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# CUSC Panel 26 September 2025

## CUSC Panel Minutes

<b>Date:</b> 26/09/2025	<b>Location:</b> Microsoft Teams
<b>Start:</b> 10:00	<b>End:</b> 14:30

## Participants

Attendee	Initials	Representing
Jon Wisdom	JW	Acting Independent Panel Chair
Lizzie Timmins	LT	Panel Secretary, Code Administrator
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
Daniel Arrowsmith	DA	NESO Panel Member
Nadir Hafeez	NH	Authority Representative
Harriet Harmon	HH	Authority Representative

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## Apologies

Attendee	Initials	Representing
Penny Garner	PG	Acting Independent Panel Chair
Catia Gomes	CG	Panel Secretary, Code Administrator
Kyran Hanks	KH	Users' Panel Member
Rashmi Radhakrishnan	RR	ELEXON – Observer

## Presenters

Attendee	Initials	Position
Jeremy Taylor	JT	Proposer of CMP457
Stephen Dale	SD	Proposer of CMP457

## Observers

Attendee	Initials	Representing
Anthony Pygram	AP	Independent Panel Chair

## 1. Introductions, Apologies and Declarations of Interest

12971. Apologies were received from Penny Garner, Catia Gomes, Kyran Hanks and Rashmi Radhakrishnan.

12972. The Chair introduced Anthony Pygram to the meeting. They advised that Anthony has been appointed as the new Independent Panel Chair for both the CUSC and Grid Code Review Panel and will be in post from October 2025.

12973. A declaration of interest was noted by JC, who is the Proposer of CMP460.

## 2. Minutes from previous meeting

12974. The meeting minutes from 27 June, 04 July, 25 July and 14 August 2025 were approved by the CUSC Panel.

## 3. Review of actions log

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12975. The CUSC Panel reviewed the open actions from the meeting held on 25 July, which can be found on the Actions Log.

## 4. Chair's update

12976. No further update from the Chair.

## 5. Authority Decisions

12977. NH provided an update on Modifications that have been decided upon, together with those currently awaiting their decision.

### Decisions since last CUSC Panel

12978. NH confirmed there have been no Authority Decisions made on CUSC Modifications since the last CUSC Panel.

### Awaiting Decisions

Modification	FMR submitted	Expected Decision Date
<b><u>CMP315 'TNUoS Review of the expansion constant and the elements of the transmission system charged for' and CMP375 'Enduring Expansion Constant &amp; Expansion Factor Review'</u></b>	07 February 2024	TBC pending update on REMA (previously 07 February 2025)
<b><u>CMP316 'TNUoS Charging Methodology for Co-located Generation'</u></b>	08 August 2025	October 2025 (previously 30 September 2025)
<b><u>CMP330&amp;CMP374 'Allowing new Transmission Connected parties to build Connection Assets greater than 2km in length and Extending contestability for Transmission Connections'</u></b>	10 August 2023	TBC subject to CMP414 send back
<b><u>CMP344 'Clarification of Transmission Licensee revenue recovery and the treatment of</u></b>	09 July 2025	October 2025

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<b><u>revenue adjustments in the Charging Methodology'</u></b>		
<b><u>CMP397 'Consequential changes required to CUSC Exhibits B and D to reflect CMP316 (Co-Located Generation Sites)'</u></b>	12 June 2024	October 2025 (previously 30 September 2025)
<b><u>CMP432 'Improve "Locational Onshore Security Factor" for TNUoS Wider Tariffs'</u></b>	15 May 2025	October 2025 (previously 30 September 2025)
<b><u>CMP444 'Introducing a cap and floor to wider generation TNUoS charges'</u></b>	28 March 2025	October 2025 (previously 30 September 2025)
<b><u>CMP448 'Introducing a Progression Commitment Fee to the Gate 2 Connections Queue'</u></b>	04 July 2025	November 2025

## Other Updates

12979. No further updates.

## 6. New modifications

12980. One new modification was presented to the Panel.

### **CMP460 'Improving Transmission Connection Asset Charging'**

12981. JC in his role as a Proposer delivered a presentation on CMP460. JC explained that this modification proposes improvements to the framework for charging Transmission Connection Assets. The proposal seeks to socialise costs and cap customer contributions to create a more certain and fair charging methodology.

12982. JC advised the Panel that this modification has interactions with a DCUSA modification DCP461: Reducing the Impact of Transmission Distribution Charges. JC noted that although Urgency has not been requested for CMP460, to be able to progress to the proposed timeline then it would need high priority.

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12983. The Panel held discussions regarding the solution and implementation of CMP460.

It was agreed that CMP460 can be done independently but should complement the DCUSA modification. A Panel Member raised concerns about potential distortions between Transmission and Distribution, and it was noted that this would need to be considered as part of a Workgroup Terms of Reference.

12984. The Panel unanimously agreed that CMP460 should follow the Standard Governance route and proceed to a Workgroup. The Panel agreed the Terms of Reference for the Workgroup.

## 7. In flight modification updates

### **CMP414: CMP330/CMP374 Consequential Modification**

12985. The Panel approved the new timeline as submitted within the Panel Papers.

## 8. Workgroup Reports

12986. Two Workgroup Reports were presented to the CUSC Panel.

### **CMP423: Generation Weighted Reference Node**

12987. CG delivered a presentation on CMP423. CG explained that this modification seeks to amend the reference node to generation – weighted instead of demand weighted. CG advised the Panel that the Workgroup at their final meeting, concluded by majority (7 out of 9 votes) that the Original better facilitated the Applicable Objectives than the baseline.

12988. The Panel agreed that the Terms of Reference have been met and agreed for CMP423 to proceed to Code Administrator Consultation. ***(Post meeting note: The Code Administrator Consultation was published on 09 October and will close 31 October 2025)***

### **CMP453: To bill BSUoS on a net basis at BSC Trading Units**

12989. LT advised the Panel that following May's CUSC Panel, the CUSC Panel agreed a timetable offline which allowed for this Charging Modification to be sent to Ofgem after the Section 8 Cut Off date of 30 September. An administrative error occurred, whereby the CMP453 Workgroup have been working to a different timeline. This sees the FMR being issued to Ofgem on 11 November 2025.

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12990. A decision is required by the Authority by the end of November 2025 for NESO to make the requisite system changes to support the modification. Under CUSC 8.20.10, the Panel can amend the Terms of Reference as they see fit, and this includes the timeline as set out in 8.20.11 c). The Panel agreed to the revised timeline for CMP453. LT advised the Panel that this process error has been noted by the Code Administrator and steps will be taken to avoid a recurrence.

12991. LT delivered a presentation on CMP453. LT explained that the move to gross billing of Balancing Services Use of System (BSUoS) means that customers forming part of a Balancing and Settlement Code (BSC) Trading Unit are paying BSUoS when the net flows at the point of connection are exports, so the customers are not using the system and should not pay BSUoS. This modification proposes to change how the BSUoS charges are applied by billing them on a net basis for BSC Trading Units.

12992. The Panel agreed that the Terms of Reference have been met and agreed for CMP453 to proceed to Code Administrator Consultation. ***Post meeting note: The Code Administrator Consultation was published on 29 September and closed on 20 October 2025.***

## 9. Draft Final Modification Reports

12993. No Draft Final Modification Reports were presented to the Panel.

## 10. Discussion on Prioritisation

12994. The Panel held a monthly review of the Prioritisation Stack. The Panel discussed the prioritisation of the following Modification:

Modification	Panel Comments	Position in Prioritisation Stack
<b><u>CMP460 'Improving Transmission Connection Asset Charging'</u></b>	Panel placed CMP460 as High in the Prioritisation Stack due to its complexity and importance with an expedited timeline to achieve April 2027 implementation.	High

Every quarter the CUSC Panel hold a more in-depth review. The next in-depth review is scheduled for the October 2025 Panel.

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The latest prioritisation stack can be found [here](#)

## 11. Standing Groups

### Transmission Charging Methodology Forum (TCMF)

12995. DA informed Panel that TCMF was held on 07 August. The meeting materials can be found using the following link:

<https://www.neso.energy/calendar/transmission-charging-methodologies-forum-tcmf-7-august-2025>

The next meeting will be held on 03 September.

## 12. European Updates

### Joint European Stakeholder Group (JESG)

12996. GG confirmed that the JESG meeting was held on 09 September. The meeting materials can be found using the following link:

<https://www.neso.energy/calendar/joint-european-stakeholder-group-jesg-9-september-2025>

The next meeting will be held on 14 October.

## 13. Update on other Industry Codes

12997. The Panel papers and Headline Report for the following meetings can be found at the below links:

- 20 August 2025 STC [Panel Papers and Headline Report](#)
- 21 August 2025 Grid Code Review [Panel Papers and Headline Report](#)

## 14. Relevant Interruptions Claim Report

12998. No further updates for the Panel.

## 15. Governance

12999. No further updates for the Panel.

## 16. Horizon Scan

13000. No further updates for the Panel.

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## 17. Code Administrator Update

13001. No further updates for the Panel.

## 18. Any Other Business (AOB)

### NESO Connection Reform Update

13002. The Panel expressed some concerns about delays and miscommunications with Connections Reform. It was confirmed a webinar will be scheduled to discuss the Connection Reform process. The Panel emphasised the need for accountability and timely updates from the Connections Team, also noting that industry have been unable to submit transmission applications since January which is concerning as this has impacted investment and cost delivery. LT and DA took an action to ensure that someone from the Connections Reform Team attends the next CUSC Panel to provide an update and address issues raised by Panel Members. **ACTION**

## 19. Close

13003. 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 31 October.**

**New Modification Proposals to be submitted by 16 October.**

**CUSC Panel Papers Day is 23 October.**