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Special CUSC Panel Headline Report December 2024

The Headline Report is produced after every Panel and aims to provide an overview of the key decisions made. Minutes for this meeting will be published separately.

Draft Final Modification Reports

Two Draft Final Modification Reports were presented to the Panel.

CMP434 Implementing Connections Reform

The current connections process is not enabling the timely connection of projects to meet net zero. A wholesale revision is needed to the connections process to meet those targets and the needs of project developers and consumers. This proposal introduces new processes and definitions that will update the existing processes and enable projects that are most ready to progress more rapidly to connection.

Ahead of the vote taking place, the Panel considered the legal text amendments proposed as part of the Code Administrator Consultation and agreed that they were typographical or not required.

The Panel recommended unanimously that the Original, WACM3, WACM4 and WACM6 better facilitated the Applicable CUSC Objectives and by majority that WACM1, WACM2, WACM5, and WACM7 better facilitated the Applicable CUSC Objectives.

By majority the Panel recommended that WACM6 (3 out of 8 votes) best met the Applicable CUSC Objectives. The Final Modification Report will be submitted to the Authority on 20 December.

CMP435 Application of Gate 2 Criteria to existing contracted background

The related “Implementing Connection Reform” Modification introduces new processes and definitions that will update the existing processes and enable new applicants with more ready projects to progress more rapidly to connection. Gate 2 is a key component of the update; however, the size and rate of growth of the connections queue means that significant action is required as soon as possible to reduce the current queue so

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that viable projects can be connected more quickly and so that the benefits of our proposed Connections Reform model can be delivered earlier. This Modification seeks to address this by applying a project milestone / criteria ('Gate 2') to all existing contracted parties before they are provided with confirmed connection dates and locations.

Ahead of the vote taking place, the Panel considered the legal text amendments proposed as part of the Code Administrator Consultation and agreed that they were typographical or not required.

The Panel recommended by majority that the Original and WACMI better facilitated the Applicable CUSC Objectives.

By majority the Panel recommended that WACMI (5 out of 8 votes) best met the Applicable CUSC Objectives. The Final Modification Report will be submitted to the Authority on 20 December.

The Chair and Panel Members took this opportunity to say thank you and recognise the herculean effort from all of industry participants involved and the Code Administrator for their huge effort and contributions in delivering these CMP434 and CMP435 to the Authority.

Key Activities ahead of next panel

Special Panel – Change of governance routes, with urgency requests for [CMP405](#), [CMP423](#) and [CMP432](#): 10 January 2025

Modification Proposal Deadline for January Panel: 16 January 2025

Papers Day: 23 January 2025

CUSC Panel – 31 January 2025

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