

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

Workgroup Number 5 – 30 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
Workgroup Consultation Review	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

# 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

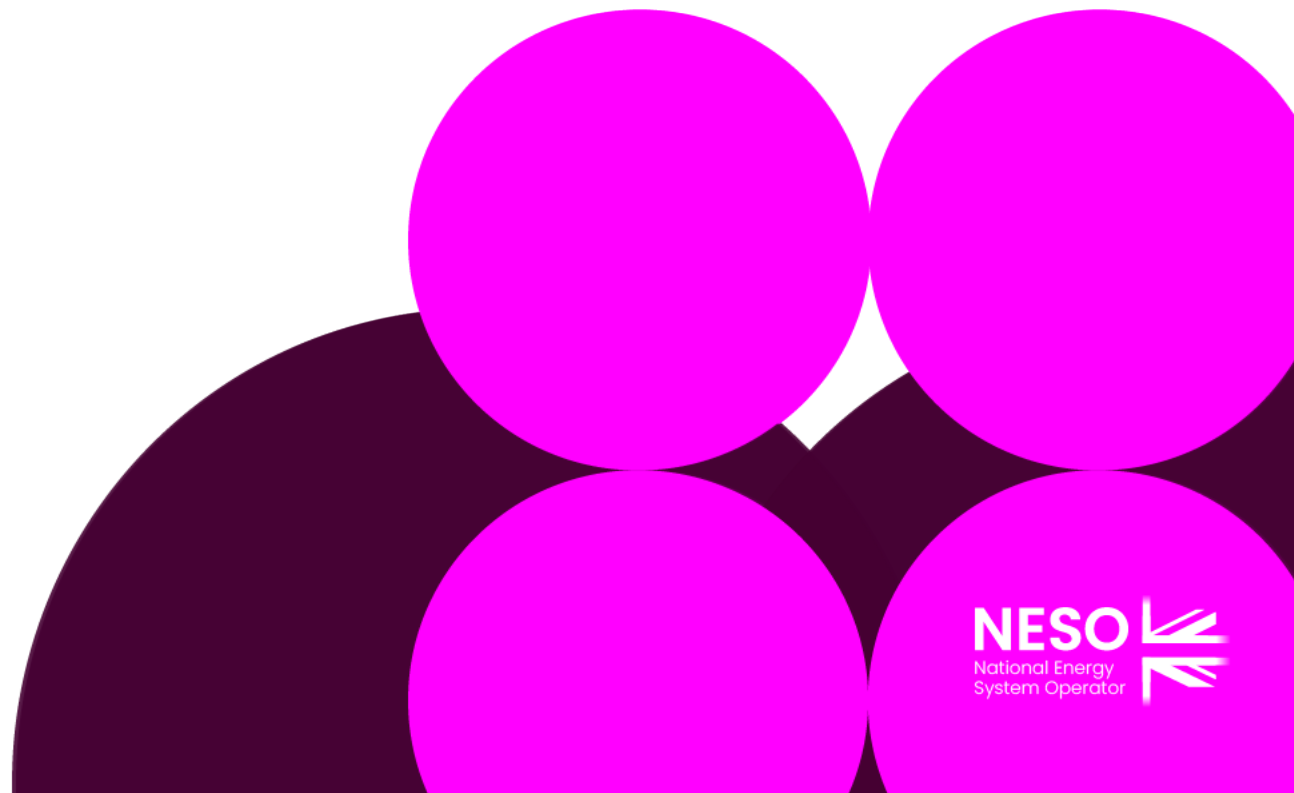
2. Consider a solution that provides both a short term solution for applications within the Gate 2 to Whole Queue (G2TWQ) process i.e. CMP435 and allows for non-gated applications to delay connection dates as part of the enduring (CMP434) connections process

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

Teri Puddefoot – NESO Code Administrator



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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.	Ongoing	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.	Ongoing	WG3	Open
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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NESO guidance (e.g. milestone extensions due to reform delays)</li> <li>Existing CUSC provisions (e.g. Section 16.5 exceptions)</li> <li>The proposed CMP471 legal text</li> </ul> <p>To help the workgroup understand how the different mechanisms work together in practice</p>	Ongoing	WG3	Open

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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>I 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>	Ongoing	WG3	Open
15	WG3	TP/RB/RM	<p>Set up cross party alignment session (Ofgem / TOs / NESO)</p> <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
17	WG3	TP	Follow-up session with proposer and NESO to review legal text and Gated Modification Guidance updates.	Ongoing	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.)	Ongoing	WG4	Open

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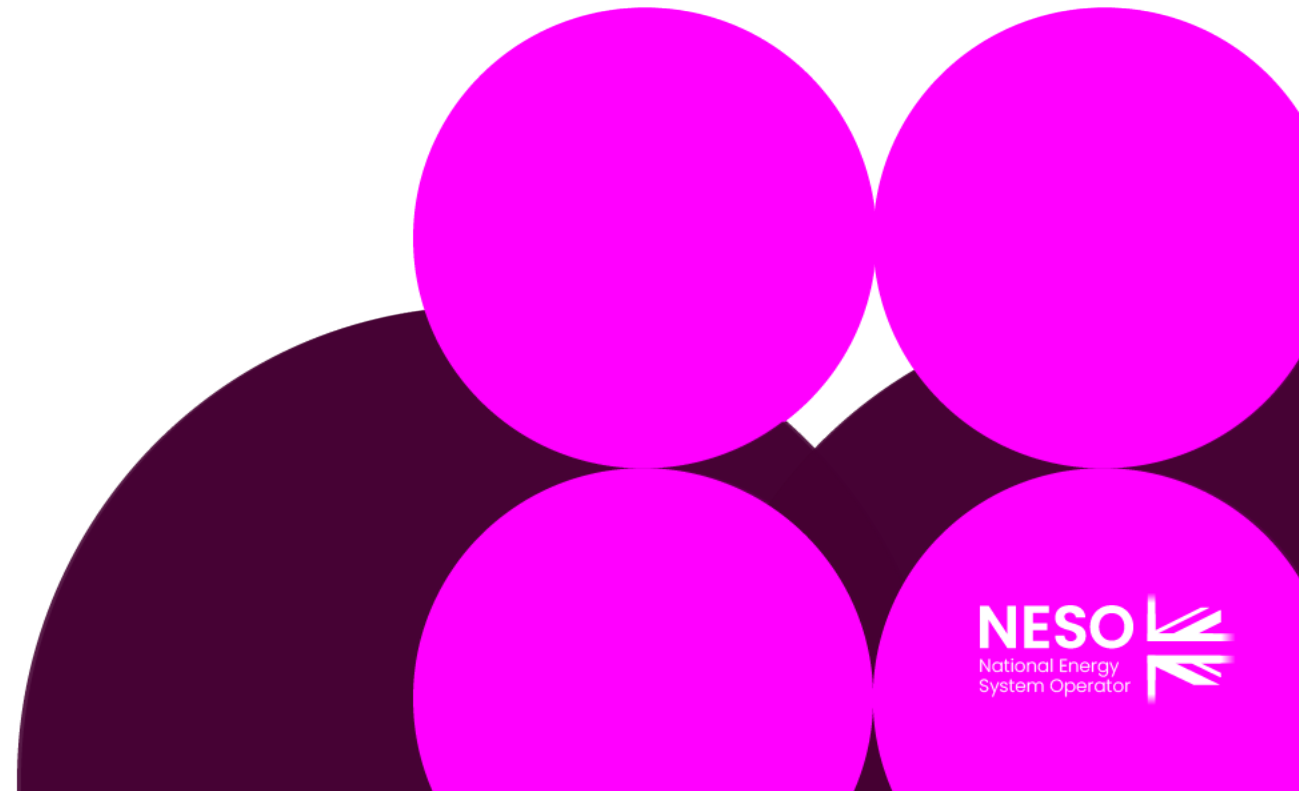
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19	WG4	TB	<p>Mod App Change - TB to seek clarification from NESO on specific points raised about the scoping exercise—particularly:</p> <p>The intent and implications of the exercise,</p> <p>Ambiguity around whether participation is effectively required,</p> <p>How it interacts with (or differs from) CMP471 activities.</p>		WG5	Open
20	WG4	MD/TOs	<p>Consider and feedback to Workgroup - process consideration regarding impacts on Transmission Owners (TOs). WG highlighted that:</p> <p>Where a host TO processes connection date changes, this could affect other (affected) TOs.</p> <p>Changes in programme, scope, or timing could require:</p> <p>The affected TO to update their own offers, and</p> <p>Additional coordination between TOs.</p>		WG5	Open
21	WG4	RW	<p>Consider - minimum set of objective criteria to prevent non-viable requests progressing through the process. RW to take away and develop a set of "showstopper" / entry criteria from a TO perspective (i.e. situations where a connection date delay request should not proceed), and</p> <p>Bring these back to the Workgroup to test and refine.</p>		WG5	Open

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22	WG4	TB/RW	Operational impact on NESO. Consider how NESO would practically manage the process being proposed – particularly the coordination between NESO and TOs when:  Assessing delay requests, and  Managing any “in-between” scenarios where a request cannot be fully accommodated.		WG5	Open
23	WG4	TB/RW	NESO to review and confirm how the “application of the User Commitment Methodology” interacts with the securities freeze, including:  Whether updated costs/contract positions would be reflected immediately, and  Whether securities (e.g. cancellation charge secured amounts) would actually be reissued or remain frozen.		WG5	Open
24	WG4	MD/TB/RW	Transitional Offers – Action on MD: to consider whether and how transitional offers should be included within scope, taking into account feasibility and impacts.  Action on NESO: to clarify how transitional offers are currently treated within the gated process, which will inform whether they should be included in CMP471.		WG5	Open

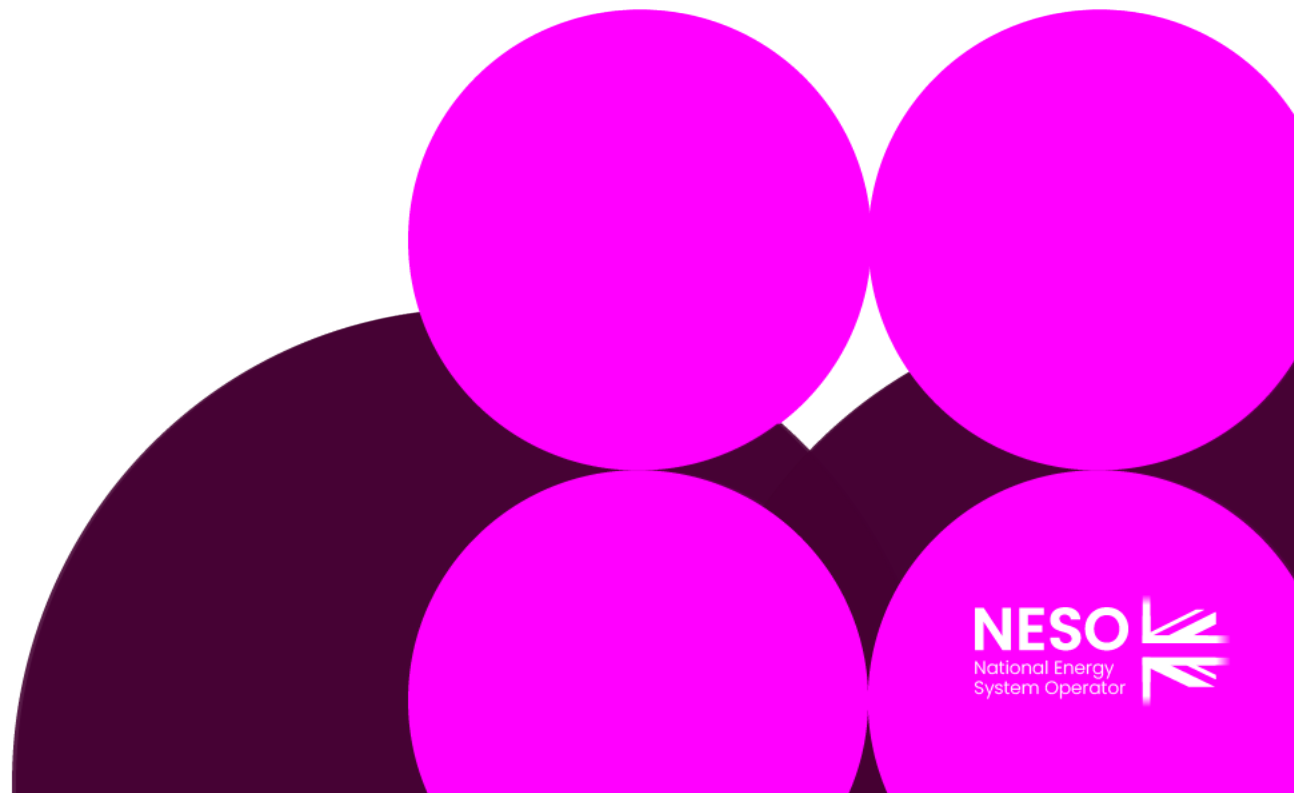
# Legal Text Review

Matthew Dowds – Muirhall Energy



# Workgroup Consultation Review

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# Any Other Business

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# Next Steps

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