

# **CMP471: Interim Connection Date Delay Process Ahead of CMP434 Gated Application Window**

Workgroup Number 4 – 24 June 2026

Online Meeting via Teams

# WELCOME

# Agenda

Topics to be discussed	Lead
Welcome	Chair
Objectives and Timeline <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Walk-through of the timeline for the modification</li></ul>	Chair
Review Terms of Reference	All
Actions review	All
Legal text	Proposer
EBR Implications	All
Any Other Business	Chair
Next Steps	Chair

## Expectations of a Workgroup Member

Contribute to the discussion

Be respectful of each other's opinions

Language and Conduct to be consistent with the values of equality and diversity

Do not share commercially sensitive information

Be prepared – Review Papers and Reports ahead of meetings

Complete actions in a timely manner

Keep to agreed scope

Email communications to/cc'ing the .box email

## Your Roles

Help refine/develop the solution(s)

Bring forward alternatives as early as possible

Vote on whether or not to proceed with requests for Alternatives

Vote on whether the solution(s) better facilitate the Code Objectives

# Workgroup Membership

Role	Name	Company
Proposer	Matthew Dowds	Muir Hall Energy
NESO Rep	Terry Baldwin	NESO
Workgroup Member	Andrew Allan	RWE
Workgroup Member	Ciaran Fitzgerald	Scottish Power Renewables
Workgroup Member	Cat Glennie	SP Manweb Plc
Workgroup Member	Gareth Williams	Scottish Power Transmission
Workgroup Member	Garth Graham	SSE Generation
Workgroup Member	Henry McDonald	Voltwise Power
Workgroup Member	Joe Colebrook	Innova
Workgroup Member	Kirsty Dawson	Statkraft.com
Workgroup Member	Lamin Saidy Vulart	Qair UK
Workgroup Member	Martin Hardwick	Northern Powergrid
Workgroup Member	Mark O'Connor	EDF ENERGY RENEWABLES LIMITED
Workgroup Member	Alastair Southworth	Harmony Energy

# Workgroup Membership

Role	Name	Company
Workgroup Member	Sam Aitchinson	Island Green Power
Workgroup Member	Isabelle Eleanor Vasko	NGET
Workgroup Member	Harriet Eckweiler	SSE Transmission
Workgroup Member	Rob Smith	Enso Green Holdings Ltd (EGHL)
Workgroup Member	Niall Stuart	Hutcheson Associates
Observer	Ben Clarke	Bute Energy Ltd
Observer	David Barber	GridLink Interconnector Ltd
Observer	Dimitrios Terzis	SSEN Transmission
Observer	Mithun Suresh	Masdar
Observer	Patrick O'Mahony	Perigus Energy
Observer	Toby Evans	Atlantic Green
Observer	Fiona Ewart	Scottish Power Transmmission
Authority Representative	Shalema Bhanu	Ofgem
Authority Representative	Kingsley Emeana	Ofgem

## Timeline for CMP471 as at 08 June 2026

Milestone	Date	Milestone	Date
Modification presented to Panel	15 May 2026	Code Administrator Consultation (10 Business Days)	10 July – 24 July 2026
Workgroup Nominations	15 May 2026 – 19 May 2026	Draft Final Modification Report (DFMR) issued to Panel (2 Business Days)	28 July 2026
(Full Day Meetings) Workgroup 1 Workgroup 2 Workgroup 3	11 June 2026 15 June 2026 17 June 2026	Panel undertake DFMR recommendation vote	31 July 2026
Workgroup Consultation	19 June – 25 June	Final Modification Report issued to Panel to check votes recorded correctly	03 August 2026
(Full Day Meetings) Workgroup 5 Workgroup 6	30 June 2026 02 July 2026	Final Modification Report issued to Ofgem	03 August 2026
Workgroup report issued to Panel	07 July 2026	Ofgem decision	TBC
Panel sign off that Workgroup Report has met its Terms of Reference	10 July 2026 (Special Panel)	Implementation Date	TBC

# CMP471 – Proposed Timeline Update (18 June)

Milestone	Date	Milestone	Date
Modification presented to Panel	15 May 2026	Code Administrator Consultation	27 July – 31 July 2026
Workgroup Nominations	15 May 2026 – 19 May 2026 (Extended until 03 June 2026)	Draft Final Modification Report (DFMR) issued to Panel (2 Business Days)	05 Aug 2026
(Full Day Meetings) Workgroup 1 Workgroup 2 Workgroup 3 Workgroup 4 Workgroup 5	11 June 2026 15 June 2026 17 June 2026 24 June 2026 30 June 2026	Panel undertake DFMR recommendation vote	07 Aug 2026 (Special Panel)
Workgroup Consultation	02 July 2026 – 08 July 2026	Final Modification Report issued to Panel to check votes recorded correctly	07 August 2026
(Full Day Meetings) Workgroup 6 Workgroup 7 Workgroup 8	13 July 2026 15 July 2026 16 July 2026 (Place holder to finalise Workgroup Report)	Final Modification Report issued to Ofgem	07 August 2026
Workgroup report issued to Panel	22 July 2026	Ofgem decision	TBC
Panel sign off that Workgroup Report has met its Terms of Reference	24 July 2026 (Special Panel)	Implementation Date	TBC (End September)

# Terms of Reference

## Workgroup Term of Reference

1. Consider EBR implications

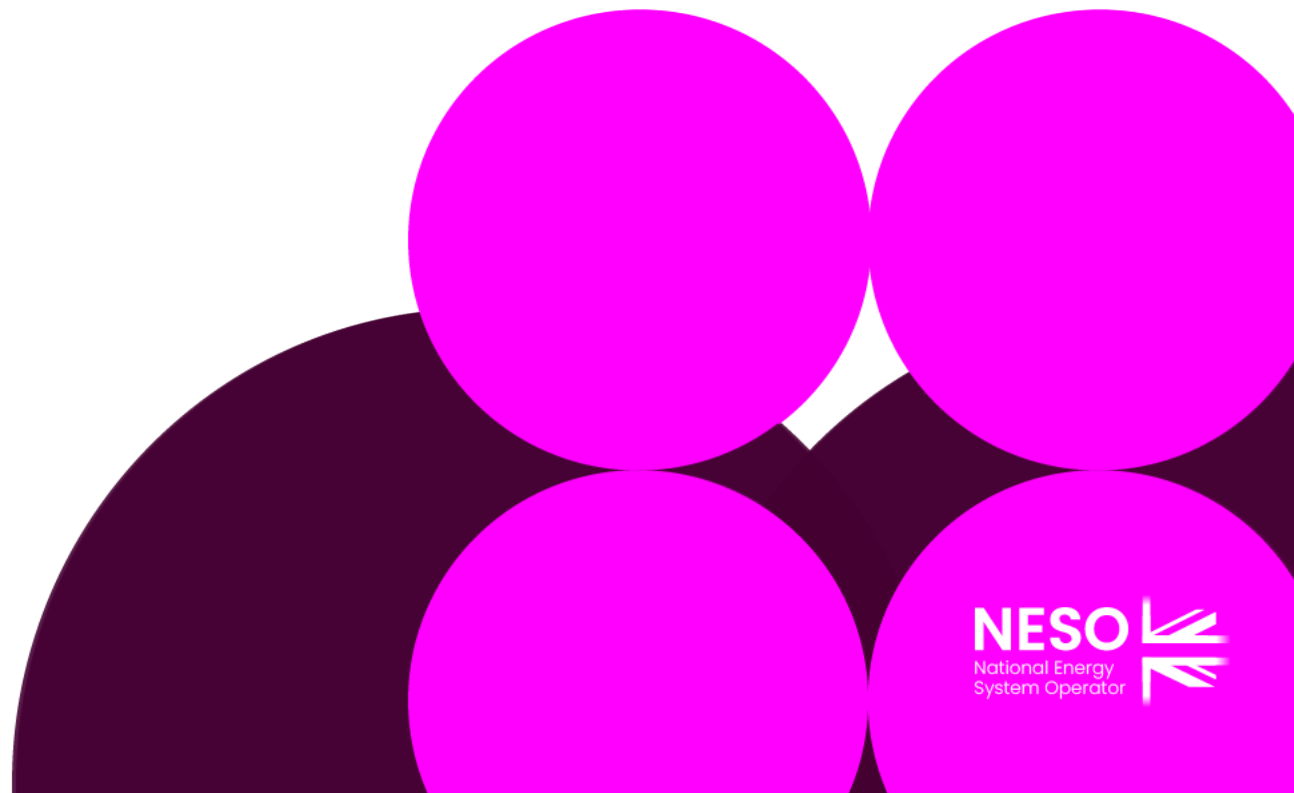
2. Consider a solution that provides both a short term solution for applications within the Gate 2 to Whole Queue (G2TWQ) process i.e. CMP435 and allows for non-gated applications to delay connection dates as part of the enduring (CMP434) connections process

3. Consider if there should be a limit on who can take advantage of a non-gated modification to delay connection dates. E.g. limit based on existing connection date

4. Consider the need for revised network studies within the solution

# Actions Review

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Action number	Workgroup Raised	Owner	Action	Comment	Due by	Status
5	WG1	TOs	TOs to provide a qualitative impact assessment to help the workgroup understand how this modification could impact the Joint Industry Plan (JIP) AKA Existing Agreement Timeline	Ongoing	WG2	Open
6	WG2	RM	Confirm - What ability do NESO have to ensure TOs are aligning connection dates and to change the earliest customer connection dates in Scheme Briefing Notes (SBN) after a TO has issued a TOCO to NESO.		WG3	Open
7	WG2	TOs	TOs to consider whether a high-level description of the assessment process can be provided to the workgroup.  If not feasible, TOs will confirm this and the action may be closed	Workgroup members may want to watch a previous Webinar National Grid Transmission (NGET) held. See the recording at <a href="https://players.brightcove.net/867903724001/default_default/index.html?videoid=6395328367112">https://players.brightcove.net/867903724001/default_default/index.html?videoid=6395328367112</a>  <b>RW to share Slides for this presentation.</b>	WG3	Open
9	WG2	Ofgem	Ofgem to consider whether changes or clarification to licence conditions are required to enable connection date delays without requiring a full modification application, or to avoid penalising TOs for accommodating such delays.		WG3	Open

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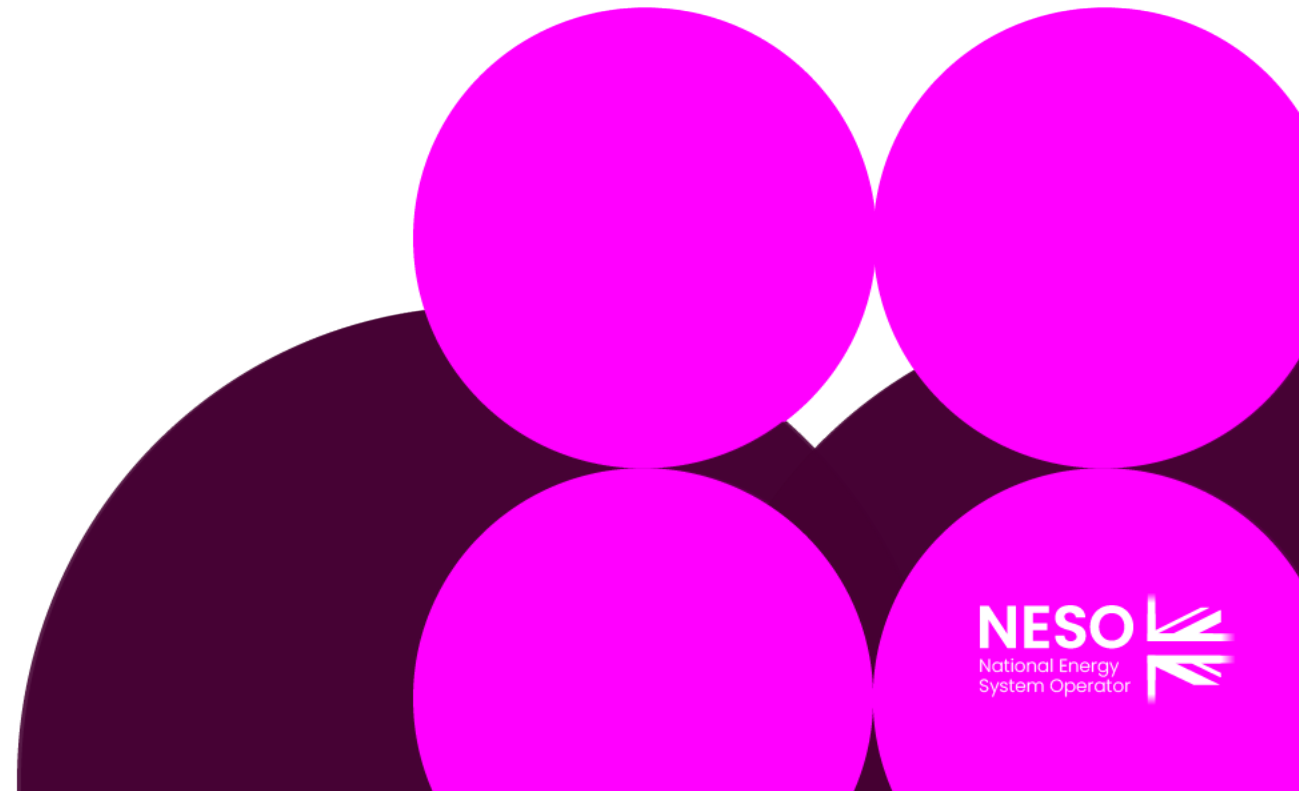
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11	WG2	MD	<p>A summary slide or section that brings together all relevant inputs and references, including NESO guidance and relevant CUSC provisions (e.g. milestones, exceptions processes), to show how they interact with the CMP471 proposal.</p> <p>To improve clarity and traceability across:</p> <p>NESO guidance (e.g. milestone extensions due to reform delays)</p> <p>Existing CUSC provisions (e.g. Section 16.5 exceptions)</p> <p>The proposed CMP471 legal text</p> <p>To help the workgroup understand how the different mechanisms work together in practice</p>		WG3	Open
12	WG2	RM	<p>Confirm whether it is preferable (and feasible) for connection date delay requests and associated milestone/exception requests to be handled together as a single process, or continue being managed separately across different NESO teams.</p> <p>In Workgroup it was highlighted that:</p> <p>Connection date delay requests go through one route (applications → TOs → contracts)</p> <p>Milestone exceptions (e.g. QM milestones) are handled by a different team/process</p> <p>There was concern this could create:</p> <p>Inefficiency</p> <p>Misalignment if requests are assessed separately</p>		WG3	Open

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14	WG2	MD	Consider impact on DNOs and embedded generations. NESO to take away and confirm how the process works for DNO/embedded projects, specifically: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How connection date delay requests are handled in practice</li> <li>• How Appendix G updates feed through the process</li> <li>• Whether and how this impacts S-curves, securities, and liabilities.</li> </ul>		WG3	Open
15	WG3	TP/RB/RM	Set up cross party alignment session (Ofgem / TOs / NESO) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formal action to bring parties together to align interpretation of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o CUSC and Licence interpretation</li> <li>o Connection date flexibility</li> <li>o Process approach•</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		WG4	Open
16	WG3	TB/RM	Confirm ownership and update route for guidance. Clarify: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Who owns Queue Management (QM) guidance</li> <li>o Who owns Gated Modification Guidance</li> <li>o How updates will be managed alongside the mod</li> </ul>		WG4	Open
17	WG3	TP	Follow-up session with proposer and NESO to review legal text and Gated Modification Guidance updates.		WG4	Open
18	WG3	RM	As a follow up to Action 10 – RM to confirm potential options/changes to current position (Changes can only be made once the connection offer is signed.)		WG4	Open

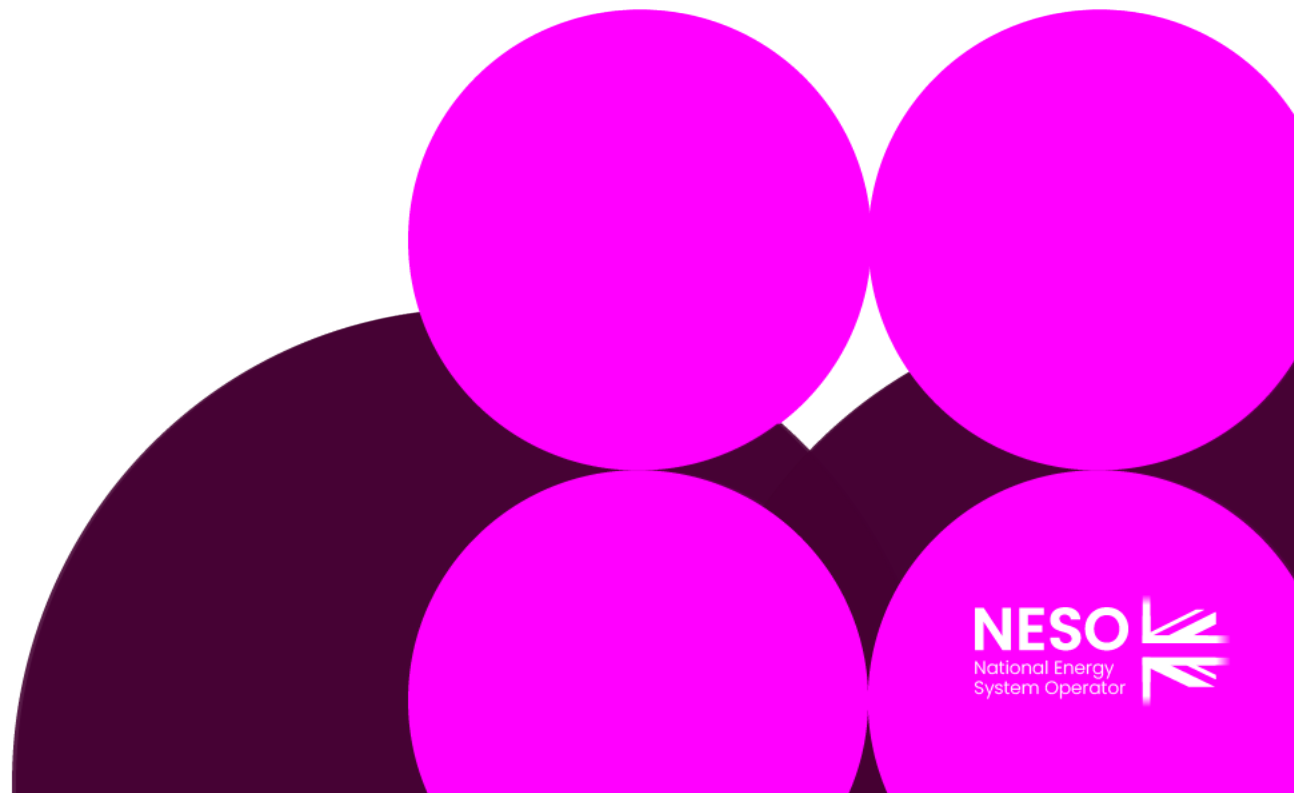
# Legal Text Review

Matthew Dowds – Muirhall Energy



# EBR Implications

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# What is the EBR Article 18 change process?

Article 18

- **Interaction is identified with the balancing Terms and Conditions** i.e. legal text will change a section of CUSC/GC which interacts with Article 18 section mapped to code

Article 10

- **Public consultation** on proposed amendments
- No less than 28 days

Article 5

- **Submission to Authority:** Proposal shall include a proposed timescale for their implementation and a description of their expected impact on the objectives of this Regulation.

Article 5

- **Approval by Authority:** The implementation timescale shall not be longer than 12 months after the approval by the regulatory authority (can be exceptions to this)

# Identified Article 18 interactions within CUSC

Sections of the NESO administrated codes which map to the terms of conditions

## EBR Article 18 Ts&Cs

## Exhibit Y – CUSC

European Regulation (EU) 2017/2195 Reference	Description	Grid Code	CUSC
18.2	The terms and conditions pursuant to paragraph 1 shall also include the rules for suspension and restoration of market activities pursuant to Article 36 of Regulation (EU) 2017/2196 and rules for settlement in case of market suspension pursuant to Article 39 of Regulation (EU) 2017/2196 once approved in accordance with Article 4 of Regulation (EU) 2017/2196.	OC9.4	Section 4.1.3
18.4.a	define reasonable and justified requirements for the provisions of balancing services;	BC1, BC2, BC3 & BC4	
18.4.b	allow the aggregation of demand facilities, energy storage facilities and power generating facilities in a scheduling area to offer balancing services subject to conditions referred to in paragraph 5 (c);	DRSC 4.2, BC1.4	
18.5.a	the rules for the qualification process to become a balancing service provider pursuant to Article 16;	BC5, BC4.4.2	Section 4.1
18.5.c	the rules and conditions for the aggregation of demand facilities, energy storage facilities and power generating facilities in a scheduling area to become a balancing service provider;	BC1.4 and BC1.A.10	
18.5.d	the requirements on data and information to be delivered to the connecting TSO and, where relevant, to the reserve connecting DSO during the prequalification process and operation of the balancing market;	DRC, BC5 BC1.4	Section 4.1.3.14 and 4.1.3.19
18.5.f	the requirements on data and information to be delivered to the connecting TSO and, where relevant, to the reserve connecting DSO to evaluate the provisions of balancing services pursuant to Article 154(1), Article 154(8), Article 158(1)(e), Article 158(4)(b), Article 161(1)(f) and Article 161(4)(b) of Regulation (EU) 2017/1485;	BC1.4, BC1.A.10,	Section 4.1.3.19
18.5.i	the rules for the settlement of balancing service providers defined pursuant to Chapters 2 and 5 of Title V;		Section 4.1.3.9 and 4.1.3.9A
18.5.j	a maximum period for the finalisation of the settlement of balancing energy with a balancing service provider in accordance with Article 45, for any given imbalance settlement period;		Section 4.3.2.6
18.5.k	the consequences in case of non-compliance with the terms and conditions applicable to balancing service providers.		Sections 4.1.3.9, 4.1.3.9A and 4.1.3.14
18.5.g	the definition of a location for each standard product and each specific product taking into account paragraph 5 (c);	BC1.4	
18.6.d	the requirements on data and information to be delivered to the connecting TSO to calculate the imbalances;	BC1.4.2,3,4, BC1 Appendix 1 BC2.5.1,	
18.6.e	the rules for balance responsible parties to change their schedules prior to and after the intraday energy gate closure time pursuant to paragraphs 3 and 4 of Article 17;	BC1.4.3,4,	

# EBR Article 3 Objectives

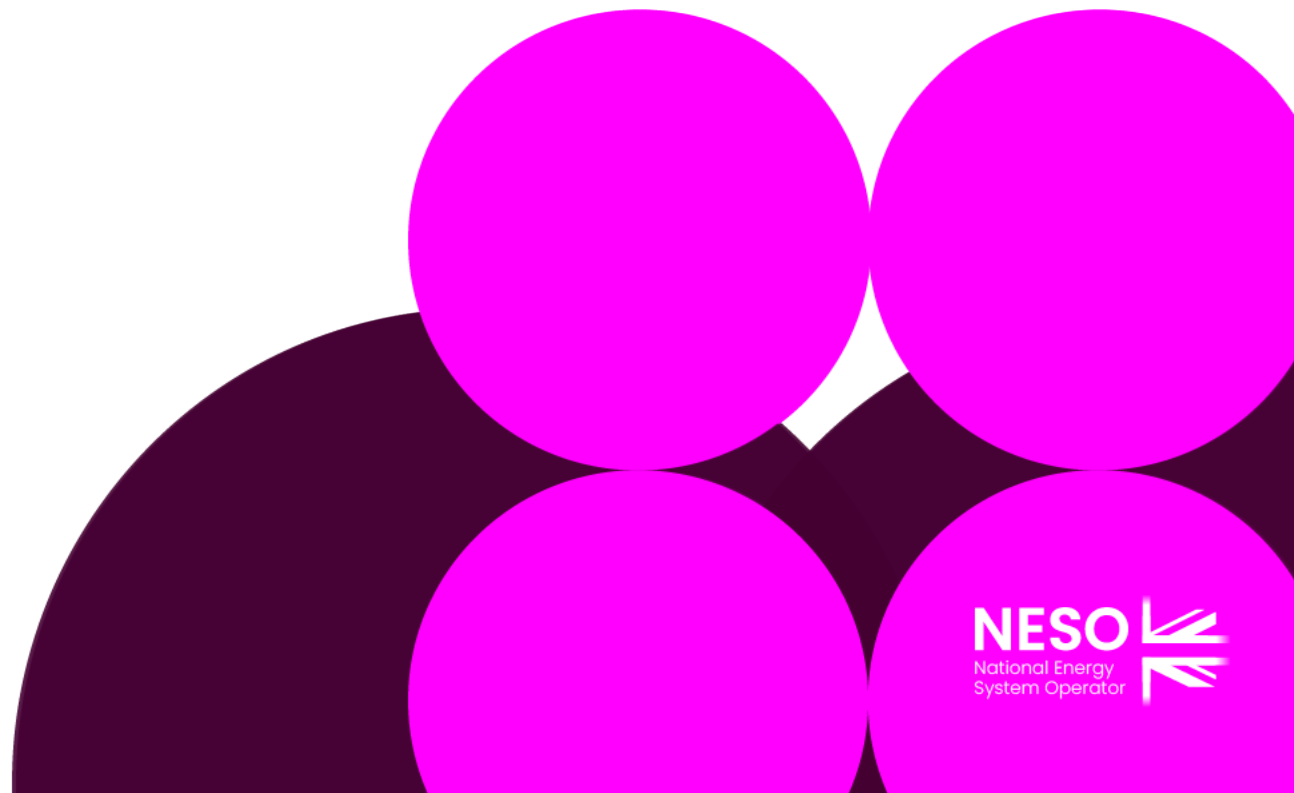
For reference, the Electricity Balancing Regulation (EBR) Article 3 (Objectives and regulator aspects) are:

This Regulations aims at:

1. Fostering effective competition, non-discrimination and transparency in balancing markets;
2. enhancing efficiency of balancing as well as efficiency of national balancing markets;
3. integrating balancing markets and promoting the possibilities for exchanges of balancing services while contributing to operational security;
4. contributing to the efficient long-term operation and development of the electricity transmission system and electricity sector while facilitating the efficient and consistent functioning of day-ahead, intraday and balancing markets;
5. ensuring that the procurement of balancing services is fair, objective, transparent and market-based, avoids undue barriers to entry for new entrants, fosters the liquidity of balancing markets while preventing undue market distortions;
6. facilitating the participation of demand response including aggregation facilities and energy storage while ensuring they compete with other balancing services at a level playing field and, where necessary, act independently when serving a single demand facility;
7. facilitating the participation of renewable energy sources and supporting the achievement of any target specified in an enactment for the share of energy from renewable sources.

# Any Other Business

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# Next Steps

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