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CUSC Panel Headline Report 21 October 2025

The Headline Report is produced after every Panel and aims to provide an overview of the key decisions made. Minutes for this meeting will be published separately.

New Modifications

The following new Modification Proposal was presented to the Panel:

CMP457 'Revision of the Obligatory Reactive Power Service (ORPS)'

The rising cost of ORPS provision reflects the compensation rate for ORPS, being reflective of gas prices. The increasing shift away from gas to low carbon generation requires a re-evaluation of compensation principles rather than a simple updating of values. This update to the Connection and Use of System Code (CUSC) will incorporate the output from the ORPS project to introduce a fair and transparent payment methodology.

The Panel unanimously agreed that CMP457 should follow the Standard Governance route and proceed to a Workgroup. The Terms of Reference will be agreed at the CUSC Panel on 31 October 2025.

CMP457 documentation can be found here

Draft Final Modification Reports

The following Draft Final Modification Report was presented to the Panel:

<u>CMP447 'Removal of designated strategic works from cancellation charges/securitisation</u>

The proposal extends the effect of CMP428 in relation to works designated by the Authority, so that Users are not providing unnecessary securities in relation to works that may be independent of their connection, removing a barrier to entry for new generation. The modification also aims to adjust the fixed Attributable Works of relevant Generators by removing the relevant element of their fix, while keeping the rest of the fix intact.





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The Panel recommended unanimously that the Original, WACM1, WACM2 and WACM3 better facilitated the Applicable CUSC Objectives. The Final Modification Report was submitted to the Authority on 21 October 2025.

CMP447 documentation can be found here

Key Activities ahead of next panel

Transmission Charging Methodologies Forum: 06 November 2025 Modification Proposal Deadline for November Panel: 13 November 2025

Questions or feedback?

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Papers Day: 20 November 2025