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# Code Administrator Meeting

## Summary

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

**Date:** 19/05/2025

#### Contact Details

Chair: Joseph Henry, [joseph.henry2@nationalenergyso.com](mailto:joseph.henry2@nationalenergyso.com)

Proposer: Ash Adams, [ashley.adams2@nationalenergyso.com](mailto:ashley.adams2@nationalenergyso.com)

#### Key areas of discussion

The Chair outlined the meeting agenda, which included a review of the query and action log, discussing the legal text and reviewing the draft Workgroup Report.

#### Action and Query Log

The Workgroup reviewed the action and query log and closed off actions which had been completed. The Proposer confirmed further updates on the open actions would be provided at the next meeting.

#### Legal text discussions

The NESO Legal SME walked the CMP448 Workgroup through the updated legal text, following feedback from Workgroup members in the previous meeting.

#### PCF Activation Date

The Workgroup discussed the definition and implications of the PCF activation date, clarifying that it is the date set out in the notice issued after the decision to activate. Workgroup members raised concerns about the timing of the activation process, including potential confusion due to multiple stages in the decision-making process. The Proposer explained that the activation date would align with the securities windows and that there would be a three-month notice period from the decision date to the activation date.

#### Information Exchange

The Workgroup reviewed the information exchange requirements between NESO and DNOs, focusing on the clarity and timing of notifications. Some Workgroup members

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highlighted concerns about the timing, suggesting adjustments for clarity and consistency. The Workgroup also discussed the definition of Milestone 1 and its implications for the information exchange process.

### WACM1 discussion

The Workgroup discussed the changes proposed in WACM1, including the introduction of a six-month grace period, allowing projects to have a period of 0 PCF liability, the reduction of PCF amounts with the first period being 0 followed by incremental increases, and the implementation details, including the potential for projects to move to higher PCF amounts within a short period.

### WACM2 discussion

The Workgroup reviewed the legal text for WACM2, which proposed a discount for early termination or reduction, specifying that it applies to self-termination to avoid unintended consequences. The Workgroup discussed that the discount factor would be applied if termination occurs at least 90 days before Milestone 1 and emphasised the importance of consistency in applying the discount across contracts between developers and DNOS.

### Impact Assessment Discussion

A Workgroup member raised the question of whether Ofgem would conduct an impact assessment, and the Proposer confirmed that this would be done when the trigger is breached, not for the current modification. The Proposer also stated that there are conversations with Ofgem about the necessary data for their decision, working on the assumption that Ofgem will conduct an impact assessment, although there might be some confusion in terminology.

### Workgroup Report Review

The Chair outlined the process and timeline for reviewing and finalising the Workgroup Report. The Chair also discussed the plan for the next Workgroup meeting, including the possibility of a contingency meeting if required.

### Next Steps

- The next Workgroup meeting will be held on 27 May which will include a review of the Workgroup report, Workgroup Vote and legal text.

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## Actions

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

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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

## Attendees

Name	Initial	Company	Role
Joe Henry	JH	NESO	Chair
Ren Walker	RW	NESO	Tech Sec
Ash Adams	AA	NESO	Proposer
Andrew Allan	AAL	RWE	Workgroup Member
Amy - Isabella Wells	AIW	NGET	Workgroup Member
Andrew Enzor	AE	Field Energy	Workgroup Member
Andrew Yates	AY	Statkraft	Workgroup Member
Brian Hoy	BH	ENWL	Workgroup Member
Claire Hynes	CH	RWE Supply and Trading GmbH	Workgroup Member
Rosemary McInness	RMI	ScottishPower Renewables	Workgroup Alternate
Dennis Gowland	DG	Research Relay Ltd	Workgroup Member
Andy Colley	AC	SSE Generation	Workgroup Alternate

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Gareth Williams	GW	SP Energy Networks	Workgroup Member
Grant Rogers	GR	Qualitas Energy	Workgroup Member
Jack Purchase	JP	NGED	Workgroup Member
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
Euan Norrington	EN	SSE Renewables	Workgroup Observer
Kyle Smith	KS	Energy Networks	Workgroup Observer
Jamie Hardy	JH	Accenture	SME
	DFM	Ofgem	Authority Representative
Daniel Ffrench Mullen			