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STC Panel

Wednesday 10 December 2025

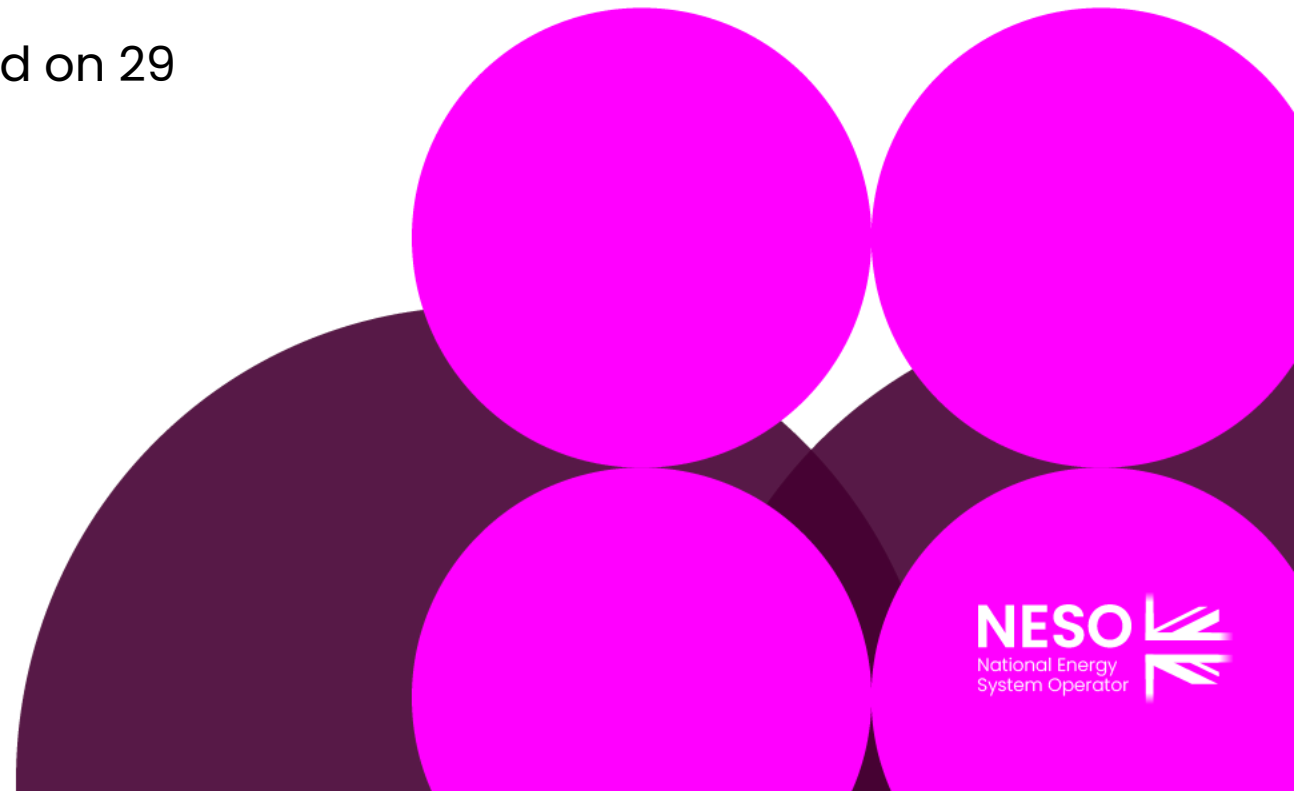
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Approval of Panel Minutes

Approval of Panel Minutes from the meeting held on 29 October 2025



Chair's Update

- Horizon Scan

STC Panel Horizon Scanning

Expected Panel	Modification reference	Title	Proposer	Company	Type	Governance Route	Associated Mods	Description
Jan-26	PM0133	Pathfinder feasibility studies	Graham Lear	NESO	STCP	TBC	None	Presented to the Panel in October. The Panel rejected the proposal. The Proposer will return in the new year.
TBC	PM0147	STCP 12-2 Issue 001 RMS and EMT Model Sharing Process	Frank Kasebante	NESO	STCP	NA	CM097	On hold in line with modifications GC0168 and CM097.
TBC	TBC	Not yet known	Steve Baker	NESO	STCP	Not yet known	Not yet known	Housekeeping modification for Strategic Investment Factor (SIF) & Local Asset Re-use Factor (LARF) Methodology
TBC	TBC	Further connections reform mods	Not yet known	NESO	Not yet known	TBC	Not yet known	We are confirming the forward programme of work and will keep STC Panel updated on future modifications.
TBC	TBC	System Access Reform	Not yet known	NESO	Not yet known	TBC	Not yet known	Presentation to be provided at July 2025 Panel as a pre-cursor to the Modification.
TBC	TBC	GC0139 related modifications	Stuart McLarnon	NESO	Not yet known	TBC	GC0139 related	Presented in AOB at the September. Will come back to Panel with the modification in the coming months.

Authority Decisions

- Authority Decisions
- Updates

Authority Decisions and Updates as of 03 December 2025

Authority decisions:

There have been no Authority decisions since October Panel.

Updates:

There are no updates since October Panel.

The Authority's publication on decisions can be found on their website below:

<https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications/code-modificationmodification-proposals-ofgem-decision-expected-publication-dates-timetable>

Inflight Modification Updates

CM079 'Consideration of STC/STCP changes in relation to CMP330/374'

CM093 'Extending the principles of the User Commitment Methodology to Final Sums Methodology as a consequence of CUSC Modification – CMP417'

CM093 'Extending the principles of the user commitment methodology to Final Sums methodology as a consequence of CMP417' Timeline Update

	Workgroup Report issued to Panel	DFMR issued to Panel	FMR issued to Ofgem	Decision Date	Implementation Date
Previous timeline	24 June 2026	16 August 2026	07 September 2026	TBC	10 Business Days after Authority decision
New timeline	14 April 2026	16 June 2026	09 July 2026	TBC	10 Business Days after Authority decision

Rationale: CUSC Panel revised CMP417 timeline on 14 November 2025. This is a consequential modification, with the intention of issuing the FMR to Ofgem at the same time. Workgroups are operating in close step to facilitate the solution design and legal text co-ordination.

Workgroups Remaining: 4

CM093 – the asks of Panel

- **AGREE** revised timeline

CM079: Consideration of STC/STCP changes in relation to CMP330/374 Authority Send-Back

On 08 July 2024, Ofgem [sent back](#) the CM079 Final Modification Report for further work and directed Panel to revise and resubmit the CM079 Final Modification Report.

The following deficiencies in the Final Modification Report prevented Ofgem being able to come to a decision:

- **Lack of clarity on potential and proposed benefits, in particular as to:**

- Financial benefits; and Time saving benefits.

- **Lack of clarity of potential risks, as to:**

- Sub-standard assets;
- Lack of analysis around anticipatory investment;
- Lack of analysis around incentives; and
- Misalignment of the STC and CUSC

The Authority also [sent back](#) CUSC modification CMP414: CMP330/CMP374 Consequential Modification on 08 July 2024 to the CUSC Panel for similar reasons. The Workgroups for modification CMP414 started on 20 October 2025.

CM079 Authority Send-Back Governance Rules

7.2.5.15 If the Authority determines that the STC Modification Report is such that the Authority cannot properly form an opinion on the STC Modification Proposal and any Alternative STC Modification(s), it may issue a direction to the STC Modification Panel:

- (a) specifying the additional steps (including drafting or amending existing drafting associated with the STC Modification Proposal and any Alternative STC Modification(s)), revision (including revision to the timetable), analysis or information that it requires in order to form such an opinion; and
- (b) requiring the STC Modification Report to be revised and to be re-submitted

and in the event of the Authority making such a direction STCP 25-2 shall apply.

Asks of Panel

Panel to agree next steps following send-back on 08 July 2024:

NOTE that Ofgem are asking the Final Modification Report and Legal Text to be updated

AGREE whether or not this needs to be assessed by a Workgroup

AGREE whether or not (following the assessment by the Workgroup) a Code Administrator Consultation is needed to be run before it is re-presented to Panel for Recommendation Vote

CM079: 'Consideration of STC/ STCP changes in relation to CMP330/374' Timeline Update

	Workgroup Report issued to Panel	DFMR issued to Panel	FMR issued to Ofgem	Decision Date	Implementation Date
Previous timeline	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
New timeline	21 July 2026	22 September 2026	01 October 2026	TBC	TBC

Rationale: On 08 July 2024, the Authority sent back CM079. Workgroups need to reconvene for CM079 for the send back deficiencies to be addressed.

Workgroups Remaining: 6

CM079 – the asks of Panel

- **AGREE** revised timeline

CM079 Consideration of STC/ STCP changes in relation to CMP330/374 Request to change Terms of Reference

The below are the suggested new Terms of Reference for the CM079 Workgroup to consider to address the send back points:

Amended Workgroup Terms of Reference
a) Clarification on potential and proposed benefits, including financial and time saving benefits.
b) Consideration of Sub–standard assets
c) Consideration of Anticipatory Investment
d) Consideration of CMP414 to ensure alignment between the Codes
e) Further analysis of incentives, in particular analysis of the difference between TO and contractor/User incentives

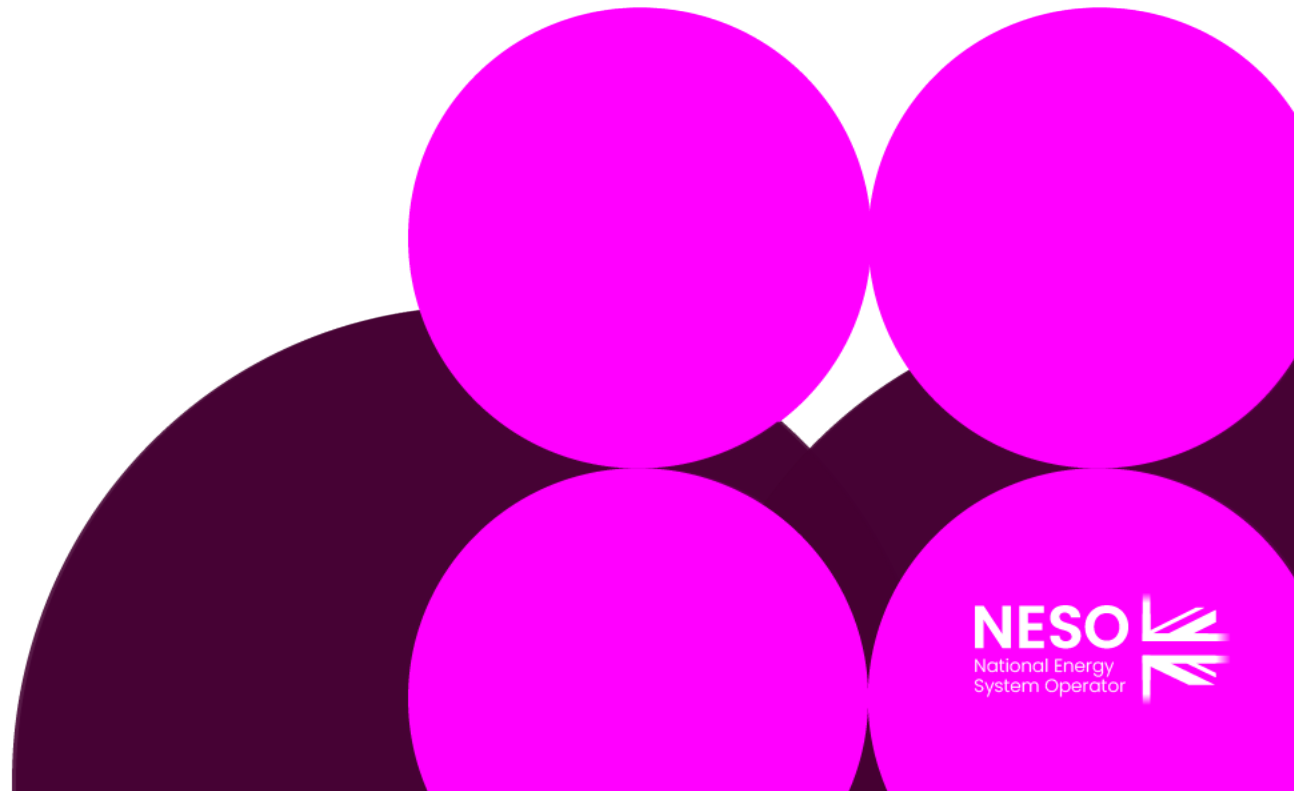
CM079– the asks of Panel

- AGREE** the new Terms of Reference

Draft Final Modification Report

CM0104 'Due Date for Monthly Payments to
Transmission Operators (TOs)'

Claire Goult (Panel Secretary / Panel Chair)



Solution

Solution/summary of solutions:

- The due date for monthly payments from NESO to Transmission Owners (TOs) will be changed to the 2nd Business Day immediately following the 14th of each month.
- This ensures there is always at least one Business Day between NESO receiving payments from CUSC Users and making payments to TOs, improving NESO's cashflow management.
- The modification aligns the payment due dates in the STC with those in the CUSC, resolving inconsistencies.
- The legal text in STC Section E will be updated to reflect the new payment timing.

Code Administrator Consultation Responses

Summary of Code Administrator Consultation Responses:

Code Administrator Consultation was run from 04/11/2025 to 25/11/2025 and received 1 non-confidential response. Key points were:

- The respondent is supportive of the proposed solution, noting that it will ensure NESO has the funds to make the appropriate payments to TOs within prescribed timescales.
- The response suggested removing the caveat within the legal text “unless, in any such case, such payment day is not a Business Day”. The CM0104 Proposer confirms that this suggested amendment is editorial and does not require an amendment to the legal text that has been proposed.

Code Administrator Consultation – Legal Text Changes.

What do the STC Governance Rules say?

7.2.5.11 Pursuant to sub-paragraph 7.2.5.10, the STC Modification Panel shall consider the representations made in response to the Proposed STC Modification Report and shall instruct the Panel Secretary to make such changes to the Proposed STC Modification Report as may be agreed by the STC Modification Panel (save for the contents of those sections where representations are to be provided by each Party Representative, the Proposer or other person designated by the Authority under sub-paragraph 7.2.2.1(b) (where appropriate) in its own capacity, as specified above, in which case such Party Representative may, after notifying the STC Modification Panel, direct the Panel Secretary to make reasonable changes to its representations). When the STC Modification Panel considers that any minor changes to the legal text contained in the STC Modification Report are necessary (such as changes of a typographical, grammatical or clarificatory nature) it shall be entitled to instruct the Panel Secretary to make such changes. Where the STC Modification Panel considers a change to the legal text contained in the STC Modification Report to be necessary, but such changes are not minor changes, the STC Modification Panel shall instruct the Panel Secretary to prepare revised legal text incorporating such changes and circulate that revised legal text to, and invite representations from, those persons to whom the Proposed STC Modification Report was circulated pursuant to sub-paragraph 7.2.5.10(b). Representations shall be provided within such period as the STC Modification Panel shall determine and, upon receipt, shall be dealt with in accordance with sub-paragraph 7.2.5.10(d) and this sub-paragraph 7.2.5.11.

Code Admin must present the proposed legal text changes

Panel have 3 choices:

- **Agree the changes are typographical and instruct Code Admin to make the change under Section B 7.2.5.11. Then we carry out Recommendation Vote; or**
- **Agree the changes are not needed. Then we carry out Recommendation Vote; or**
- **Under 7.2.5.11 (where changes are necessary and not minor), instruct Code Admin to make the changes and issue a further Code Administrator Consultation.**

Asks of Panel

- **AGREE** whether or not the proposed changes to the legal text are typographical
- **VOTE** whether or not to implement
- **NOTE** next steps

CM0104 Next Steps

Milestone	Date
Final Self Governance Modification Report issued to Panel to check votes recorded correctly (5 Business Days)	11 December 2025
Appeals Window (15 Business Days)	18 December 2025 – 13 January 2026
Implementation Date	01 April 2026

Updates on other industry codes

28 November 2025 CUSC [Panel Papers and Headline Report](#)

27 November 2025 Grid Code Review [Panel Papers and Headline Report](#)

Activities ahead of the next Panel Meeting

Modification Proposal Deadline for December Panel	13 January 2026
Papers Day	20 January 2026
Panel Meeting	28 January 2026 - Teams

Close

Claire Goult

Chair, STC Panel