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Code Administrator Meeting Summary

Workgroup Meeting 5: CM093 - Extending the principles of the User Commitment Methodology to Final Sums Methodology

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Key areas of discussion

The aims of Workgroup 4 were: to review the CM093 and CMP417 timelines; go through the discussion points raised by the Proposer; NESO to provide an update on the CMP417 Workgroup discussions; run through the draft Workgroup Consultation report; and review baseline legal text draft changes.

Objectives and Timeline

The Chair took the Workgroup members through the aligned timelines for CM093 and CMP417 and highlighted that the CMP417 Workgroup Consultation has been published.

Action log

The Workgroup reviewed the action log.

Action 3: Closed. A link to the latest CMP417 slide pack was included, which contains examples of past cases.

Action 4: Ongoing. It was mentioned that NESO legal representatives were reviewing the draft text in the context of the CMP417 solution legal text. It was emphasised that the legal text is not fully developed at this stage, as industry feedback was still pending.

Action 5: Ongoing. No additional interactions beyond those related to CMP417 were identified at this stage, but the action would remain open in case further discussions revealed new interactions.

Action 6: Closed. Comments and feedback regarding on-demand users were collated and summarised and included in the slide pack.

Action 6 update

The discussion centred on the anticipated demand projects that will necessitate securities by January 2027, focusing on two key stages: October 2026 and January 2027. NESO provided estimates indicating that there are currently 126 projects applicable to final sums, with this number projected to rise to 177 by January 2027. A preliminary analysis was conducted to categorise demand schemes, including areas such as rail, steel, hydrogen, and DNO, to identify agreements requiring immediate attention. It was determined that approximately two-thirds of TOCOs, TOH, and TOMM would need to be prioritised for implementation. However, several challenges were identified, including a higher proportion of projects with near-term spending requirements within the next six months, which complicates the efficient scheduling of administrative workloads.

Additionally, delays in connections reform and ongoing work pose risks of resource congestion, particularly between October 2026 and January 2027. The administrative workload for TOs may further overlap with other priorities, such as gate 2 connections reform, creating additional challenges in meeting the January 2027 deadline. Overall, the update underscored the significant challenge of managing the volume of demand projects requiring securities by the specified date, highlighting the need for meticulous planning to navigate resource constraints and administrative demands effectively.

CMP417 Update

The Workgroup Consultation for CMP417 has been finalised and published on the NESO website, including detailed questions and asking for industry feedback. The draft legal text has also been reviewed, with final comments incorporated before its sharing alongside the consultation. Updated cost examples have been provided based on feedback, highlighting the splitting of liability and security costs, and offering examples for both transmission and distribution connections, as well as for long connection assets. These examples are part of the CMP417 work group documentation. Feedback from TOs indicated that a minimum of 2–3 months is needed to provide a full dataset, with the data submission for the January 2027 securities run required to be completed by December 2026. The target implementation date for CMP417 is set for January 2027, with considerations on whether TOCOs will be updated immediately or if interim solutions, such as spreadsheets, will be necessary, alongside potential contingencies or

adjustments based on feedback received. Notably, CMP417 and CM093 are closely aligned in their timelines and objectives, both aiming for effective updates to securities processes by January 2027.

Draft Workgroup Consultation

The Chair took the Workgroup members through the various sections of the Workgroup Consultation. They went through the comments made by a Workgroup member. A specific question was proposed to gather feedback on the implementation timeline for the solution. Another question proposed was asking for views on the potential broader consequences of reducing demand securities to align with generation securities, particularly in the context of connection reform and demand connections.

Draft Legal Text

The Proposer presented their baseline documents. The discussion on the legal text encompassed several key sections.

Section D is currently not in use and may not require changes, pending legal team review.

Section I addressed a transition period for existing users moving from the final sums methodology to the new regime, proposing a new Part 3 to facilitate this transition, with ongoing legal review to confirm wording.

In Section J, amendments to the term "attributable works" were suggested to align with the CMP417 definition, specifying that for demand users, these works would be calculated to the nearest mixed node. It was highlighted that the term "TO Final Sums" needs to be clearly defined if used, with legal and Workgroup feedback sought for finalisation.

Schedule 9 discussed the provision of biannual estimates and the structuring of works in the TOCO, with suggestions to align it with CUSC Schedule 2, Exhibit 3, Part 2, while proposing further definitions for enabling and wider transmission reinforcement works.

Section 12 aimed for alignment with CMP417 for clarity on Attributable Works, with the potential of no additional changes if a common definition were confirmed.

Section 13.2 examined the creation or amendment of the SIF and LAF methodologies, noting that any changes might necessitate a separate modification to STCP 13-2.

Additionally, guidance notes for the Final Sums methodology were discussed, considering whether to reference the CMP417 guidance note or create a specific one for TO requirements. It was queried if the guidance note for the User commitment methodology should cover all User types (generation, demand, hybrid sites), or if separate guidance notes would be more appropriate. Key comments from the Workgroup emphasised retaining "Final Sums" for TO-SO interactions but removing it from user-facing materials to align with the user commitment methodology. It was clarified that the existing SIF and LAF methodology would be extended to more Users without needing a new methodology. A suggestion was made to include DNOs in the legal text to reflect their evolving role in the system.

Housekeeping changes were also suggested.

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None.

Next Steps

- The Chair to prepare the Workgroup Consultation for publication on the NESO website on 26 January 2026.

Action log

For the full action log, click here.

Action Number	Workgroup Raised	Owner	Action	Due by	Status
3	WG2	MC	Provide generic examples from CMP417 to illustrate the changes and calculations.	WG4	Closed

4	WG3	SB	Align the legal text of CM093 with CMP417 and CMP103 to avoid discrepancies between codes. SB to consult with and stakeholders to ensure the alignment of definitions and processes across the STC and CUSC.	WG4	Open
5	WG3	RH/SB	Summarise interactions with other Connections Work and modifications.	WG4	Open
6	WG3	MPS	Regarding the volume of demand Users requiring securities in January 2027, provide a view from a TO perspective considering 2 stages- with TOCO in October.	WG4	Closed

Attendees

Name	Initial	Company	Role
Rob Hughes	RH	NESO	Chair
Jess Rivalland	JR	NESO	Technical Secretary
Steve Baker	SB	NESO	Proposer
Chris Patrick	CP	Ofgem	Authority Representative
Gareth Williams	GW	SPT	Workgroup Member
Harriet Eckweiler	HE	SHET	Workgroup Member Alternate
Martin Cahill	MC	NESO	Observer
Matthew Paige-Stimson	MPS	NGET	Workgroup Member
Sean Nugent	SN	NESO	Observer