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Code Administrator Consultation Response Proforma

CMP434: Implementing Connections Reform

Industry parties are invited to respond to this consultation expressing their views and supplying the rationale for those views, particularly in respect of any specific questions detailed below.

Please send your responses to cusc.team@nationalenergyso.com by **5pm GMT on 26 November 2024**. Please note that any responses received after the deadline or sent to a different email address will not be accepted.

If you have any queries on the content of this consultation, please contact cusc.team@nationalenergyso.com

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Which best describes your organisation?	<input type="checkbox"/> Consumer body <input type="checkbox"/> Demand <input type="checkbox"/> Distribution Network Operator <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Generator <input type="checkbox"/> Industry body <input type="checkbox"/> Interconnector	<input type="checkbox"/> Storage <input type="checkbox"/> Supplier <input type="checkbox"/> System Operator <input type="checkbox"/> Transmission Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Virtual Lead Party <input type="checkbox"/> Other

I wish my response to be:

(Please mark the relevant box)

Non-Confidential (this will be shared with industry and the Panel for further consideration)

Confidential (this will be disclosed to the Authority in full but, unless specified, will not be shared with the Panel or the industry for further consideration)

For reference the Applicable CUSC (non-charging) Objectives are:

- The efficient discharge by the Licensee of the obligations imposed on it by the Act and the Transmission Licence;
- 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;
- Compliance with the Electricity Regulation and any relevant legally binding decision of the European Commission and/or the Agency *; and
- Promoting efficiency in the implementation and administration of the CUSC arrangements.

*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.

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Please express your views in the right-hand side of the table below, including your rationale.

Standard Code Administrator Consultation questions		
1	Please provide your assessment for the proposed solutions against the Applicable Objectives?	Mark the Objectives which you believe the proposed solutions better facilitate:
		Original <input type="checkbox"/> a <input type="checkbox"/> b <input type="checkbox"/> c <input type="checkbox"/> d
		WACM1 <input type="checkbox"/> a <input type="checkbox"/> b <input type="checkbox"/> c <input type="checkbox"/> d
		WACM2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b <input type="checkbox"/> c <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> d
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		WACM6 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b <input type="checkbox"/> c <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> d
		WACM7 <input type="checkbox"/> a <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b <input type="checkbox"/> c <input type="checkbox"/> d
		Click or tap here to enter text.
2	Do you have a preferred proposed solution?	<input type="checkbox"/> Original <input type="checkbox"/> WACM1 <input type="checkbox"/> WACM2 <input type="checkbox"/> WACM3 <input type="checkbox"/> WACM4 <input type="checkbox"/> WACM5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WACM6 <input type="checkbox"/> WACM7 <input type="checkbox"/> Baseline <input type="checkbox"/> No preference
		<p>Ørsted have significant concerns with the level of reliance placed on methodology and guidance documents within the proposal, and as such support WACM6 – which would include an obligation to review the process and potentially codify the Methodologies and Guidance Documents under Connection Reform.</p> <p>While we are sympathetic to the need for flexibility in the process, the methodologies will house detail which can fundamentally change project development risk levels, both for greenfield development and further along in the development process. As such, it is vital these are subject to robust governance and allow for meaningful input from the industry so as not to place an undue strain on investor confidence.</p>

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		<p>While the methodologies are currently under consultation, we note that many of the details are still to be finalised, and the governance structure (and how well it would function in practice) is currently unknown. It is imperative that the detail of the methodologies and their governance process is in place well before implementation.</p>
3	Do you support the proposed implementation approach?	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Whilst we appreciate the need to move the reform work at pace, in Ørsted's view more time is needed to ensure that a reasonable and robust process is put in place. The process, as it currently stands, is proposed to proceed based on numerous assumptions which are untested. It would therefore be helpful to consider potential remedial plans following go-live, in the event that practical implementation has unforeseen challenges.</p> <p>We broadly agree that the new process should apply to any new applications and significant ModApps submitted (rather than Clock Started) on/after the implementation date, but we believe further work is needed on defining Significant ModApps – with the latest information being the draft guidance document shared with industry July 2024. The absence of information is already increasing the level of uncertainty associated with developing generation projects – including those of national significance – and we therefore urge NESO to provide clarity as soon as possible.</p> <p>While the generic minimum window timelines seem reasonable, we would welcome further information on timelines as soon as reasonably possible.</p> <p>As highlighted in our response to question 2, we continue to have significant concern with the use and reliance on guidance documents for core elements of the proposal. Many details remain to be confirmed, can be amended with little to no notice, and may not be complete when the report is sent to the Authority. This creates a challenge in terms of commenting as well as decision making in the absence of critical elements.</p>
4	Do you have any other comments?	<p>We note the proposal remains reliant on a number of other workstreams (including data provision, allowable</p>

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		changes, ENA-led work), whose details and programmes are all as yet unknown or where the parties have not committed to any set timeframes. The misalignment of timescales for any of these elements is a significant risk to the successful implementation of Connections Reform. In particular, we continue to have concerns on the impact on embedded generation in terms of the transmission / distribution interface.
5	Do you agree with the Workgroup's assessment that the modification does not impact the Electricity Balancing Regulation (EBR) Article 18 terms and conditions held within the CUSC?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
		Click or tap here to enter text.