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CUSC Panel 14 August 2025

CUSC Panel Minutes

Date: 14/08/2025 **Location:** Microsoft Teams

Start: 10:00AM **End:** 11:35AM

Participants

Attendee	Initials	Representing
Claire Huxley	CH	Acting Independent Panel Chair
Lizzie Timmins	LT	Panel Secretary, Code Administrator (Alternate)
Ren Walker	RW	Panel Technical Secretary, Code Administrator
Andy Pace	AP	Users' 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
Kyran Hanks	KH	Users' Panel Member
Lauren Jauss	LJ	Users' Panel Member (Alternate)
Daniel Arrowsmith	DA	NESO Panel Member
James Stone	JS	Authority Representative

Apologies

Attendee	Initials	Representing
Penny Garner	PG	Acting Independent Panel Chair
Catia Gomes	CG	Panel Secretary, Code Administrator

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Andy Pace	AP	Consumers Panel Member
Paul Jones	PJ	Users' Panel Member
Nadir Hafeez	NH	Authority Representative
Harriet Harmon	HH	Authority Representative

Presenters

Attendee	Initials	Representing
Graz McDonald	GMD	CMP458 Proposer representative
Richard Buckland	RB	CMP459 Proposer

1. Introductions, Apologies and Declarations of Interest

12907. Apologies were received from Penny Garner, Catia Gomes, Andy Pace, Paul Jones, Nadir Hafeez and Harriet Harmon.

12908. KH recorded a declaration of interest regarding CMP458 and CMP459, noting that his organisation (Waters Wye) had helped draft the modification proposals.

2. New Modifications

CMP458 'Prorating of transmission residual demand charges'

12908. GMD delivered a presentation on CMP458. GMD explained that this modification seeks to change the way TNUoS Demand Residual is billed and enable customers that consume for part of a year, to pay demand residual charges for only that part.

12909. GMD further explained that JG Pears are installing a hydrogen plant at their CHP plant, which will transition the site from a generation site to a demand site. The defect of CMP458 focuses on the demand residual being charged on a full-year basis, regardless of the commissioning time.

12911. Following discussions, it was clear that there was some ambiguity regarding interpretations of Panel members on how Transmission Demand Residual (TDR) is billed to demand sites. DA took an action to investigate this internally and confirm back to the Panel. KH stated that depending on the outcome of the confirmation from NESO, this would determine if the modification would still be required.

Post meeting note: DA circulated an email to the Panel confirming the following:

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- *The Transmission Demand Residual charge is already prorated according to the CUSC – both in calculating the total amount liable and for how the cost is spread over the year. This is in line with how NESO is charging TDR.*
- *This means that the Proposer's solution under CMP458 is already implemented. The Proposer will only pay TDR proportional to the number of calendar days remaining in the charging year, from the point at which the site declares itself as a Final Demand site. For reference, the relevant section of the CUSC is 14.17.13*

CMP459: Charging TNUoS on a monthly basis

12918. RB delivered a presentation on CMP459 to the Panel. RB explained that this modification seeks to change charging TNUoS on a monthly basis rather than the current annual basis.

12920. The Panel held further discussions on the CMP459 proposal and the associated request for urgency. Some Panel Members questioned whether the issues addressed by modification proposal CMP459 are already covered by the ongoing CMP445 modification. A Panel Member suggested that RB request to join the CMP445 Workgroup as the proposed legal text for this modification may cover part of what CMP459 is aiming to achieve. DA supported this suggestion and noted that NESO is happy to support Brockwell, either to update the existing alternative or to work on creating a new alternative, with the aim of bringing the scope of CMP459 into CMP445. DA took an action to discuss further offline.

ACTION

12921. KH questioned if the issues raised in CMP459 could be addressed under CMP445, noting that the Terms of Reference could mean that the CMP459 is out of scope for CMP445 Workgroup to consider. There was a suggestion by a Panel Member for an additional Term of Reference to be added for the CMP445 Workgroup to address this concern. LT confirmed that the amendment to the Terms of Reference would need to be requested by the CMP445 Workgroup and presented to the Panel at a Panel meeting.

12922. The Panel by majority agreed that CMP459 has substantially the same effect as Pending CUSC Modification Proposal CMP445 and directed the Code Administrator to reject the Proposal under CUSC clause 8.16.6.

3. Any Other Business (AOB)

Connections Reform

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12917. JC advised the Panel that the Connections Reform evidence submission window will close on 26 August and noted that NESO is undertaking actions not initially planned as part of CMP435: Application of Gate 2 Criteria to existing contracted background. GG suggested that it would be beneficial for the industry and NESO to reflect on recent developments and proposed an agenda item for NESO (post implementation evaluation) to present at the next Panel meeting on 03 September or at TCMF on 04 September. DA took an action to follow up with this request internally. **ACTION**

4. Close

12918. The Chair thanked the Panel for their time and contributions and brought the meeting to a close.

The next CUSC Panel meeting will be held on 03 September at Faraday House.