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# Meeting Summary

## Transmission Charging Methodologies Forum

<b>Date:</b>	06/03/2024	<b>Location:</b>	MS Teams
<b>Start:</b>	10:00am	<b>End:</b>	12:30pm

#	Topics to be discussed	
1.	Introduction, meeting objectives and review of previous actions	Dan Arrowsmith, NESO
2.	NESO Connections update	Joe Stait, NESO
3.	Code Administrator update	Catia Gomes, Code Administrator NESO
4.	CUSC Panel update on prioritisation of Modifications	Garth Graham, CUSC Panel member
5.	AOB and Meeting Close	Dan Arrowsmith, NESO

## Discussion and details

These notes are produced as an accompaniment to the slide pack presented which can be found here:  
<https://www.neso.energy/document/356556/download>

#	Topics to be discussed
1.	<b>Introduction, meeting objectives and review of previous actions - Dan Arrowsmith, NESO</b> DA opened the meeting, providing an overview of the agenda items for discussion and led a review of the action log.
2.	<b>NESO Connections update – Joe Stait, NESO</b> Joe Stait gave NESO’s connections update, run-through the connections dashboards that contain the latest data. The most recent connections figures can be seen as per the slides.
3.	<b>CUSC Administrator Update – Catia Gomes, Code Administrator NESO</b> Catia Gomes gave the code administrator update. Details can be found on the slide.
4.	<b>CUSC Panel update on prioritisation of Modifications - Garth Graham, CUSC Panel member</b>

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Garth discussed the prioritisation of modifications on behalf of CUSC Panel, reminding attendees that this has arisen because of limited industry resource to work on all modifications in parallel. Urgent modifications are at the top of the prioritisation stack, and panel previously voted on which three additional modifications would be worked on, based on industry feedback.

**Urgent Modifications:** Garth highlighted the urgent modifications CMP444, CMP446, CMP432, and CMP448 have all been granted urgency, so are at the top of the prioritisation stack, with their timelines predetermined by the authority on the advice of the panel.

**Non-Urgent Modifications:** The panel decided to prioritise CMP316, CMP440, and CMP423 as the next three non-urgent modifications. CMP316 is a send-back mod regarding continuous arrangements for co-location generation sites, CMP440 pertains to the reintroduction of demand and occasional signals by removing the £0 price floor, and CMP423 focuses on generation-weighted reference nodes.

**Future Prioritisation:** Garth mentioned that as some urgent modifications complete over the coming weeks and months, the panel will start looking at the 4th, 5th, and 6th non-urgent modifications to take forward in the prioritisation stack. As such, feedback is sought from TCMF attendees and wider industry on which modifications should be prioritised next, with feedback wanted before the March CUSC Panel.

**Form Circulation:** Catia mentioned that an updated prioritization tracking form would be circulated on Monday. This form will help industry members provide their feedback, which will be collated and shared with the panel members.

**Special CUSC Panel frequency:** Dan raised an anonymous question about the frequency of special CUSC panels. Garth explained that the increase in special panels is due to the number of urgent modifications brought forward by parties, which require special panels to consider urgency and make recommendations.

**Panel Schedule:** Garth provided a detailed schedule of recent and upcoming special panels, highlighting the heavy workload for panel members. He mentioned that in one week there were special panels on Tuesday, Friday, and the following Monday and Tuesday, among others.

**Urgency Process:** Garth explained the process for urgent modifications, which includes a special panel to consider the urgency, followed by a truncated timeline agreed upon by the authority. This process necessitates multiple special panels to handle the various stages of urgent modifications.

**Transmission Loss Multipliers:** Hector Perez from Scottish Power raised concerns about the volatility and lack of forward-looking forecasts for transmission loss multipliers (TLMs). He suggested that industry would benefit from additional guidance and a forward-looking forecast similar to the five-year view provided for other metrics. Hector Perez expressed concerns about the volatility of transmission loss multipliers (TLMs) and the lack of forward-looking forecasts. He emphasised the impact of this volatility on industry projects.

Hector suggested that the industry would benefit from additional guidance and a forward-looking forecast for TLMs, similar to the five-year view provided for other metrics. This would help industry members plan and manage their projects more effectively.

Alan Kelly from Corio Generation supported Hector's concerns, highlighting the significant impact of TLM volatility on their offshore wind farm projects. He mentioned an 80% rise in TLM values and the need for better forecasting and stability.

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Robert Longden from RCL Energy also supported Hector's concerns, noting the material impact of TLM volatility on projects. He suggested that the issue deserves significant focus and mentioned the potential for BSc modifications to address the problem.

Ryan Ward from Scottish Power suggested inviting a representative from Elexon to the next TCMF meeting to provide an update on TLM values and address the concerns raised by industry members. Dan agreed to raise the issue with Elexon, noting that this was a BSC Issue, that BSC Panel was meeting the following week, and that he would ensure this was raised at BSC Panel.

Robert Longden requested an overview of the forecast construction program to meet the capacity requirements for CP30, overlaid on the connection queue. He emphasised the importance of understanding the construction program in relation to the connection offers and the overall capacity requirements. Dan agreed to take this as an action and reach out to the relevant internal teams to provide an update at the next TCMF meeting. This would help industry members understand the construction program and its alignment with the capacity requirements for CP30.

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### 5. AOB and Meeting Close - Dan Arrowsmith, NESO

Dan announced that Alastair Owen NESO would be taking over as the chair of TCMF in the coming months to balance workload among the Commercial Code Managers. Alastair introduced himself to the attendees.

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