

CUSC Alternative Form

CMP328 WACM1
Connections Triggering Distribution Impact
Assessment

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What is the proposed alternative solution?

Detailed business rules are to be developed for full details however in summary this alternative solution will clarify the current Third Party Works process in the CUSC so that roles, responsibilities and timescales are more clearly defined for all Parties. This will consist of clarifying;

1. The connection applicant shall be responsible for contracting with any Third Parties to undertake any Third Party Works and ensure they are delivered.
2. NGENSO shall support discussions at all stages as far as possible.
3. Third Parties, if they are CUSC parties, shall have a fixed period of time in which to respond to the applicant with defined rights should this not happen.
4. Process for updating the applicant's Bilateral Connection Agreements and Construction Agreements as a result of the Third Party Works process (if needed).
5. Ability for the ESO to co-ordinate a whole system Cost Benefit Analysis for complex scenarios

What is the difference between this and the Original Proposal?

This aims to use the current Third Party Works process as the basis of undertaking a Distribution Impact Assessment rather than creating a bespoke process to do this.

What is the impact of this change?

Proposer's Assessment against CUSC Non-Charging Objectives	
Relevant Objective	Identified impact
(a) The efficient discharge by the Licensee of the obligations imposed on it by the Act and the Transmission Licence;	Positive: Ensures all parties are compliant with their respective obligations.
(b) Facilitating effective competition in the generation and supply of electricity, and (so far as consistent therewith) facilitating such competition in the sale, distribution and purchase of electricity;	Positive: Ensures that the needs of DNOs and transmission connectees are most efficiently to facilitate connections to the transmission network
(c) Compliance with the Electricity Regulation and any relevant legally binding decision of the European Commission and/or the Agency *; and	None: This alternative proposal will have no impact upon European Regulation 2009/714/EC
(d) Promoting efficiency in the implementation and administration of the CUSC arrangements.	Positive: Enhances a current process to address the issues raised in the defect

	without creating inefficient or duplicate processes.
*Objective (c) refers specifically to European Regulation 2009/714/EC. Reference to the Agency is to the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER).	

When will this change take place?

Implementation date:

To be discussed with the Workgroup however we would envisage this alternative proposal could be implemented one month after an Authority decision.

Implementation approach:

As this is formalising existing practice, implementation can be as soon as possible after Authority decision; however, we believe it is prudent to allow time for development of supporting/training materials for use by industry. We do not believe any changes will be needed to processes or systems to accommodate this proposal.

Acronyms, key terms and reference material

Acronym / key term	Meaning
DNO	Distribution Network Operator
ESO	Electricity System Operator

Reference material:

None