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CUSC Panel 31 October 2025

CUSC Panel Minutes

Date: 31/10/2025	Location: Faraday House/ Microsoft Teams
Start: 10:00	End: 13:15

Participants

Attendee	Initials	Representing
Anthony Pygram	AP	Independent Panel Chair
Catia Gomes	CG	Panel Secretary, Code Administrator & Alternate Proposer for CMP461
Ren Walker	RW	Panel Technical Secretary, Code Administrator
Andrew Enzor	AE	Users' Panel Member
Andy Pace	APa	Consumers' Panel Member
Binoy Dharsi	BD	Users' Panel Member
Garth Graham	GG	Users' Panel Member
Joe Colebrook	JC	Users' Panel Member
Kyran Hanks	KH	Users' Panel Member
Harriet Harmon	HH	Authority Representative

Apologies

Attendee	Initials	Representing
Dan Arrowsmith	DA	NESO Panel Member
Lauren Jauss	LJ	Users' Panel Member

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Shane Cracknell	SC	Users' Panel Member
Nadir Hafeez	NH	Authority Representative
Rashmi Radhakrishnan	RR	ELEXON

Presenters

Attendee	Initials	Position
Niall Coyle	NC	Proposer of CMP462

Observers

Attendee	Initials	Representing

1. Introductions, Apologies and Declarations of Interest

13015. Apologies were received from Dan Arrowsmith, Lauren Jauss, Shane Cracknell and Nadir Hafeez.

2. Minutes from previous meeting

13016. The meeting minutes from 03 September and 19 September 2025 were approved and these have been uploaded to our website.

3. Review of actions log

13017. The CUSC Panel reviewed the open actions from the meeting held on 26 September, which can be found on the Actions Log.

4. Chair's update

13018. No update from the Panel Chair.

5. Authority Decisions

13019. HH provided an update on Modifications that have been decided upon, together with those currently awaiting their decision.

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Decisions since last CUSC Panel

13020. HH confirmed the following decisions have been made on CUSC Modifications since the last CUSC Panel.

Modification	Decision	Implementation Date
<u>CMP444</u> 'Introducing a cap and floor to wider generation TNUoS charges'	On 23 October 2025 the Authority rejected the modification.	N/A

Awaiting Decisions

Modification	FMR submitted	Expected Decision Date
<u>CMP315</u> 'TNUoS Review of the expansion constant and the elements of the transmission system charged for' and <u>CMP375</u> 'Enduring Expansion Constant & Expansion Factor Review'	07 February 2024	TBC pending update on REMA (previously 07 February 2025)
<u>CMP316</u> 'TNUoS Charging Methodology for Co-located Generation'	08 August 2025	By 10 November 2025 (previously 31 October 2025)
<u>CMP330&CMP374</u> 'Allowing new Transmission Connected parties to build Connection Assets greater than 2km in length and Extending contestability for Transmission Connections'	10 August 2023	TBC subject to CMP414 send back
<u>CMP344</u> 'Clarification of Transmission Licensee revenue recovery and the treatment of revenue adjustments in the Charging Methodology'	09 July 2025	By 10 November 2025 (previously 31 October 2025)

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<u>CMP397</u> 'Consequential changes required to CUSC Exhibits B and D to reflect CMP316 (Co-located Generation Sites)'	12 June 2024	By 10 November 2025 (previously 31 October 2025)
<u>CMP432</u> 'Improve "Locational Onshore Security Factor" for TNUoS Wider Tariffs'	15 May 2025	November 2025 (previously October 2025)
<u>CMP447</u> 'Removal of designated strategic works from cancellation charges/securitisation'	21 October 2025	November 2025
<u>CMP448</u> 'Introducing a Progression Commitment Fee to the Gate 2 Connections Queue '	04 July 2025	November 2025

Other Updates

13021. No further updates.

6. New modifications

13022. Two new modifications were presented to the Panel.

CMP461: Rectifications to Legal Text following various implementations

13023. CG delivered a presentation on CMP461. CG explained that this proposal aims to correct Legal Text errors found whilst carrying out implementations for the Authority approved modifications CMP434, CMP435, CMP443 & CMP454 and an internal review.

13024. GG suggested that in addition to publishing the entire legal text, it would also be helpful to extract the specific changes to make it easier for readers, as done previously for other modifications. The Code Administrator noted they would review this going forward.

CMP462: Provision for Alternate Panel Members

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13025. NC delivered a presentation on CMP462. NC explained that this modification will allow the Code Administrator to run an expedited Alternate Election Process where the CUSC election process has not resulted in the election of Alternate Panel Members.

13026. Panel Members supported the modification, however emphasised the need for greater industry involvement and noted that the lack of applicants is more of an industry issue than a Code Administrator responsibility. CG advised the Panel that she will liaise internally with colleagues on the communications approach in relation to the Alternate Panel Members Election.

13027. The Panel unanimously agreed that CMP462 met the Authority's Urgency criteria (a) and therefore recommended urgent treatment. Panel's recommendation was sent on 31 October 2025 seeking an Authority decision by 5pm on 05 November 2025. The Panel recommended that CMP462 proceed to Code Administrator Consultation.

7. In flight modification updates

CMP417: Extending principles of CUSC Section 15 to all Users

13028. CG advised the Panel that the CMP417 Workgroup are seeking a timeline extension to allow further development on the solution. The Panel did not approve the timeline extension request. The Panel expressed concerns about the timeline extension for CMP417 and requested that the Proposer and Workgroup Chair attend the next CUSC Panel to provide further information on the need for the extension.

CMP440: Re-introduction of Demand TNUoS locational signals by removal of the zero-price floor

13029. The Panel agreed to the timeline extension request for CMP440, noting it would be beneficial to approve a slight delay to the timeline to allow further discussions at Workgroup meetings.

8. Workgroup Reports

13030. No Workgroup Reports were presented to the Panel.

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9. Draft Final Modification Reports

13031. The following Draft Final Modification Report was presented to the Panel

CMP453: To Bill BSUoS on a net basis at BSC Trading Units

13032. CG advised the Panel that this modification proposes to change how the Balancing Services Use of System (BSUoS) charges are applied by billing them on a net basis for Balancing and Settlement Code (BSC) Trading Units.

13033. CG confirmed that the Code Administrator Consultation was held between 29 September – 20 October 2025 and received no responses. JC sought confirmation on the interactions CMP453 has with the BSC and Trading Parties. KH clarified that while energy imbalance nets off, BSUoS does not, and the proposal aims to align the CUSC with the BSC without causing changes to the BSC.

13034. HH also questioned whether any system changes would be required if the BSC is currently sending data to NESO for billing purposes. CG took an action to liaise with the Workgroup Chair to get this confirmed prior to the Final Modification Report being submitted to the Authority. **ACTION**

13035. The Panel carried out their recommendation vote. The Panel recommended by majority that the Proposer's solution better facilitates the CUSC Applicable Objectives. The Final Modification Report will be sent to Ofgem on 11 November 2025.

10. Discussion on Prioritisation

13036. The Panel held a review of the Prioritisation Stack and agreed the following changes:

Modification	Panel Comments	Position in Prioritisation Stack
<u>CMP457</u> 'Revision of the Obligatory Reactive Power Service (ORPS)'	The Panel agreed to place CMP457 as a medium priority modification until the project's final report has been published. The Panel will then	Medium

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	review the prioritisation at the November Panel.	
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Every quarter the CUSC Panel holds a more in-depth review, the next in-depth review scheduled for the November 2025 Panel.

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

11. Standing Groups

Transmission Charging Methodology Forum (TCMF)

13037. AO informed Panel that TCMF on 02 October was cancelled due to lack of agenda items. GG highlighted that Microsoft is changing software, which could affect the transport model and questioned if NESO would be able to provide an update on any impacts this has at TCMF.

13038. GG also requested an update on Connections Reform and NESO's thinking on forecasting for TNUoS charging. AO will liaise internally for further updates, possibly providing an update at the December meeting.

The next TCMF will be held on 06 November.

12. European Updates

Joint European Stakeholder Group (JESG)

13039. GG confirmed that the JESG meeting was held on 14 October. The meeting materials can be found using the following link:

<https://www.neso.energy/calendar/joint-european-stakeholder-group-jesg-14-october-2025>

The next meeting will be held on 11 November.

13. Update on other Industry Codes

13040. The Panel papers and Headline Report for the following meetings can be found at the below links:

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- 21 October 2025 Special CUSC [Panel Papers and Headline Report](#)
- 25 September 2025 Grid Code Review [Panel Papers and Headline Report](#)
- 24 September 2025 STC [Panel Papers and Headline Report](#)
- 18 September 2025 Special Grid Code Review [Panel Papers and Headline Report](#)

13041. KH advised the Panel that [DCP461](#): Reducing the Impact of Transmission Distribution Charges, which is the equivalent of [CMP460](#): Improving Transmission Connection Asset Charging, has been raised.

14. Relevant Interruptions Claim Report

13042. The Panel had no further comments on the Relevant Interruptions Claim Report.

15. Governance

13043. No further updates for the Panel.

16. Horizon Scan

13044. No further updates for the Panel.

17. Code Administrator Update

13045. No further updates for the Panel.

18. Any Other Business (AOB)

Storage Subgroup

13046. BD advised the Panel that he has been contacted by Storage Operators to understand the current position on the sub-group. AO advised the Panel that AFRY is conducting analysis and is close to publishing a report. A meeting with the sub-group to discuss findings is planned for late November or December. AO confirmed that NESO will ensure that all sub-group members are aware of the updates and will provide communications to both the sub-group and the wider TCMF next week.

Discussion on the role of CUSC Panel

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13047. The CUSC Panel discussed the role of the Panel in relation to Connections Reform, and the potential need for further investigation and standing groups to address the process. AP advised that the panel's remit is to ensure the code is fit for purpose and facilitate Code Modifications, but it does not have the power to intervene in operational performance. AP noted that if there are concerns about implementation, these should be reviewed by Ofgem. The Panel also discussed the determination process for disputes between parties and the Authority's statutory duties. The Panel emphasised the importance of following processes and ensuring that the code is implemented as agreed.

13048. The Panel considered the possibility of setting up a standing group to address concerns related to the Connections process. Some Panel Members agreed that a standing group could be beneficial in reviewing how the process is working and identifying any necessary changes. The Panel also discussed the need for transparency in the complaints process and the importance of stakeholder visibility. There were suggestions for an urgent modification to require NESO to identify the number of complaints received from the industry. The Panel agreed to take these discussions offline and bring back updates to the November Panel.

19. Close

13049. The Chair thanked the Panel for their time and contribution and brought the meeting to a close.

The next CUSC Panel meeting will be held on 28 November.

New Modification Proposals to be submitted by 13 November.

CUSC Panel Papers Day is 20 November.