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CUSC Panel 14 November 2025

CUSC Panel Minutes

Date: 14/11/2025	Location: Microsoft Teams
Start: 10:00	End: 11:45

Participants

Attendee	Initials	Representing
Anthony Pygram	AP	Independent Panel Chair
Catia Gomes	CG	Panel Secretary, Code Administrator
Ren Walker	RW	Panel Technical Secretary, Code Administrator
Andrew Enzor	AE	Users' Panel Member
Dan Arrowsmith	DA	NESO Panel Member
Garth Graham	GG	Users' Panel Member
Joe Colebrook	JC	Users' Panel Member
Kyran Hanks	KH	Users' Panel Member
Lauren Jauss	LJ	Users' Panel Member
Shane Cracknell	SC	Users' Panel Member
Nadir Hafeez	NH	Authority Representative
Harriet Harmon	HH	Authority Representative

Apologies

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Attendee	Initials	Representing
Andy Pace	APa	Consumers' Panel Member
Binoy Dharsi	BD	Users' Panel Member
Rashmi Radhakrishnan	RR	ELEXON

Presenters

Attendee	Initials	Position
Damian Clough	DC	Proposer of CMP463
John Tindal	JT	Proposer of CMP463
Liam King	LK	Ofgem
Robert Hughes	RH	Chair of CMP417

Observers

Attendee	Initials	Representing

1. Introductions, Apologies and Declarations of Interest

13050. Apologies were received from Andy Pace, Binoy Dharsi and Rashmi Radhakrishnan.

13051. GG noted a declaration of interest in relation to CMP463 due to working for the same organisation as the Proposer.

2. New Modifications

CMP463: Stabilising the Specific Onshore Expansion Factors from 1st April 2026

13052. DC delivered a presentation on CMP463. DC explained that the Price Control from April 2026 has led to large, unexpected increases in Specific Onshore Expansion Factors. This modification seeks to hold those Specific Expansion Factors at 2025/26

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levels, similar to the CMP353 approach, ahead of a larger more fundamental review of TNUoS.

13053. DC set out their rationale for Urgency against Ofgem's Urgency criteria (a), which is as follows: *a) A significant commercial impact on parties, consumers or other stakeholder(s).* DC explained that if the existing defect is not rectified in Urgent timescales, then this will have a significant commercial impact on Parties. The largest commercial impact is on any Generator that pays TNUoS and is connected in Shetland, while a large commercial impact is also experienced by other Generators in Scottish TNUoS charging zones. The recently published NESO five-year TNUoS forecast In September 2025 showed a substantial increase in a local circuit tariff (when compared to the previous forecast). For example, the Viking Windfarm connects to a circuit which is subject to a Specific Expansion Factor which will increase substantially.

13054. The Panel discussed the CMP463 Proposal and the associated request for urgency and noted the following:

- Panel members agreed with the Proposer's rationale on urgency.
- NESO is conditionally supportive of CMP463 and the request for urgency. Non-specific expansion factors are frozen following the implementation of CMP353 and freezing the specific expansion factors would make this consistent and avoid unexpected increases for the small minority of sites near relevant circuits.
- NESO notes that it has a licence obligation to publish final TNUoS tariffs by 31 January each year. Failure to deliver the tariffs will significantly impact all transmission network stakeholders. Therefore, NESO must consider any modification that propose to change TNUoS tariffs after the end of September very carefully.
- The proposed timeline for CMP463 states an Ofgem decision on 13 January 2026. This timeline adds extra workload and risk to NESO as NESO will need to model, build and test tariffs without a stable set of input data. That risk has been assessed and deemed an acceptable level of risk. However, NESOs support for this modification is conditional on that timeline being met. If that timeline is delayed, then NESO risks being unable to publish TNUoS tariffs on time and so would no longer support urgency.

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13055. The Panel discussed the proposed timeline for CMP463 and agreed that if the Authority Decision on Urgency is published ahead of the expected date than the Code Administrator Consultation date would be moved forward. **(Post meeting note: The Authority granted Urgency for CMP463 on 19 November, and the Code Administrator Consultation was held from 21 November – 25 November 2025).**

3. In Flight Modification Updates

CMP417: Extending principles of CUSC Section 15 to all Users

13056. RH attended the CUSC Panel to provide an update on the progression of CMP417. RH advised that the CMP417 Workgroups were re-started in May 2025, additional Workgroups were added to enable the development of the solution. A revised timeline went to Panel in September 2025 to allow for additional meetings before the Workgroup Consultation stage and the close cadence with the consequential STC modification CM093.

13057. RH stated that recent Workgroup discussions have identified additional scenarios to consider, such as for different DNO applications, combined generation/demand sites, and the interaction with fixing securities. The Workgroup have recently sought additional engagement with the wider DNO group through ENA.

13058. RH stated that the additional Workgroup meetings will ensure developments in the solution will have had appropriate Workgroup scrutiny before the consultation stage.

13059. RH confirmed that the timeline proposed is two months earlier than the revised timeline, which was submitted to the CUSC Panel on 31 October 2025. The CUSC Panel approved the revised timeline for CMP417.

4. Any other Business

Ofgem Demand connections update – guidance

13060. The Panel agreed that to move this agenda item to the Panel on 28 November to allow more time for discussion and to also allow Panel members sufficient time to review the Demand Connections guidance that Ofgem published.

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5. Close

13061. 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.