

CUSC Panel 28 November 2025

CUSC Panel Minutes

Date: 28/11/2025 **Location:** Microsoft Teams

Start: 10:00 **End:** 13:25

Participants

| Attendee | Initials | Representing |
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| 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 |
| Andy Pace | APa | Consumers' Panel Member |
| Dan Arrowsmith | DA | NESO Panel Member |
| Binoy Dharsi | BD | Users' Panel Member |
| Garth Graham | GG | Users' Panel Member |
| Joe Colebrook | JC | Users' Panel Member |
| Lauren Jauss | LJ | Users' Panel Member |
| Shane Cracknell | SC | Users' Panel Member |
| Kyran Hanks | KH | Users' Panel Member |
| Nadir Hafeez | NH | Authority Representative |

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| Rashmi Radhakrishnan | RR | ELEXON |
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Apologies

| Attendee | Initials | Representing |
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| Harriet Harmon | HH | Authority Representative |

Presenters

| Attendee | Initials | Position |
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| Aishwarya Harsue | AH | Proposer of CMP464 |

Observers

| Attendee | Initials | Representing |
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| Jacob Snowden | JS | ELEXON |

1. Introductions, Apologies and Declarations of Interest

13074. No apologies were received from Panel Members.

13075. GG noted a declaration of interest for CMP423, as SSE Generation, his employer are the Proposer of the modification.

2. Minutes from previous meeting

13076. The meeting minutes from 21 September, 21 October and 31 October 2025 were approved.

3. Review of actions log

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13077. The CUSC Panel reviewed the open actions from the meeting held on 31 October, which can be found on the Actions Log.

4. Chair's update

CMP432 Decision Letter: Feedback on Panel Voting

13078. Following the Authority's decision on CMP432, the Chair advised the Panel that Ofgem raised concerns about the Panel's recommendations, noting that some views were outside the Applicable Objectives and the quality of submissions was lower than expected. There was also a lack of clear explanation for the voting outcomes. To address these issues, it was proposed that CUSC Panel Members provide their voting statements before or during, but not after the Panel meeting (with the agenda item not finished until all voting statements have been provided). This will also apply to urgent modifications. This change aims to improve the quality of submissions and ensure transparency in the voting process. Additionally, voting statements will be circulated to Panel Members and the Code Administrator will check them to ensure accuracy and completeness.

13079. The Panel agreed with the approach put forward by the Chair and agreed that this new process would start at the Panel on 12 December.

5. Authority Decisions

13080. NH provided an update on Modifications that have been decided upon, together with those currently awaiting their decision.

Decisions since last CUSC Panel

13081. NH confirmed the following decisions have been made on CUSC Modifications since the last CUSC Panel.

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| Modification | Decision | Implementation Date |
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| CMP432 'Improve "Locational Onshore Security Factor" for TNUoS Wider Tariffs' | On 07 November 2025 the Authority <u>rejected</u> the modification. | N/A |

Awaiting Decisions

| Modification | FMR submitted | Expected Decision Date |
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| CMP315 'TNUoS Review of the expansion constant and the elements of the transmission system charged for' and CMP375 'Enduring Expansion Constant & Expansion Factor Review' | 07 February 2024 | TBC pending update on National Pricing Reform (previously 07 February 2025) |
| CMP316 'TNUoS Charging Methodology for Co-located Generation' | 08 August 2025 | By 10 November 2025 (previously 31 October 2025) |
| CMP330&CMP374 '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 |

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| <u>CMP344</u> 'Clarification of Transmission Licensee revenue recovery and the treatment of revenue adjustments in the Charging Methodology' | 09 July 2025 | By 10 December 2025 |
| <u>CMP397</u> 'Consequential changes required to CUSC Exhibits B and D to reflect CMP316 (Co-located Generation Sites)' | 12 June 2024 | By 10 December 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 | By 08 December 2025 |
| <u>CMP453</u> 'To Bill BSUoS on a net basis at BSC Trading Units' | 11 November 2025 | TBC |

Other Updates

Energy Code Reform

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13082. NH advised the Panel that Ofgem have published a statutory consultation on modifications to industry codes to implement the harmonised code modification prioritisation process. This follows Ofgem’s decision on the preliminary Strategic Direction Statement (SDS) and governance arrangements for industry codes published in August 2025.

13083. NH stated that building on previous industry engagement and publications, this statutory consultation provides opportunity to offer feedback on policy proposals, proposed guidance document, and proposed legal code text changes. This is ahead of the intended decision publication in early 2026, subject to the outcome of this consultation.

13084. NH advised the Panel that the consultation closes on 12 January and responses should be sent to industrycodes@ofgem.gov.uk. A decision will be published in early 2026, with implementation of the prioritisation policy planned for Spring 2026, subject to the outcome of this consultation.

6. New modifications

13085. One new modification was presented to the Panel.

CMP464: Section 14 corrections

13086. AH delivered a presentation on CMP464. AH explained that this modification seeks to address minor errors and formatting issues in Section 14 of the CUSC.

13087. A Panel Member highlighted that further clarifications on the proposed legal text were needed, and it was agreed that the Proposer and Panel Member discuss this offline and CMP464 is presented at a future Panel meeting to confirm the legal text amendments and agree the governance route.

7. In flight modification updates

CMP460: Improving Transmission Connection Asset Charging

13088. The Panel reviewed the proposed amendments made by the Workgroup to the CMP460 Terms of Reference (b) and (f). The Panel discussed the amendments and disagreed with the suggestions put forward by the Workgroup.

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13089. The Panel suggested the following amendments to ToR (b) and (f) for the CMP460 Workgroup to consider. The amendments are as follows:

- ToR (b) *Consider the development and interactions with any DCUSA modifications when identifying a solution (s).*
- ToR (f) *Consider the interaction with distribution and transmission business plans.*

8. Workgroup Reports

13090. No Workgroup Reports were presented to the Panel.

9. Draft Final Modification Reports

13091. The following Draft Final Modification Report was presented to the Panel

CMP423: Generation – weighted Reference Node

13092. CG delivered a presentation on CMP423. CG explained that this modification seeks to amend the reference node to generation-weighted instead of demand-weighted.

13093. CG confirmed that the Code Administrator Consultation was held between 09 October to 31 October 2025 and received eleven non-confidential responses and one confidential response. The key points from the consultation were:

- The following numbers of respondents believed the objectives were better facilitated by the Original Proposal than the Baseline: Eight for d), eight for e), three for f), two for g) and two for h).
- Eight respondents preferred the Original solution, and three respondents preferred the Baseline.
- Ten out of eleven respondents supported the implementation approach. Two of these respondents stated it should not be implemented earlier than

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1 April 2027 to allow parties sufficient time to account for the resulting impacts on tariffs.

- All respondents agreed with the Workgroup’s assessment that the modification does not impact the Electricity Balancing Regulation.
- No legal text issues were raised.

13094. The Panel carried out their recommendation vote. The Panel has recommended by majority that the Proposer’s solution better facilitates the CUSC Applicable Objectives. The Final Modification Report will be sent to Ofgem on 09 December 2025.

10. Discussion on Prioritisation

13095. The Panel reviewed the prioritisation stack and agreed a deep dive of the prioritisation stack would be more suitable at the January 2026 Panel following Ofgem’s publication of the Strategic Direction Statement.

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

11. Standing Groups

Transmission Charging Methodology Forum (TCMF)

13096. DA confirmed that TCMF was held on 20 November. The meeting materials can be found using the following link:

<https://www.neso.energy/calendar/transmission-charging-methodologies-forum-tcmf-20-november-2025>

The next TCMF will be held on 08 January 2026.

12. European Updates

Joint European Stakeholder Group (JESG)

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13097. GG confirmed that the JESG meeting on 11 November was cancelled. The next meeting will be held on 09 December. The meeting materials can be found using the following link:

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

13. Update on other Industry Codes

13098. The Panel papers and Headline Report for the following meetings can be found at the below links:

- 29 October 2025 STC [Panel Papers and Headline Report](#)
- 30 October 2025 Special Grid Code Review [Panel Papers and Headline Report](#)
- 31 October 2025 Special SQSS Review [Panel Papers and Headline Report](#)

13099. RR advised the Panel that this will be their last CUSC Panel meeting and from December JS will be the new Elexon Representative at the Panel. RR confirmed that Elexon’s role as Market Facilitator will be going live in December and documents outlining Elexon’s function will be published shortly.

13100. KH advised the Panel that [DCP437](#) was rejected by the Authority and that a new modification [DCP466](#) has been raised.

14. Relevant Interruptions Claim Report

13101. No further updates for the Panel.

15. Governance

13102. No further updates for the Panel.

16. Horizon Scan

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13103. GG stated that it would be beneficial to include dynamic alignment following the government’s response to the North Hyde review as this could also have potential Grid Code changes.

17. Code Administrator Update

13104. No further updates for the Panel.

18. Any Other Business (AOB)

Ofgem – Demand Connections

13105. Following Ofgem’s letter on Demand Connections and an update given at a previous Panel meeting, DA wanted to take the opportunity to correct a statement which was provided. DA confirmed that there is no current modification proposal on Demand PCF. DA stated the need for industry involvement in any proposals that would be put forward.

13106. GG highlighted the importance of understanding Ofgem and NESO's engagement plans, stressing the need for rapid progress in connection reforms. The Panel discussed the possibility of forming a CUSC standing group to review the connections process and agreed for a further update to be provided at the 12 December Panel meeting by NESO and Ofgem.

19. Close

13107. 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.