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Election Guide – CUSC Modification Panel Alternate Election 2026

What do I need to know?

How often does the CUSC Modification Panel election process take place?

Every 2 years, CUSC Users will appoint the CUSC Modification Panel Users’ Panel Members (and Alternate Members) by election in accordance with CUSC Section 8A. National Energy System Operator (NESO), as Code Administrator for the CUSC, operates this election process.

Why is this election taking place outside the 2 yearly process?

The 2025 CUSC Panel Election did not result in the election of Alternate Members for the CUSC Panel, as sufficient nominations were not received during the Elections Process (as per CUSC Annex 8A). The election resulted in the nomination of the minimum of 7 Panel Members. This means that the CUSC Modifications Panel for the period of 01 October 2025 – 30 September 2027 is made up of seven Users’ Panel Members in addition to the National Energy System Operator (NESO) Panel Member and Consumers’ Panel Member, with no Alternate Members for the Users’ Panel Members.

As a result, CMP462: Provision for Alternate Panel Members was raised which introduced a provision within CUSC Annex 8A for the Code Administrator to run an expedited Alternate Election Process. This modification was approved by the Authority and implemented into the CUSC on 11 February 2026. This Alternate Election process will determine the CUSC (Users) Panel Alternates for the period **24 April 2026 – 30 September 2027**.

How many seats are available for election?

The following seats are available for election:

Alternate Member Seats
5

For the avoidance of doubt, this election does not apply to the other seats on the CUSC Modification Panel.

Who is eligible to nominate?

CUSC Schedule 1 Users as on **20 June 2025**, are entitled to nominate Alternate Panel Members and vote in the 2026 CUSC Panel Alternate Election.

How do I nominate somebody to become an Alternate Panel Member?

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Each CUSC Schedule 1 User may nominate one candidate for election by giving notice to us. The nomination process opened on **24 March 2026**.

How does the voting process work?

In accordance with CUSC Section 8A.3, Users' are now allocated to Voting Groups and Voting Sub-Groups.

Voting Groups – A User and any affiliates of that User who are eligible to vote, i.e. a parent company along with all its subsidiaries will form one Voting Group.

Voting Sub-Groups – Each Voting Group can then submit one voting paper in respect of each of the following Voting Sub-Groups. As long as, they include a User which falls within the relevant Voting Sub-Group, which are:

- the Generation Voting Sub-Group;
- the Supply Voting Sub-Group;
- the Demand Voting Sub-Group; and
- the Interconnector Voting Sub-Group

Voting will only commence if more nominations are received than seats available in the respective categories.

What are the key milestones in the process?

Date	Milestone
24 March 2026	Invitations sent out to CUSC Schedule 1 Users to nominate candidates to stand for election.
31 March 2026	Nomination Forms to be returned no later than 5.00pm.
02 April 2026	List of candidates and voting papers to be circulated, or we will announce the outcome of the Elections.

Do I need to do anything?

We have opened nominations for the electable seats, each CUSC Schedule 1 User may nominate one candidate for election by giving notice to us by completing the linked nomination form and email it to us **by 5PM on 31 March 2026**. Please ensure that all sections are completed by the relevant Party.

Once all nominations have been received, we will be in contact again on voting.

Any Questions? Please contact cusc.team@neso.energy