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# Code Administrator Meeting

## Summary

### Workgroup Meeting 8: CMP448 Introducing a Progression Commitment Fee to the Gate 2 Connections Queue

**Date:** 07/05/2025

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Chair: Joseph Henry,  
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#### Key areas of discussion

The Chair outlined the meeting agenda, which included a review of the query and action log, the Proposers updated positions on 6-month targeted exemption and trigger threshold, clarifications on hybrid and staged projects, safeguarding analysis recap and discussions on alternate solutions and alternative vote.

#### Action and Query Logs

The Workgroup reviewed the actions and query log and discussed the status of various actions, including DNO engagement, PCF charges, and the timeline for PCF triggers.

#### 6-month targeted exemption and trigger threshold

The Proposer presented their updated positions on the six-month target exemption and trigger threshold for the PCF. They advised the Workgroup that projects with less than six months to milestone one will be exempted due to ineffective incentives and potential administrative burden. The trigger threshold is proposed to increase from 6GW to 6.5GW over five years, considering the removal of replacements from the metric. The Proposer noted that exempted projects will still contribute to the trigger metric if they terminate for failing to meet milestone one, indicating an unhealthy queue.

#### Clarifications on hybrid and staged projects

The Proposer explained to the Workgroup the principles for applying the PCF to hybrid and staged projects. Staged projects, where capacity is connected in stages with different connection and milestone dates, can be treated separately for PCF application. For hybrid projects with multiple technologies within the same stage, the PCF applies to

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the entire stage based on the tech value. If a technology drops out between gate two and milestone one, the PCF is collected for the reduction in tech, and the remaining technology remains liable. If one technology passes milestone one while another does not, the PCF applies to the entire tech value until all technologies within the stage pass milestone one.

## Safeguarding analysis recap

The SME provided a recap of the safeguard analysis to the Workgroup, explaining the rationale for the proposed PCF value and addressing questions from the Workgroup.

## Discussions on alternate solutions and alternative vote

The Proposers of the alternatives provided the Workgroup with an overview of their proposed solutions. The Chair then explained to the Workgroup the process of how the alternative vote works before the Workgroup convened the vote. From the seven alternatives raised, alternative 2 and 5 had majority votes and as such become WACM1 (Alternative 2) and WACM2 (Alternative 5). Post the Workgroup meeting, the Chair confirmed that no other alternative solutions would be saved.

## Next Steps

- The next Workgroup meeting will be held on 12 May.

## Actions

For the full action log, click [here](#).

4	WG1	AA	NESO to clarify if the new regime will be reflected and operated through the connection portal.	WG10	Open
8	WG2	AA	Produce further scenarios on when the PCF is triggered and the timeframe between the acceptance signature and the counter signature	WG9	Open
15	WG6	JH	To revisit slide 10 of the pack, adjust and clarify with Workgroup.	WG9	Open
24	WG7	AA	NESO to provide consumer impact analysis in line with Query No 22.	WG10	Open

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## Attendees

Name	Initial	Company	Role
Joe Henry	JH	NESO	Chair
Ren Walker	RW	NESO	Tech Sec
Ash Adams	AA	NESO	Proposer
Amy - Isabella Wells	AIW	NGET	Workgroup Member
	AE		Workgroup Member
Andrew Enzor		Field Energy	Workgroup Member
Andrew Yates	AY	Statkraft	Workgroup Member
Andy Dekany	AD	National Grid Ventures	Workgroup Member
			Workgroup Alternate
Kirsty Dawson	KD	Statkraft	Workgroup Member
Claire Hynes	CH	RWE Supply and Trading GmbH	Workgroup Member
Catherine Cleary	CC	Roadnight Taylor	Workgroup Member
Ciaran Fitzgerald	CF	ScottishPower Renewables	Workgroup Member
Dennis Gowland	DG	Research Relay Ltd	Workgroup Member
Garth Graham	GG	SSE Generation	Workgroup Member
Andy Colley	AC	SSE Generation	Workgroup Alternate
	GW		Workgroup Member
Gareth Williams		SP Energy Networks	Workgroup Member
Grant Rogers	GR	Qualitas Energy	Workgroup Member
Grahame Neale	GN	Lightsource BP	Workgroup Member
Helen Stack	HS	Centrica	Workgroup Member
Jack Purchase	JP	NGED	Workgroup Member

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Jamie McDougall	JMD	SP Energy Networks	Workgroup Member
James Jackson	JJ	Orsted	Workgroup Member
Joe Colebrook	JC	Innova	Workgroup Member
Nina Sanghera	NS	Drax	Workgroup Member
Robin Prince	RP	Island Green Power	Workgroup Member
Rob Smith	RS	ENSO Energy	Workgroup Member
Charles Williams	CW	Wind2	Workgroup Observer
Barnaby Cowin	BC	Nadara	Workgroup Observer
Catherine Speirs	CS	Nadara	Workgroup Observer
Euan Norrington	EN	SSE Renewables	Workgroup Observer
Jamie Hardy	JH	Accenture	SME
Jo Greenan	JG	NESO	SME
Maura Farrell	MF	Accenture	SME