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Code Administrator Meeting Summary

Workgroup Meeting 6: 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 6 were: to review the CM093 and [CMP417](#) timelines, consider the Workgroup Consultation responses, and for NESO to provide an update on the CMP417 Workgroup progress.

Objectives and Timeline

The Chair emphasised the importance of maintaining the timeline and ensuring alignment between CM093 and CMP417. It was noted that the Ofgem Demand Connections Call for Input deadline is 13 March, and that NESO is working closely with Ofgem to ensure progress aligns with the existing timeline.

Action log

The Workgroup reviewed the action log.

Action 4: Ongoing. It was mentioned that NESO legal have provided initial comments on the legal text. This will be shared in the collaboration space and will allow all Workgroup members to review and contribute to the legal text.

Action 5: Closed. The interactions with CMP417 and other related modifications have been identified and addressed.

Workgroup Consultation Responses

Four responses were received in total, with one confidential response sent directly to Ofgem. The responses highlighted several key points, such as the modification’s aim to reduce restrictions on new developments, facilitate competition, improve administrative efficiency, and ensure that the share of works treated by age is accurately reflected.

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However, several concerns were identified, including the implementation timeline, with respondents suggesting that three months might be needed to prepare accurate data for the solution to be applied in practice. Questions were raised about the adequacy of the legal text, particularly regarding directly connected DNOs, and concerns about the interaction between CM093 and CMP417, especially in terms of timelines and process alignment. A specific issue was raised regarding hybrid sites, focusing on how they would be handled if one component, such as generation or demand, was cancelled or reduced.

While there was general support for the modification itself, some respondents questioned the implementation approach rather than the principle of the modification. These responses will be incorporated into the Workgroup report.

Proposer's Update

The legal text underwent a review with NESO Legal, and the feedback was that changes are expected to be minimal, focusing on aligning definitions such as "Attributable Works" with the CUSC. The legal text will be shared with Transmission Operators (TOs) for further refinement through offline discussions.

The implementation timeline remains a critical focus, with the January 2027 securities run being targeted for implementation, though discussions are ongoing to ensure stakeholders are provided with sufficient notice. Concerns about hybrid sites, particularly how cancellations of smaller components like generation might result in stranded assets or uncollected charges, were discussed. The Proposer suggested monitoring this scenario post-implementation.

Collaboration with stakeholders remains a priority, with offline discussions planned to refine the legal text and address concerns raised during consultations. Additionally, further analysis is being conducted to understand the combined impact of CM093 and CMP417, particularly in relation to demand connection reforms and financial mechanisms for data centres.

CMP417 Update

The CMP417 Workgroup 14 update discussion included the review of the Workgroup Consultation responses, with one concern being the hybrid site issue. The Workgroup also discussed the implementation timeline, focusing on aligning key dates with the

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January 2027 securities run while ensuring stakeholders are provided with sufficient notice. It was noted that guidance documentation would be crucial to ensure clarity and understanding for all stakeholders. Regarding the DNO process, the Workgroup emphasised the need to ensure that DNOs are fully considered in the implementation plan.

The CMP417 timeline and the Gate 2 To Whole Queue (G2TWQ) interactions were highlighted. The Workgroup emphasised that the CMP417 implementation is targeting the January 2027 securities run, making timely preparation essential. Key milestones include the completion of the Workgroup Consultation period and the scheduling of final Workgroup meetings. Ofgem's decision dates are anticipated between July and September, further discussions with Ofgem were deemed necessary to confirm achievable decision dates and ensure alignment with broader Demand Connection reforms. Regarding the G2TWQ updates, the latest expected dates for different phases of the queue process were reviewed, ensuring alignment with the CMP417 implementation plan. The Workgroup stressed the importance of maintaining synchronisation between the CMP417 timeline and the Gate 2 process, particularly in terms of data preparation and submission deadlines, to avoid delays and ensure a smooth implementation.

Feedback on hybrid sites was highlighted, these involve both Generation and Demand components. Concerns were raised about scenarios where the smaller component, such as Generation, is cancelled or reduced, potentially leading to stranded assets or aborted works not covered by securities. Under the current solution, securities and cancellation charges are based on the larger capacity component, meaning the customer would not incur charges for cancelled generation-related works if the Demand component remains. Potential solutions discussed included introducing a carve-back mechanism to bill customers for cancelled works, categorising Attributable Works by Generation or Demand, or retaining wider cancellation charges for capacity reductions. While these changes were considered significant, the Workgroup suggested monitoring the situation post-implementation and raising a separate modification if necessary.

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A Workgroup member raised concerns about the broader context of transmission network charging reform, which Ofgem had previously indicated would be reviewed. They emphasised the need for clarity on when this review would occur and how it would align with the implementation of the modification, highlighting potential gaps in the overall framework. This will be noted in the Workgroup Report.

Next Steps

- The next Workgroup will be on 23 March, where the draft legal text and Workgroup Report will be reviewed. The goal is to finalise the report by 08 April for submission to the STC Panel.

Action log

For the full action log, click [here](#).

Action Number	Workgroup Raised	Owner	Action	Due by	Status
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	Closed
7	WG6	SB	Share the draft legal text for CM093 via email with Workgroup members for review by their internal teams. Offline discussions will be arranged to refine the legal text collaboratively.	WG7	Open

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8	WG6	SB	Monitor the behaviour of hybrid sites post-implementation to assess whether further modifications are needed.	WG7	Open
9	WG6	SB	Review a potential change to retain wider cancellation charges for capacity reductions as a compromise solution for hybrid sites.	WG7	Open
10	WG6	ALL	MC to conduct further analysis on the interaction between CM093 and the wider demand connections reform. Workgroup members to share their availability for discussions on this topic.	WG7	Open

Attendees

Name	Initial	Company	Role
Rob Hughes	RH	NESO	Chair
Jess Rivalland	JR	NESO	Technical Secretary
Steve Baker	SB	NESO	Proposer
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