

**Code Administrator Consultation Response Proforma****CM079: Consideration of STC/STCP changes in relation to CMP330/374**

Industry parties are invited to respond to this consultation expressing their views and supplying the rationale for those views, particularly in respect of any specific questions detailed below.

Please send your responses to [stcteam@nationalgrideso.com](mailto:stcteam@nationalgrideso.com) by **5pm** on **25 October 2023**. Please note that any responses received after the deadline or sent to a different email address may not receive due consideration.

If you have any queries on the content of this consultation, please contact Elana Byrne at [elana.byrne@nationalgrideso.com](mailto:elana.byrne@nationalgrideso.com) or [stcteam@nationalgrideso.com](mailto:stcteam@nationalgrideso.com).

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<b>Which best describes your organisation?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Consumer body <input type="checkbox"/> Demand <input type="checkbox"/> Distribution Network <input type="checkbox"/> Operator <input type="checkbox"/> Generator <input type="checkbox"/> Industry body <input type="checkbox"/> Interconnector	<input type="checkbox"/> Storage <input type="checkbox"/> Supplier <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> System Operator <input type="checkbox"/> Transmission Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Virtual Lead Party <input type="checkbox"/> Other

**I wish my response to be:**

(Please mark the relevant box)

☒ Non-Confidential☐ Confidential

*Note: A confidential response will be disclosed to the Authority in full but, unless agreed otherwise, will not be shared with the Panel or the industry and may therefore not influence the debate to the same extent as a non-confidential response.*

**For reference the Applicable STC Objectives are:**

- efficient discharge of the obligations imposed upon transmission licensees by transmission licences and the Act
- development, maintenance and operation of an efficient, economical and coordinated system of electricity transmission
- facilitating effective competition in the generation and supply of electricity, and (so far as consistent therewith) facilitating such competition in the distribution of electricity
- protection of the security and quality of supply and safe operation of the national electricity transmission system insofar as it relates to interactions between transmission licensees
- promotion of good industry practice and efficiency in the implementation and administration of the arrangements described in the STC.

- f) *facilitation of access to the national electricity transmission system for generation not yet connected to the national electricity transmission system or distribution system;*  
 g) *compliance with the Electricity Regulation and any relevant legally binding decision of the European Commission and/or the Agency.*

**Please express your views in the right-hand side of the table below, including your rationale.**

Standard Code Administrator Consultation questions		
1	Please provide your assessment for the proposed solution(s) against the Applicable Objectives?	<p>Mark the Objectives which you believe the proposed solution(s) better facilitates:</p> <p>Original <input type="checkbox"/>a) <input type="checkbox"/>b) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>c) <input type="checkbox"/>d) <input type="checkbox"/>e) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>f) <input type="checkbox"/>g)</p> <p><u>STC Objective C</u>            ESO believes that by supporting this complementary modification to CUSC modifications CMP330/CMP374 and CMP414 it suitably describes Contestability in such a way as to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide choice in customer connections by providing for developers to make effective decisions on cost vs speed options for their build.</li> <li>• Promotes competition in network development which should deliver more cost-effective solutions.</li> </ul> <p><u>STC Objective F</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Removes the existing 2km connection constraint for Contestable Assets.</li> <li>• Has the potential to reduce connection times and reduce costs to the overall consumer, working alongside the commitments that the ESO has made in its interim tactical measures in the 5-point plan and longer-term change as part of Connections Reform.</li> </ul> <p>The ESO considers that Applicable Objectives a), b), d), e) &amp; g) have neutral impacts on the proposed solution.</p>
2	Do you have a preferred proposed solution?	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/>Original  <input type="checkbox"/>Baseline  <input type="checkbox"/>No preference</p> <p>• ESO will be able to provide for this solution (should implementation be approved) as soon as possible to ensure we are supporting initiatives around enhancements to the connections regime.</p>
3	Do you support the proposed	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/>Yes  <input type="checkbox"/>No</p>

	implementation approach?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ESO is supportive of change to allow developers to build their own connections providing choice and efficiency of connections. This initiative along with the 5-point plan and wider Reform is key to ensuring as an industry we can move at pace to build and connect the infrastructure needed to meet our UKPLC net zero future.</li></ul>
4	Do you have any other comments?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ESO recognises that this is a consequential STC Modification in support of CMP330/CMP374 and CMP414. The Authority will be able to decide on all of these Modifications have been presented together in late 2023.</li><li>• We support the Proposers Original solution as we believe that approval by The Authority will bring benefits to end consumers, introduce choice and competition, and contribute towards net zero targets through enabling more renewable generation to connect to the Transmission System. We believe that these Modification proposals would work in harmony with the measures announced earlier in 2023 to facilitate earlier connection to the Grid.</li><li>• Further to discussions held within the remit of this Modification, ESO invites comment from Ofgem on how they envisage the dispute process should operate under this regime, for example in the event that ESO is involved in a dispute with a User (i.e. what support is required from TOs regarding the process defined in CUSC 7.4).</li></ul>