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Code Administrator Meeting Summary

Workgroup Meeting 6 – CMP471: Interim Connection Date Delay Process Ahead of CMP434 Gated Application Window

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Key areas of discussion

The Workgroup reviewed the latest CMP471 timeline and confirmed the intention to publish the Workgroup Consultation later that week. Members discussed the remaining milestones, potential adjustments to future Workgroup dates, and the importance of maintaining progress towards consultation and subsequent panel deadlines. The majority of the meeting focused on ensuring that the consultation document accurately reflected discussions to date and captured recent developments.

The Workgroup also received a presentation on examining whether financial pressures associated with upcoming securities requirements may be contributing to requests to delay connection dates. Members explored how this work could interact with CMP471 and whether it could provide support to affected customers, while recognising that it was a separate piece of work and not an alternative proposal under the modification.

Considerations around possible April 2027 securities trigger delay

SS presented ongoing analysis into a potential delay to the April 2027 wider works cancellation charge securities trigger for certain customers. The proposal under consideration would allow eligible projects with connection dates between 1 April 2030 and 31 March 2031 to remain at their existing frozen securities level for an additional 12 months, with liabilities remaining unchanged. The work is currently being assessed by NESO and no decision has yet been made on whether it will proceed.

Workgroup members discussed the practical implications of the proposal, including the interaction with existing securities profiles, trigger dates, liabilities and wider works cancellation charges. Concerns were raised regarding the limited scope of the proposal, fairness between

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different groups of customers, and the potential interaction with CMP470. Members generally viewed the proposal as potentially helpful for a subset of projects but noted that it would only address a specific aspect of the issues being considered under CMP471.

The Workgroup concluded that while the proposed securities delay could provide some support to affected customers, CMP471 would continue to offer a broader solution by addressing a wider range of circumstances relating to connection date changes and associated financial impacts. Feedback from stakeholders on the usefulness of the NESO proposal will be sought through the consultation process.

Finalising Workgroup Consultation

The Workgroup reviewed and refined the consultation document before publication. Members discussed how to reflect Ofgem's request that an earlier statement should not be published while internal consideration remains ongoing. Following discussion, the Workgroup agreed revised wording that focused on the factual position without making assumptions regarding Ofgem's interpretation or future position.

The Workgroup also reviewed the draft consultation text relating to the potential securities delay proposal. Amendments were made to improve accuracy and ensure that the consultation reflected the discussion held during the meeting, including clarification of the affected customer group and the practical operation of the proposal.

Following further discussion, the Workgroup agreed to include an additional consultation question seeking views on whether the proposed NESO securities delay could address stakeholder concerns, or whether the connection date change mechanism proposed under CMP471 would provide greater benefit. Members agreed that the consultation should remain focused on the CMP471 defect and solution while also capturing feedback on relevant interactions with the separate NESO workstream.

The consultation document was finalised subject to minor drafting updates, with publication scheduled in line with the agreed timeline.

Next Steps

The Workgroup Consultation will be published following final drafting updates. Stakeholders will be invited to provide feedback on both the CMP471 proposal and the interaction with NESO's separate securities delay work.

NESO will continue developing the potential securities delay proposal and engaging with Ofgem and Transmission Owners on related issues.

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Future Workgroup meetings will be scheduled in line with the updated timeline, and members will be provided with further information on NESO's analysis of connection date delay requests where appropriate.

Actions

For the full action log, click [here](#).

Action Number	Workgroup	Owner	Action	Due by	Status
5	WG1	TOs	Provide qualitative impact assessment on JIP / Existing Agreement Timeline impacts.	WG2	Open
6	WG2	RM	Confirm NESO ability to align TO connection dates and amend earliest SBN dates post-TOCO.	WG3	Closed
9	WG2	Ofgem	Consider whether licence clarification or change is needed for connection date delays without full modification applications.	WG3	Open
11	WG2	MD	Prepare summary of NESO guidance, CUSC provisions and CMP471 legal text interactions.	WG3	Open
12	WG2	RM	Confirm whether delay and milestone/exception requests should be managed as one process or separately.	WG3	Open
15	WG3	TP/RB/RM	Set up Ofgem/TO/NESO alignment session on interpretation, flexibility and process approach.	WG4	Open
17	WG3	TP	Hold follow-up with proposer and NESO on legal text and Gated Modification Guidance.	WG4	Open
18	WG3	RM	Confirm options or changes to the position that changes can only be made once the offer is signed.	WG4	Closed
19	WG4	TB	Seek NESO clarification on the modification application change scoping exercise, including its	WG5	Open

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			intent, participation expectations and interaction with CMP471.		
20	WG4	MD/TOs	Consider TO process impacts where host TO connection date changes may affect other TOs and require coordination.	WG5	Closed
21	WG4	RW	Develop minimum objective “showstopper” criteria for connection date delay requests from a TO perspective.	WG5	Open
22	WG4	TB/RW	Consider NESO operational impacts and coordination with TOs when assessing delay requests and managing partial accommodation scenarios.	WG5	Open
23	WG4	TB/RW	Review how User Commitment Methodology applies to securities freeze, including updated costs and whether securities are reissued or remain frozen.	WG5	Open
24	WG4	MDTB/RW	Consider whether transitional offers should be in scope and clarify how they are currently treated within the gated process.	WG5	Open

Attendees

Name	Initial	Company	Role
Teri Puddefoot	TP	NESO	Chair
Ryan Baldwin	RB	NESO	Technical Secretary
Mollie Griffiths	MG	NESO	Technical Secretary
Matthew Dowds	MD	Muir Hall Energy	Proposer
Simon Sheridan	SS	NESO	NESO rep
Terry Baldwin	TB	NESO	NESO Rep
Ruth Matthew	RM	NESO	NESO Rep
Richard Woodward	RW	National Grid Electricity Transmission	Workgroup Member (alt)

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Rob Smith	RS	Enso Green Holdings	Workgroup Member
Gareth Williams	GW	Scottish Power Transmission	Workgroup Member
Andrew Colley	AC	SSE	Workgroup Member (alt)
Lamin Saidy Vulart	LSV	Qair UK	Workgroup Member
Thomas O'Neill	TO	Qair UK	Workgroup Member (alt)
Kirsty Dawson	KD	Stratkraft	Workgroup Member
Harriet Eckweiler	HE	SSE Transmission	Workgroup Member
Martin Hardwick	MH	Northern Powergrid	Workgroup Member
Andrew Allan	AA	RWE	Workgroup Member (alt)
Ciaran Fitzgerald	CF	Scottish Power Renewables	Workgroup Member
Niall Stuart	NS	Hutcheson Associates	Workgroup Member
Alastair Southworth	AS	Harmony Energy	Workgroup Member
Fiona Casey	FC	SSE Transmission	Workgroup Member (alt)
Rosemary McInnes	RI	Scottish Power Renewables	Workgroup Member (alt)
Ben Clarke	BC	Bute Energy Ltd	Workgroup Observer
David Barber	DB	GridLink Interconnector Ltd	Workgroup Observer