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STC Alternative Form

CM095 Alternative STC Modification 1: Obligation to Codify the Methodologies and Guidance Documents under Connection Reform

Overview: To align with CMP434 WACM6, this Alternative Request introduces the following obligations:

- NESO to perform a review of Gated Methodologies and Guidance Documents created alongside CM095 (and CMP434).
- TOs to assist NESO with information as required to carry out review.
- NESO to publish the output of the review and present this to the STC Modification Panel to seek guidance on whether NESO should raise an STC modification.

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What is the proposed alternative solution?

This proposal conforms with the Original solution but aligns with CMP434 WACM6 by requiring NESO to conduct a review of Gated Methodologies and Guidance created alongside the code modification. This proposal would require TOs to support as required with information for NESO to perform its review.

Timescales for the review would align with the timeline for CMP434 WACM6. The output of the review would be presented to The STC Modification for a steer on whether NESO should raise an STC modification.

What is the difference between this and the Original Proposal?

This proposal aligns with the Original Proposal but adds an obligation on NESO to coordinate with TOs in order to review aspects of the reformed connection process that will not be codified under the Original proposal and instead are held in Methodologies and Guidance. This review is undertaken after a given time to align with CMP434 WACM6 and to allow for the methodologies to be utilised for the first gated process.

NESO shall subsequently present the output of the review to the STC Modification Panel to seek guidance on whether to raise a modification to codify the Methodologies that are pertinent to the STC within it, with possible changes as seen fit to improve upon them. This Alternative also places an obligation on TOs to support NESO by providing relevant information required for the review.

What is the impact of this change?

Proposer's Assessment against STC Objectives	
Relevant Objective	Identified impact
(a) efficient discharge of the obligations imposed upon transmission licensees by transmission licences and the Act	Positive: New gated process with defined milestones allowing for greater coordination in the production of TO Construction Offers.
(b) development, maintenance and operation of an efficient, economical and coordinated system of electricity transmission	Positive: Greater coordination in the development of the transmission system through the coordinated gated process and utilisation of the Connection

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	Network Design Methodology.
(c) facilitating effective competition in the generation and supply of electricity, and (so far as consistent therewith) facilitating such competition in the distribution of electricity	Positive: Facilitates the wholesale revision of the connections process proposed within CUSC modification CMP434.
(d) 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	Neutral
(e) promotion of good industry practice and efficiency in the implementation and administration of the arrangements described in the STC.	Positive: Allows a period to trial Methodologies before assessing, improving upon them, and potentially incorporating within STC if agreed to be beneficial.
(f) facilitation of access to the national electricity transmission system for generation not yet connected to the national electricity transmission system or distribution system;	Positive: Provides a more coordinated approach to processing TOCOs relating to new applicants. Provides a route for reserving connection/interface points and capacity for new applicants.
(g) compliance with the Electricity Regulation and any relevant legally binding decision of the European Commission and/or the Agency.	Neutral

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When will this change take place?

Implementation date:

Aligned with CM095 Original proposal.

Implementation approach:

Aligned with CM095 Original proposal.

Acronyms, key terms and reference material

Acronym / key term	Meaning
NESO	National Energy System Operator
STC	System Operator Transmission Owner Code
TO	Transmission Owner
WACM	Workgroup Alternative CUSC Modification