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CUSC Panel 2025

Date: 10/03/2025 **Location:** Microsoft Teams

Start: 10:00 AM **End:** 11:00 AM

Participants

| Attendees | Initials | Position |
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| Penny Garner | PG | Acting Independent Panel Chair |
| Catia Gomes | CG | Panel Secretary Code Administrator Representative / CMP444 Chair |
| Ren Walker | RW | Panel Technical Secretary (Code Administrator) |
| Andrew Enzor | AE | Users' Panel Member |
| Andy Pace | AP | Consumers' Panel Member |
| Binoy Dharsi | BD | Users' Panel Member |
| Garth Graham | GG | Users' Panel Member |
| Joe Colebrook | JC | Users' Panel Member |
| Joe Dunn | JD | Users' Panel Member |
| Paul Jones | PJ | Users' Panel Member |
| Dan Arrowsmith | DA | NESO Panel Member |
| Nadir Hafeez | NH | Authority Representative |

Apologies

| Attendee | Initials | Representing |
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| Trisha McAuley | TM | Independent Panel Chair |

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| Kyran Hanks | KH | Users' Panel Member |
| Harriet Harmon | HH | Authority Representative |
| Rashmi Radhakrishnan | RR | ELEXON – Observer |

Presenters

| Attendee | Initials | Representing |
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| Milly Lewis | ML | Code Administrator, Chair of CMP446 |

1. Introductions, Apologies and Declarations of Interest

12789. Apologies were received from Trisha McAuley, Kyran Hanks, Harriet Harmon and Rashmi Radhakrishnan.

2. In Flight Modifications Update

CMP316: TNUoS Arrangements for Co-located Generation Sites – Send back update

12790. CG explained that following the action taken at the Panel on 28 February (to confirm if a new Proposer is required for a WACM) CG has sought confirmation on this and advised that a new Proposer is required as detailed within the governance rules.

12791. Following this discussion, the Panel agreed that a Workgroup should be re-convened to address the send- back deficiencies and agreed the timeline and Terms of Reference for the CMP316 Workgroup.

3. Workgroup Report

CMP446: Increasing the lower threshold in England and Wales for Evaluation of Transmission Impact Assessment (TIA)

12792. ML presented the CMP446 Workgroup Report to the Panel. ML explained that this proposal seeks to raise the lower threshold at which an Evaluation of Transmission Impact Assessment (TIA) must be undertaken. ML stated that, along with the Proposers Original solution, there were also 5 additional WACMs. ML provided the Panel with an overview of these WACM's which are as follows:

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- **WACM1 ('Export Capacity' instead of 'Registered Capacity' for measuring the Threshold):** As per the Original but using 'Export Capacity' instead of 'Registered Capacity' for measuring the threshold.
- **WACM2 (Obligation on NESO to publish a list of each GSP and actively state the TIA threshold to be used as agreed between the NESO, DNO and TO – using Registered Capacity for measuring the threshold):** As per the Original Solution, the default TIA threshold will be set at 5MW unless otherwise stated in the published list.
- **WACM3 (Capping the capacity of projects benefitting from the higher threshold, per GSP, per 5-year period – using Registered Capacity for measuring the threshold):** Limiting the total of 1-5MW projects that can connect without a TIA in England and Wales to 25MW per GSP per 5-year period
- **WACM4 (Capping the capacity of projects benefitting from the higher threshold, per GSP, per 5-year period, – using Export Capacity for measuring the threshold):** As per WACM3 but using 'Export Capacity' instead of 'Registered Capacity' for measuring the threshold
- **WACM5 (Obligation on NESO to publish a list of each GSP and actively state the TIA threshold to be used as agreed between the NESO, DNO and TO – using Export Capacity for measuring the threshold):** As per WACM2 but using 'Export Capacity' instead of 'Registered Capacity' for measuring the threshold. For the changes proposed in CMP446 5MW is a project 4.95MW or above

12793. The Panel unanimously agreed that the CMP446 Workgroup had met its Terms of Reference and can proceed to Code Administrator Consultation. **Post meeting note: The Code Administrator Consultation opened 10 March – 17 March 2025).**

3. Any other Business (AOB)

CUSC Panel Elections

12794. GG noted that the Elections for the CUSC Panel are due to be held this year and questioned if there was any merit in the Code Administrator having discussions with the Authority regarding having something in place ahead of the Elections starting which would essentially to extend the term of Panel from 2 years to 3 years to align with the ongoing Energy Code Reform. CG confirmed the Code Administrator will look into this further when planning in the Elections process.

Workgroup Report Templates

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12795. ML advised the Panel that to improve the look and feel of the Workgroup Reports, some new changes have been trialled within the CMP446 Workgroup Report (some of these changes include additional hyperlinks, Terms of Reference layout, Legal text etc) and asked if Panel Members could provide any feedback on these changes so they can be incorporated into report templates going forward.

4. Close

12796. The Chair thanked the Panel for their time and contributions and brought the meeting to a close.

Activities ahead of next meeting:

Papers Day: 20 March 2025

The next CUSC Panel meeting will be held on 28 March 2025 via Microsoft Teams.