed further. It was then stated that any comment that they disagreed with could be discussed in the Workgroup on Thursday.

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The Chair assured the Workgroup members that they would have the final report on Friday (01 November) or Monday (05 November) to review it before it sent to Panel on Tuesday 06 November.

Footnotes were added in places to try and highlight or explain further points raised throughout.

A Workgroup member asked that clarity be provided in relation to what would happen to projects that have made applications by the cutover date, as this needs to be clarified on what applications are in question. The Propose responded that it has not been confirmed what next phase of transitional offers are, so they only have certain information up to this point. It was decided to remove 'Gate 1' and 'Gate 2' wording from this paragraph, but to keep it highlighted to try and provide an answer to Workgroup members around this.

Agree ToR

The Terms of Reference (ToR) were provided in the meeting slides. It was decided that all are being changed from amber to green. There were no questions raised on any, bar ToR (h) where wording was amended slightly, and the following was changed from: 'approved by Ofgem' to: 'approved by Authority'. It was also decided that for ToR (i) the Workgroup had met all criteria.

Next Steps:

The Workgroup Report and annexes would be updated as discussed for the next meeting. The live version would be staying on the collaboration space for Workgroup members to read through and make comments on. Any and all comments that are left will be covered in Workgroup 26, which will also cover WACM 1 and the legal text.

Workgroup 27 would include the Workgroup Vote. The voting form would be shared in advance for members to record their vote, allowing for a quicker voting process on the day, where the Chair will confirm each member's vote with them live in the meeting.

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Action Log

Action number	Workgroup Raised	Owner	Action	Comment	Due by	Status
21	WG3	NESO Connections Team	When considering transitional arrangements, include guidance for staged projects	To be covered in more detail under Phase 2 which is not in scope of Proposal	WG6	Open
84	WG11	PM/HS	To discuss how to make Offshore projects holding offers in scope of the modification	If the agreement to vary is not in place prior to the CMP435 Implementation Date, projects with signed 'holding contracts' in place would still become existing agreements and could apply/declare to become a Gate 2 project within the Gate 2 process, if they had met the Gate 2 criteria.	Ongoing	Open
96	WG15	PM	CNDM team to be asked how existing projects not meeting Gate 2 will be factored into the CNDM (in case of any consequential issues for removing the Gate 1 longstop)	Question shared with CNDM team for consideration in relation to methodology drafting process.	Ongoing	Open
98	WG15	PM	To check if TEC reduction will still mean projects are open to liabilities	This is in 435 legal text confirming that would be liable for Cancellation Charge	Ongoing	Open

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100	WG15	RM	Will timescales for submitting offers change with changes in programme timelines	Propose to close as related to transitional arrangements. Updates on transitional arrangements will be provided in the general update as and when available.	Ongoing	Open
101	WG15	RM	Workgroup require timings for the further updates on Element 19	The Proposal is being amended to remove specific timescales in respect of Element 19 and Implementation Approach (other than Implementation Date and Minimums).	Ongoing	Open
107	WG17	AC	Clarify the process for transitional accepted offers in relation to 434 and/or 435 processes	Transitional offers will be managed by 435, as per Element 19 , the fourth group, talks about how transitional accepted offers will be managed.	Ongoing	Open
108	WG17	AQ	Come back with a clarificatory position on application routes where GSPs are involved	Addressed in Section 18 of the legal text to be clear for EG.	Ongoing	Open
111	WG18	MO	NESO and Ofgem to discuss expectations re: TOR i) and feedback to Workgroup.	NESO have confirmed their view that Annex B relates to TMO4+ and the wider connection reform program and have outlined the intention of impact assessments and RFI in WG22.		Open
112	WG18	RM	Underlying RFI data to be supplied in Excel format as per WG17	The further analysis that was requested has been shared as part of WG22	Ongoing	Open



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114	WG19	MO	NESO to provide an update on the Swim lane diagram - ref dates and Ofgem letter	The proposal is being amended to remove specific timescales in respect of Element 19 and Implementation Approach (other than Implementation Date and Minimums).	Ongoing	Open
115	WG20	RM/AC	NESO to provide an update on Phase 2 & Cutover Arrangements	Phase 2 is still in development and working closely with the TOs on the development of the letter to be sent to Ofgem. Further details will be shared when we closer to agreement on the letter.	Ongoing	Open
116	WG21	MO/AQ	Diagram (e.g. flow chart) of the timeline for the earliest date an offer would be made if a mod app is submitted that falls into transitional arrangement, or a user wishes to mod app as part of CMP435 (and go through two separate windows)		TBC	Open
117	WG21	MO	in the solution of the WG Report clearly outline the mod app process, the accepted criteria for requested changes for a mod app submitted for CMP435 Gate 2 and instances where fees are applicable (if not on the suggested timeline diagram)		TBC	Open



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118	WG21	MO/PM/AQ	Define installed capacity. Will it be possible to reduce installed capacity as part of 435 Gate 2, what is the relationship to developer capacity and TEC, it is user-defined and needs to match with value in EA?	TBC	Open
119	WG21	MO/AQ	Confirm the consequences for not accepting an accelerated Gate 2 offer if date/GSP is not as requested (with a rationale for any changes on this position since the WG Consultation). CG to review WG consultation and post-consultation proposal slides.	TBC	Open
120	WG21	PM	Confirm where the need to meet minimum acreage requirements for each technology to reach Gate 2 was outlined in the solution for the WG consultation.	TBC	Open
121	WG21	RP/MO	NESO to update the Workgroup on project timescales for the submission of data	TBC	Open
122	WG21	RM/AC	ESO to provide an update on Phase 2 & Cutover Arrangements	TBC	Open



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123	WG21	RM/AC	ESO to provide an update on Phase 2 & Cutover Arrangements		Ongoing	Open
124	WG21	SB	NESO to confirm the course of action for CM096/STCP progression ASAP to the Workgroup and whether a Special STC Panel meeting would be required.	Duplication of action 123	TBC	Open
125	WG23	RP	Create process diagram for Workgroup report	Considered and now within updated WG Report Proposal.	TBC	Open
126	WG22	MO/AQ	To provide confirmation that the securities and liabilities will be held at the same level as to when the Gate 2 application is submitted	Nothing added to proposal in this regard – ways to avoid it being an issue in practice without amends to the Proposal.	TBC	Open
127	WG22	MO/AQ	NESO to check that 18.12.2 (continuation of works) applies to Gate 1 projects only, not Gate 2 projects (adding clarity to the clause if needed)	Checked and waiver only refers to Gate 1 Projects.	TBC	Open
128	WG22	MO	Check with the CNDM team for the process of reassigning connection points if necessary (pre-engagement with developer for	Question shared with CNDM team for consideration in relation to methodology drafting process.	TBC	Open



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			suitable relocation) and dealing with acceleration in areas where technology caps may be reached.			
129	WG22	AQ/AC	To confirm the period for securities to be paid back	NESO will work to as soon as reasonable but the long stop is 6 weeks	TBC	Open
130	WG22	ENWL	ENWL to check if an equivalent Alternative is required to their CMP434's Alternative.		TBC	Open
131	WG23	MO	List of documents/event slides to be added to the WG Report for suggestions to industry for what to review along with the CMP435 CAC (methodologies, TMO4+ overview, CP30 updates)	Added to the WG Report	TBC	Open
132	WG23	RP	Share clarity on how an embedded connection with a BEGA/BELLA is put forward to Gate 1 or Gate 2, i.e. via the Distribution or Transmission routes.	Included in SME update and within WG24 slide pack	24/10	Open
133	WG23	MO	Revisit wording in CMP434 and CMP435 proposal sections to be clear that the solution would provide the mechanism to update	This was already in there but it has been made clearer	TBC	Open



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a connecting party's contract as a result of the CNDM.

134	WG24	RP	To provide a process flow in relation to 18.8.4	Provided as part of WG 25	TBC	Open
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