

**CUSC Alternative Form – Non Charging****CMP435 Alternative Request 1:**

**Overview:** This Alternative proposes to implement a transition period of 6 months from the implementation period in order to allow the Gate 2 criteria to be achieved by existing contracted parties with viable projects.

**Proposer:** EDF Energy, Jonathon Hoggarth

I/We confirm that this Alternative Request proposes to modify the non - charging section of the CUSC only

**What is the proposed alternative solution?**

This proposed Alternative aims to introduce a reasonable transition period to enable viable projects with accepted connection agreements to fully align to the requirements of CMP435. This Alternative is particularly important for Users with existing contracted positions for projects already in the development cycle that would be able to meet the Gate 2 criteria, but may not, purely due to an unreasonably tight deadline for self-certification. The implementation of such a transition period will ensure CMP435 targets unviable projects only and does not present an unnecessary barrier to viable projects required for a net zero transition.

This Alternative reduces the risk of viable projects losing their connection date and being forced to reapply for Gate 2 (introducing a high degree of uncertainty), significant wasted time and resource for all parties and preventing NESO from being unnecessarily burdened by reapplications during the transition to the new connections process.

The proposal is to give a 6-month transition period to all contracted parties (i.e., a self-certification deadline set 6 months after the implementation date).

**What is the difference between this and the Original Proposal?**

The key difference between this and the Original proposal is that without the implementation of a reasonable transition period, contracted parties with viable projects would be transitioned from a Gate 2 robust offer to a Gate 1 indicative connection offer due to inadequate time to meet the criteria; any works carried out by a prospective connecting party to date will have a negative financial impact.

**What is the impact of this change?**

Proposer’s Assessment against CUSC Non-Charging 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;	<b>Positive:</b> Provides a transition period to enable a reasonable amount of time for Developers to meet Gate 2 criteria and therefore retain a firm connection date and technical solution. Any works already afforded by a contracted party will retain its value.

<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>	<p><b>Positive:</b> Results in a transition period that allows for Developers (of various size/resource) to retain their connections to the network, reduces risk of wasted works and ensures CMP435 targets the removal of unviable projects from the Connections Queue.</p>
<p>(c) Compliance with the Electricity Regulation and any relevant legally binding decision of the European Commission and/or the Agency *; and</p>	<p><b>None</b></p>
<p>(d) Promoting efficiency in the implementation and administration of the CUSC arrangements.</p>	<p><b>Positive:</b> Introduces a set period of time for contracted parties and ensures a major change to market signals is managed efficiently.</p>
<p>*The Electricity Regulation referred to in objective (c) is Regulation (EU) 2019/943 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 June 2019 on the internal market for electricity (recast) as it has effect immediately before IP completion day as read with the modifications set out in the SI 2020/1006.</p>	

**When will this change take place?**

**Implementation date:**

Aligned with Original Proposal.

**Implementation approach:**

Include within CMP435 a 6-month transition period from the implementation date.