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## Code Administrator Consultation Response Proforma

### CMP462: Provision for Alternate Panel Members

Industry parties are invited to respond to this consultation expressing their views and supplying the rationale for those views, particularly in respect of any specific questions detailed below.

Please send your responses to [usc.team@neso.energy](mailto:usc.team@neso.energy) by **5pm** on **25 November 2025**. Please note that any responses received after the deadline or sent to a different email address may not receive due consideration.

If you have any queries on the content of this consultation, please contact [usc.team@neso.energy](mailto:usc.team@neso.energy)

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<b>Which best describes your organisation?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Consumer body <input type="checkbox"/> Demand <input type="checkbox"/> Distribution Network Operator <input type="checkbox"/> Generator <input type="checkbox"/> Industry body <input type="checkbox"/> Interconnector	<input type="checkbox"/> Storage <input type="checkbox"/> Supplier <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> System Operator <input type="checkbox"/> Transmission Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Virtual Lead Party <input type="checkbox"/> Other

#### I wish my response to be:

(Please mark the relevant box)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Non-Confidential</b> ( <i>this <u>will be shared</u> with industry and the Panel for further consideration</i> )
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Confidential</b> ( <i>this will be disclosed to the Authority in full but, unless specified, <u>will not be shared</u> with the Panel or the industry for further consideration</i> )

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**For reference the Applicable CUSC (non-charging) Objectives are:**

- i. *The efficient discharge by the Licensee of the obligations imposed on it by the Act and by this licence\*;*
- ii. *Facilitating effective competition in the generation and supply of electricity, and (so far as consistent therewith) facilitating such competition in the sale, distribution and purchase of electricity;*
- iii. *Compliance with the Electricity Regulation and any relevant legally binding decision of the European Commission and/or the Agency \*\*; and*
- iv. *Promoting efficiency in the implementation and administration of the CUSC arrangements.*

*\* See Electricity System Operator Licence*

*\*\*The Electricity Regulation referred to in objective (iii) is Regulation (EU) 2019/943 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 June 2019 on the internal market for electricity (recast) as it has effect immediately before IP completion day as read with the modifications set out in the SI 2020/1006.*

**For reference, (for consultation questions 5) the Electricity Balancing Regulation (EBR) Article 3 Objectives and regulatory aspects are:**

- a) *fostering effective competition, non-discrimination and transparency in balancing markets;*
- b) *enhancing efficiency of balancing as well as efficiency of national balancing markets;*
- c) *integrating balancing markets and promoting the possibilities for exchanges of balancing services while contributing to operational security;*
- d) *contributing to the efficient long-term operation and development of the electricity transmission system and electricity sector while facilitating the efficient and consistent functioning of day-ahead, intraday and balancing markets;*
- e) *ensuring that the procurement of balancing services is fair, objective, transparent and market-based, avoids undue barriers to entry for new entrants, fosters the liquidity of balancing markets while preventing undue market distortions;*

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- f) *facilitating the participation of demand response including aggregation facilities and energy storage while ensuring they compete with other balancing services at a level playing field and, where necessary, act independently when serving a single demand facility;*
- g) *facilitating the participation of renewable energy sources and supporting the achievement of any target specified in an enactment for the share of energy from renewable sources.*

### What is the EBR?

The Electricity Balancing Regulation (EBR) is a European Network Code introduced by the Third Energy Package European legislation in late 2017.

The EBR regulation lays down the rules for the integration of balancing markets in Europe, with the objectives of enhancing Europe's security of supply. The EBR aims to do this through harmonisation of electricity balancing rules and facilitating the exchange of balancing resources between European Transmission System Operators (TSOs). Article 18 of the EBR states that TSOs such as the NESO should have terms and conditions developed for balancing services, which are submitted and approved by Ofgem.

**Please express your views in the right-hand side of the table below, including your rationale.**

Standard Code Administrator Consultation questions				
1	Please provide your assessment for the proposed solution against the Applicable Objectives against the current baseline?	Mark the Objectives which you believe the proposed solution better facilitates than the current baseline:		
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We assess the proposed CMP462 solution as positive against ACO (iv). By reducing the risk of inquorate meetings, the modification would ensure that the Panel can continue to progress code modifications and other important panel business without				

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		unnecessary delay. This supports efficient governance and timely decision-making, to the benefit of all CUSC Parties and the wider industry.
2	Do you support the proposed implementation approach?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
		5 Business Days following an Authority Decision allows sufficient time for the change to implemented into the code.
3	Do you have any other comments?	<p>Alternate Panel Members play a critical role in ensuring the efficient administration of the CUSC, and hold the same voting rights and responsibilities as full Panel Members when called upon.</p> <p>Since the start of the current Panel term on 1 October 2025, there have already been two instances where special panels had to be rearranged or cancelled due to quoracy issues. Implementing this modification will enable the industry to elect Alternate Panel Members, reducing the risk of delays to modification proposals and ensuring robust governance that represents stakeholder interests.</p>
4	Do you agree with the Proposer's assessment that the modification does not impact the Electricity Balancing Regulation (EBR) Article 18 terms and conditions held within the Code?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
		The proposed solution seeks to change CUSC Annex 8A only, with no overlap or interactions with any sections of the CUSC outlined in CUSC Exhibit Y. Therefore, we do not consider there to be any impact on the EBR Article 18 terms and conditions.