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Special STC Panel

Friday 14 February 2025

Online Meeting via Teams

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New STCP Modifications

- PM0142: Application of Gate 2 Criteria to Existing Contracted Background
- PM0143: Implementing Connection Reform

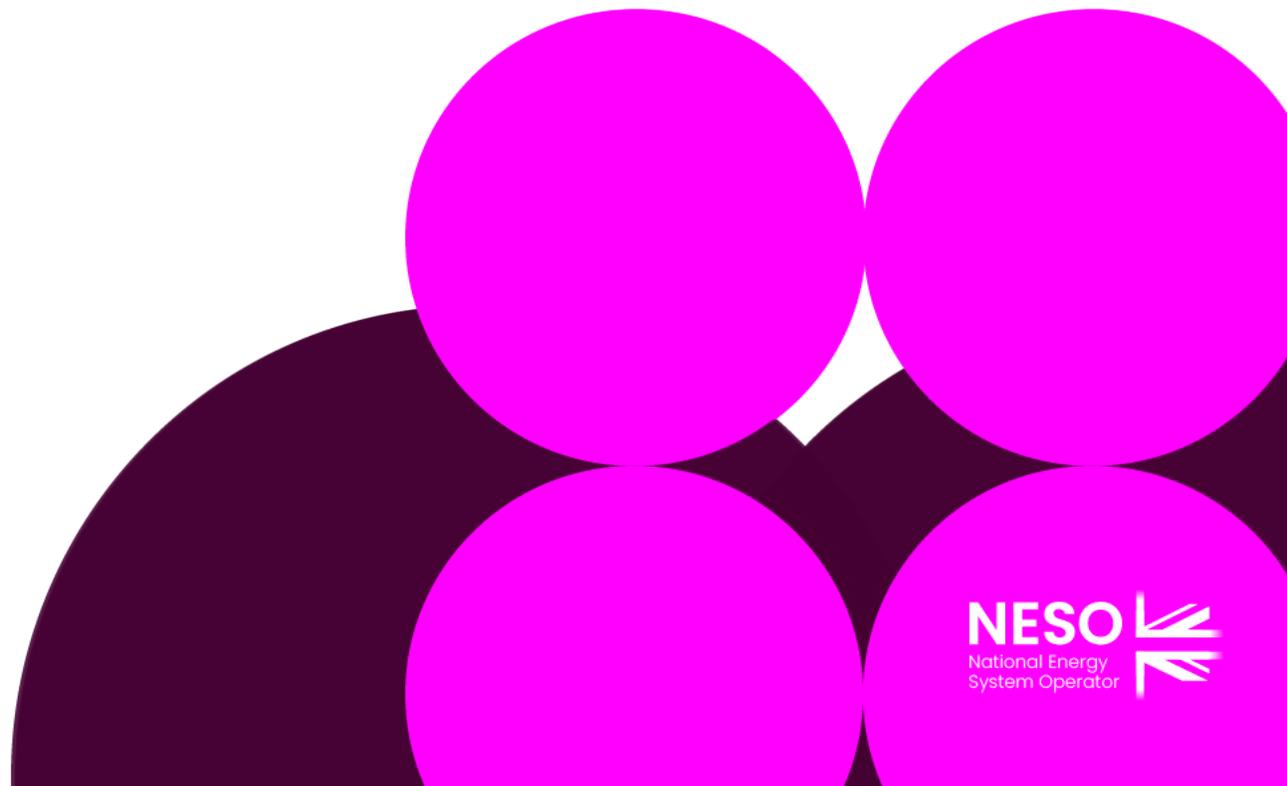
Background of PM0142 and PM0143

- The suite of Urgent Connections Reform mods developed over recent months are to be reviewed by The Authority as a bundle in early 2025.
- [CMP434](#) Implementing Connections Reform, [CMP435](#) Application of Gate 2 Criteria to existing contracted background and [CM095](#) Implementing Connections Reform are now with The Authority.
 - [CM096](#) Application of Gate 2 Criteria to existing contracted background was withdrawn on the proviso that Transitional Arrangements are to be contained in a new time-limited STCP (PM0142).
- [PM0142](#) Application of Gate 2 Criteria to existing contracted background and [PM0143](#) Implementing Connection Reform were raised from November 2024 with the original aim to be ready for the January 2025 STC Panel.
- More time was requested for developments of the PM0142 and PM0143 draft legal text; a Special Panel was arranged for 14 February 2025.
- The Authority has already confirmed in writing that PM0142 and PM0143 changes contain materiality

New STC Procedure

PM0142: Application of gate 2 Criteria to Existing Contracted Background

Steve Baker, NESO



PM0142 – Summary and Development

- PM0142 Application of Gate 2 Criteria to existing contracted background proposes to introduce a new, time-limited, one-off Procedure to facilitate the introduction of CUSC Modification CMP435.
- The Gate 2 to Whole Queue Process (introduced through CUSC Section 18) requires that the existing agreements are revisited and through that process will be given the status of Gate 1 Agreements or Gate 2 Agreements.
- As the existing agreements have associated TOCAs (Transmission Owner Construction Agreement), those TOCAs are also impacted by the Gate 2 to Whole Queue Process and there is a need to reflect the Gate 2 to Whole Queue Process and the approach to changes in content and status of the existing agreements in this STCP.
- The proposed changes have been developed whilst coordinating with, and seeking feedback from, NESO colleagues, the TOs and OFTOs through regular meetings.
 - Note: Section 2 in STCP 18-X concerning Existing Agreements which are converted to Gate 1 Agreements does not currently have unanimous support from TOs.
- The following table provides a summary of changes made and a recap on materiality judgements from STC Panel on 11 December 2024.

PM0142 – Changes and Materiality

| STCP | Brief Summary of Change | Materiality |
|--|--|-------------|
| STCP 18-X (Gate 2 To Whole Queue) | <p>New STCP is only relevant to the “Gate 2 to Whole Queue” Exercise.</p> <p>It includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gate 2 to Whole Queue TOCA Variation offers Process• Existing Agreements which are converted to Gate 1 Agreements <p>Once this exercise is completed, this STCP shall no longer be considered as a relevant STCP.</p> | Yes |

STCP Governance

If a change is developed which has the potential to materially amend an existing STCP the proposer is obligated to seek Panel's views on materiality before proceeding.

When considering the proposed changes to the STCPs, the 1st ask on voting members is whether you agree that the change is material.

- If not, then approved/rejected as has been done in the past;
- If material, then the proposer of the change would need to seek Ofgem's written approval to proceed, and to clarify who should approve the change.

Ofgem can then decide either:

- It is acceptable for the Panel to approve/reject the STCP changes (as has been done in the past; or
- They will make the decision themselves.

PM0142 Asks of Panel

- **AGREE** the materiality of the new STCP
- **AGREE** the implementation next steps
- **NOTE** that Implementation Date will be set by the Authority to align with the other Connection Reform implementations

Critical Friend Feedback: STCP PM0142

Code Administrator comments

- Timeline updated inserted on form.
- Included acronyms in table.
- Clarification required on EA Table
- Links to Modification Titles and Title Name requested.
- Updated font.
- Legal Text:
 - Number 18-8 has been given
 - Font updated
 - Table updated to Annex to align.

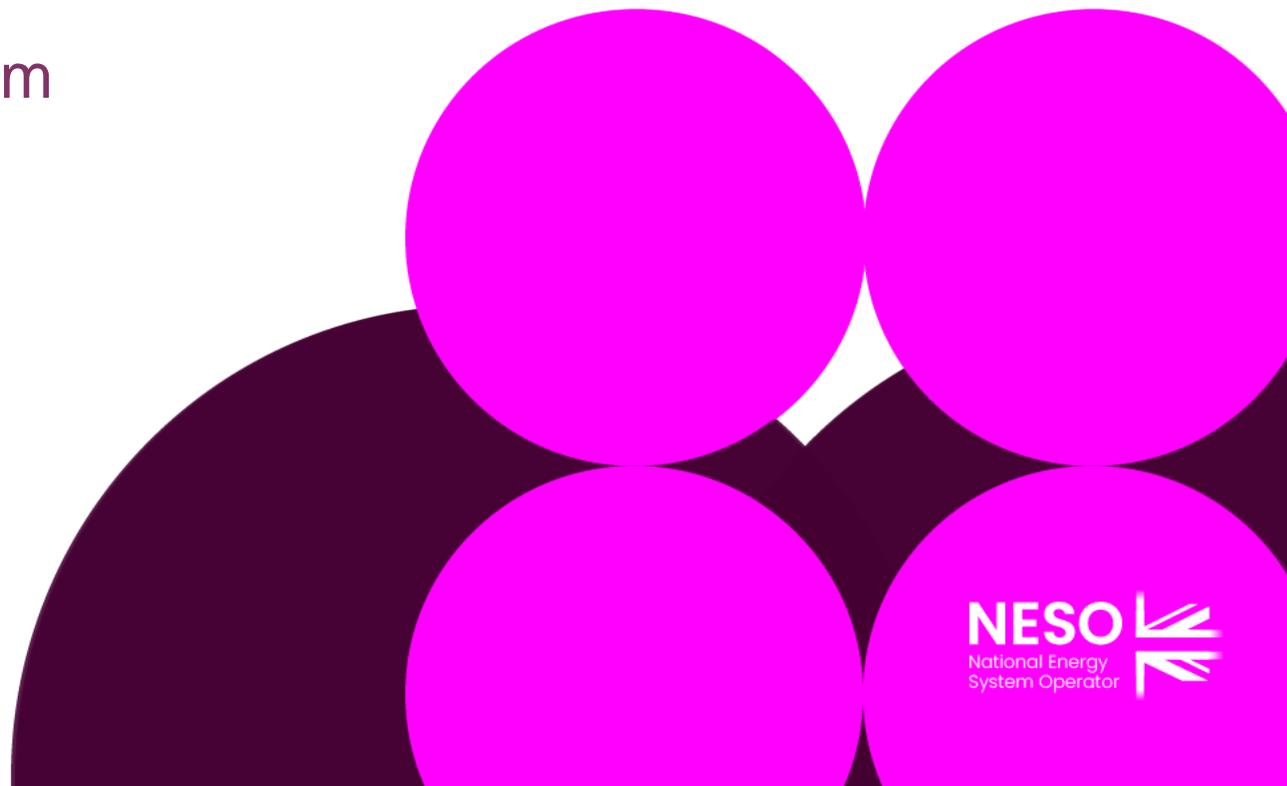
Amendments made by the Proposer

- Approved timeline
- Approved insertions of acronyms
- Proposer expanded on EA Table
- Links and title inserted
- Approved amended font.
- Approved amends to legal text.

Revised STC Procedures

PM0143: Implementing connection reform

Graham Lear, NESO



PM0143 – Summary and Development

- PM0143 Implementing Connection Reform aligns STCPs with the changes proposed to the STC through code modification CM095.
- The overall aim is to facilitate the wider Connections Reform work underway, providing a more coordinated approach to connection applications and the development of the transmission system.
- The proposed changes have been developed whilst coordinating with, and seeking feedback from, NESO colleagues, the TOs and OFTOs through regular meetings.
- The following table provides a summary of changes made and a recap on materiality judgements from STC Panel on 11 December 2024.

STCP Changes and Materiality

| STCP | Brief Summary of Key Changes | Materiality? |
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| STCP 16-1 (Investment Planning) | Changes to 4.3 <i>Production of Planning Requests</i> giving NESO the ability to reserve capacity and/or connection/interface points (making it clear this will not impact an ongoing Gated Design Process associated with the Gated Application process outlined in STCP 18-1 as part of this modification) | Yes |
| STCP 18-1 (Connection and Mod Application) | New process introduced for producing TOCOs/ATOCOs for Gated Applications that aligns with changes proposed through CM095. The process steps remain largely the same as existing (which endures as part of the STCP for anything that is not a Gated Application), but with different timings to ensure the new coordinated process remains deliverable in accordance with a Gated Timetable. Changes to subsidiary processes where required to align with CM095 whilst ensuring clarity between the new and existing process. | Yes |
| STCP 18-2 (Use of System Application) | Addition of 3.2.1.2 to make it clear that User Applications related to a Bilateral Embedded Generation Agreement should follow the new CM095 aligned process in STCP 18-1. | Yes |
| STCP 18-3 (TEC Changes) | Changes to 3.3 <i>TEC Increase Process</i> which now links to the Gated Application process outlined in STCP 18-1 as part of this modification. | Yes |
| STCP 18-4 (Request for Statement of Works) | Removing Statement of Works, introducing Transmission Evaluation and making alterations and clarifications to Transmission Impact Assessment (TIA), to align with changes introduced through CM095. Renaming STCP to Evaluation of Transmission Impact (ETI), which incorporates both Transmission Evaluation and Transmission Impact Assessment processes. | Yes |
| STCP 18-6 (Variation to Agreements) | Minor changes to Background section and to ensure the correct section of STCP 18-1 is referenced where this procedure is to be followed. | No |

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Critical Friend Feedback: STCP PM0143

Code Administrator comments

- Timeline updated inserted on form
- Included acronyms in table
- Links to Modification Titles and Title Name requested
- Amended formatting to include bullet points for STCP proposed changes
- Clarified implementation approach

Amendments made by the Proposer

- Approved timeline
- Approved insertions of acronyms
- Links and title inserted
- Accepted new formatting
- Accepted implementation approach

Any other business

Activities ahead of the next Panel Meeting

February Papers Day

18 February 2025

February Panel Meeting

26 February 2025
Teams

Close

Teri Puddefoot
Chair, STC Panel