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# CUSC Panel 2024

## CUSC Panel Minutes

**Date:** 13/12/2024      **Location:** Microsoft Teams

**Start:** 10:00 AM      **End:** 12:35 PM

### Participants

Attendee	Initials	Representing
Trisha McAuley	TM	Independent Panel Chair
Catia Gomes	CG	Panel Secretary, Code Administrator Representative
Ren Walker	RW	Panel Technical Secretary, Code Administrator
Andrew Enzor	AE	Users' Panel Member
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
Paul Jones	PJ	Users' Panel Member
Andy Pace	AP	Consumers' Panel Member
Daniel Arrowsmith	NH	NESO Panel Member
Nadir Hafeez	NH	Authority Representative
Harriet Harmon	HH	Authority Representative
Rashmi Radhakrishnan	RR	BSC Observer

### Apologies

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## Presenters

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## 1. Introductions, Apologies and Declarations of Interest

12601. No apologies or declarations of interest were received.

## 2. Minutes from previous meeting

12602. The meeting minutes from the CUSC Panel held on 25 October and Special Panel held on 08 November 2024 were approved.

## 3. Review of actions log

12603. The CUSC Panel reviewed the open actions from the meeting held on 29 November 2024, which can be found on the Actions Log.

## 4. Chair's update

12604. There were no updates from the Chair.

## 5. Authority Decisions

12605. Ofgem provided an update on Modifications that have been decided upon, together with those currently awaiting their decision.

### Decisions since last CUSC Panel

12606. NH confirmed that there had been no new decisions since the last CUSC Panel meeting.

### Awaiting Decisions

Modification	FMR submitted	Expected Decision Date
<b>CMP315</b> 'TNUoS Review of the expansion constant and the elements of the transmission system charged for' and <b>CMP375</b> 'Enduring Expansion Constant & Expansion Factor Review'	07/02/2024	07/02/2025
<b>CMP316</b> 'TNUoS Arrangements for Co-located Generation Sites'	12/06/2024	24/01/2025 (Previously 29/11/2024)

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<b>CMP330&amp;CMP374</b> 'Allowing new Transmission Connected parties to build Connection Assets greater than 2km in length and Extending contestability for Transmission Connections'	10/08/2023	TBC Subject to CMP414 send back
<b>CMP397</b> 'Consequential changes required to CUSC Exhibits B and D to reflect CMP316 (Co-Located Generation Sites)'	12/06/2024	24/01/2025 (Previously 29/11/2024)
<b>CMP403</b> 'Introducing Competitively Appointed Transmission Owners & Transmission Service Providers (Section 14)'	11/06/2024	31/01/2025
<b>CMP404</b> 'Introducing Competitively Appointed Transmission Owners & Transmission Service Providers (Section 11)'	11/06/2024	31/01/2025
<b>CMP436</b> 'Update CUSC arrangements to replace the Electricity Arbitration Association with the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA) (Non-Charging)'	07/08/2024	12/02/2025 (Previously 06/12/2024)
<b>CMP437</b> 'Update CUSC arrangements to replace the Electricity Arbitration Association with the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA) (Charging)'	07/08/2024	12/02/2025 (Previously 06/12/2024)

## Other Updates - Energy Code Reform

12607. There were no further updates for the Panel.

### 6. New modifications

12608. There were no new modifications presented to the Panel.

### 7. In flight modification updates

12609. CG confirmed that there we no further updates to provide on in flight modifications.

The in-flight modifications can be found within the CUSC Panel papers pack on the NESO website via the following link: [Modification Tracker](#)

12610. The next [Modification Tracker](#) will be published on 07 January.

### 8. Workgroup Reports

12611. No Workgroup Reports were presented to the Panel.

### 9. Draft Final Modification Reports

12612. There were two Draft Final Modification Reports presented to the Panel.

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**CMP441 – Reducing the credit risk of supplying non-embedded hydrogen electrolyser**

12613. CG delivered a presentation on CMP441. CG confirmed that this modification seeks to address a discrepancy in the timing in de-energising a non – embedded hydrogen electrolyser versus an embedded hydrogen electrolyser.

12614. The Code Administrator Consultation was run from 29 October 2024 to 19 November 2024 and received 2 non-confidential responses Key points from the responses were:

- One respondent stated that the change would better facilitate ACOs a), b), c) and d). The respondent noted that the current discrepancy acts as a barrier in delivering large projects. The proposed solution protects a small number of legacy and dated use cases, whilst supporting growth in decarbonising the energy system.
- One respondent stated that the change would better facilitate ACO b). The respondent noted that this will provide consistency with the DCUSA and may facilitate more competition in Supply in some circumstances.
- One respondent highlighted two issues: Two terms used within the legal text changes should be in bold as they are defined terms and the formulation of the implementation date is regarded as not optimal as it includes an absolute date, 25 January 2025. Any mention of an absolute date carries with it the “timing out” risk. The respondent therefore proposed some legal text amendments

12615. 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.

12616. The Panel recommended unanimously that the Proposer’s Original solution is implemented. The Final Modification Report was submitted to the Authority on 23 December 2024.

**CMP443 – Removing references to “Fax” or “Facsimile” within the CUSC**

12617. CG delivered a presentation on CMP443. CG explained that this modification seeks to remove references to “fax” and “facsimile” from the CUSC in order to reflect

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both current and future methods of communication between relevant Users and the National Energy System Operator (NESO), due to the national decommissioning of the Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN).

12618. CG advised the Panel that the Code Administrator Consultation was run from 29 October 2024 to 29 November 2024 and received 1 non-confidential response. Key points from this consultation were:

- The respondent stated that the change would better facilitate objective (a) and (d). The respondent believe that the proposed solution will improve efficiencies in relation to the communication between Users and the NESO Control Centre and that key communications relating to processes such as system restoration should be more efficient.
- The respondent believes the approach will ensure that the new solution can be rolled out to Users using a phased approach.
- The respondent stated that, while the proposed solution does impact the EBR Article 18 terms and conditions held within the CUSC, they believe that these interactions are minimal.

12619. Ahead of the vote taking place, it was highlighted that two sections of the legal text were missing from the consultation. The Panel therefore agreed that a second Code Administrator Consultation should be held, inclusive of this legal text. The Second Consultation opened on 16 December 2024 and will close on 17 January 2025.

## 10. Discussion on Prioritisation

12620. The Panel reviewed the prioritisation stack and made one change to this. The Prioritisation Stack can be [found here](#).

Modification	Position in Prioritisation Stack	Panel Comments
<b>CMP445:</b> Pro-rating first year TNUoS for Generators	High	The majority of Panel members agreed that CMP445 should be given high priority due to the material impact this could have on parties and wider industry, however Panel noted that it would be useful to see evidence of how material this could be by seeking further information from NESO Connections

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		<p>and industry through forums such as TCMF. The Panel will review the priority of CMP445 in January 2025 when the data has been received, along with the other modifications in the prioritisation stack.</p>
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12621. CG presented to the Panel an overview of planned CUSC Workgroups for January 2025, noting that there are also two other codes (Grid Code and STC) and a standard (SQSS) which have not been considered as part of this exercise. The Panel thanked CG for producing this and noted it was useful to have when having discussions regarding prioritisation. It was agreed that a rag status would be produced to show where the capacity was for modifications when Panel hold their next review of the prioritisation stack in January.

## 11. Standing Groups

### Transmission Charging Methodology Forum (TCMF)

12622. DA confirmed that the next TCMF will be held on 09 January 2025.

## 12. European Updates

### Joint European Stakeholder Group (JESG)

12623. GG advised the Panel that the JESG meeting was held on 10 December 2024. The meeting materials can be found via the following link:

<https://www.neso.energy/calendar/joint-european-stakeholder-group-jesg-1012202412560>

## 13. Update on other Industry Codes

12624. The Panel papers and Headline Report for the following meetings can be found at the below links:

- 27 November 2024 STC [Panel Papers and Headline Report](#)
- 28 November 2024 Grid Code Review [Panel Papers and Headline Report](#)

## 14. Relevant Interruptions Claim Report

12625. No further updates for the Panel.

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## **15. Governance**

12626. No further updates for the Panel.

## **16. Horizon Scan**

12627. No further updates for the Panel.

## **17. Code Administrator Update**

12628. No further updates for the Panel.

## **18. Any Other Business (AOB)**

12629. No AOB raised.

## **19. Close**

12630. The Chair thanked the Panel for their time and contribution and brought the meeting to a close.

### **A Special CUSC Panel will be held on 20 December 2024 to present the Draft Final Modification Reports for**

- CMP434 (Implementing Connections Reform)
- CMP435 (Application of Gate 2 Criteria to existing contracted background)

**The next CUSC Panel meeting will be held on 31 January 2025 on Microsoft Teams**

**New Modification Proposals to be submitted by 16 January 2025**

**CUSC Panel Papers Day is 23 January 2025.**