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Special CUSC Panel

08 November 2024

CUSC Panel Minutes

Date: 08/11/2024	Location: Microsoft Teams
Start: 10:00 AM	End: 12:00 PM

Participants

Attendee	Initials	Representing
Trisha McAuley	TM	Independent Panel Chair
Milly Lewis	ML	Panel Secretary, Code Administrator
Catia Gomes	CCG	Panel Technical Secretary, Code Administrator
Binoy Dharsi	BD	Users' Panel Member
Garth Graham	GG	Users' Panel Member
Joe Colebrook	JC	Users' Panel Member
Joe Dunn	JD	Users' Panel Member
Kyran Hanks	KH	Users' Panel Member
Mark Duffield	MD	Users' Panel Member (Alternate for Andrew Enzor)
Paul Jones	PJ	Users' Panel Member
Andy Pace	AP	Consumers' Panel Member
Camille Gilsean	CG	National Grid ESO Panel Member
Harriet Harmon	HH	Authority Representative
Liam Cullen	LC	Authority Representative
Nadir Hafeez	NH	Authority Representative

Public Apologies

Attendee	Initials	Representing
Andrew Enzor	AE	Users' Panel Member
Ren Walker	RW	Panel Technical Secretary, Code Administrator

Presenters

Attendee	Initials	Representing
Claire Goult	CG	Workgroup Chair for CMP434, Code Administrator
Elana Byrne	EB	Workgroup Chair for CMP435, Code Administrator

1. Introductions, Apologies and Declarations of Interest

12579. Apologies were received from Andrew Enzor and Ren Walker.

12580. No declarations of interest were received.

2. Workgroup Reports

12581. Two Workgroup Reports were presented to the Panel.

CMP434 Implementing Connections Reform

12582. CG delivered a presentation on CMP434. CG advised the Panel that this modification introduces new processes and definitions that will update the existing processes and enable projects that are most ready to progress more rapidly to connection.

12583. CG stated that there were high levels of industry engagement with this modification (41 Workgroup members and 86 Workgroup consultation responses) and many Workgroup members were also involved in CMP435 Workgroups. The Workgroup had expressed concerns with the timelines proposed to complete, and consult upon, the modification/modification package considering the complexities of developing multiple modifications and Methodologies concurrently (and Methodologies not being available, in large part, during the CMP434 process).

12584. CG confirmed that 32 alternative requests were raised, and 7 were voted to become WACMs.

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12585. CG gave an overview of the Original Solution and of the 7 WACMs.

12586. CG stated that, following the Workgroup vote, the Workgroup concluded, by majority, that the Original, WACM1, WACM2, WACM3, WACM4, WACM5, WACM6 and WACM7 better facilitated the Applicable Objectives than the Baseline.

12587. CG advised that a Panel member had pointed out minor legal text formatting issues in the numbering of Section 6. CG explained that these changes don't change the intent of the legal text as they are typographical changes.

12588. The Panel discussed the legal text formatting issue and agreed that these changes were to be made prior to the Special CUSC Panel meeting concluding, so that Panel members have visibility of the corrections and can agree the changes before the modification progresses to CAC.

12589. JC stated that, even after multiple times explaining the process, he is not convinced that some Workgroup members were clear on the asks for the vote.

12590. ML explained that the Workgroups were walked through the voting process multiple times, and that the expectations and the process were clearly communicated to Workgroup members.

12591. CG stated that a lot of engagement happened with Workgroup members to clarify any doubts regarding the voting process and that Code Admin took all possible endeavours to support the Workgroups. JC agreed with this statement.

12592. The Panel agreed that the Workgroup has met the Terms of Reference for the modification and that it can proceed to Code Administrator Consultation, subject to the minor formatting changes to the legal text that the Panel members seen and agreed in this meeting being incorporated. The Code Administrator Consultation will be published on 11 November 2024, and this will close at 5.00 pm on 26 November 2024.

CMP435 Application of Gate 2 Criteria to existing contracted background

12593. EB delivered a presentation on CMP435. EB explained that this modification looks to extend the Gate 2 concept and some features of Gate 1 (outlined in CMP434) to existing in scope (as set out in Element 3 of the Workgroup Report) connection contracts (as set out in the CUSC). This means that for all in scope existing connection contracts, project developers will need to provide evidence of their project(s) meeting the (new proposed) Gate 2 criteria by the deadline (which, at the time of publication of this report, is expected to be in Q2 2025, but after the

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implementation date, and as further described in Element 19 in the Workgroup Report).

12594. EB advised that there were high levels of industry engagement with this modification (38 Workgroup members, 69 no-confidential Workgroup consultation responses) and many Workgroup members were also involved in CMP434 Workgroups.

12595. EB explained that the CMP435 Workgroup expressed the same concerns as CMP434 regarding timelines.

12596. EB confirmed that the corresponding STC modification to CMP435, CM096, had been withdrawn to better pursue a solution for the STC via STCPs.

12597. EB advised that thirteen Alternative requests were raised, and one voted to become WACMI.

12598. EB gave an overview of the Original Solution and WACMI.

12599. EB advised the Panel that, following the Workgroup vote, the Workgroup concluded, by majority, that the Original and WACMI better facilitated the Applicable Objectives than the Baseline.

12600. The Panel agreed that the Workgroup has met the Terms of Reference for the modification and that it can proceed to Code Administrator Consultation. The Code Administrator Consultation will be published on 11 November 2024, and this will close at 5.00 pm on 26 November 2024.

3. Any Other Business (AOB)

12601. There was no other business.

4. Close

12602. The Chair thanked the Panel for their time and contribution and brought the meeting to a close.

**The next CUSC Panel meeting will be held on 29 November 2024 on Microsoft Teams
New Modification Proposals to be submitted by 14 November 2024.**

CUSC Panel Papers Day is 21 November 2024.