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CUSC Panel 2026

CUSC Panel Minutes

Meeting Number: 366

Date: 30/01/2026 **Location:** Microsoft Teams / Faraday House

Start: 10:00 AM **End:** 1:20 PM

Participants

Attendee	Initials	Representing
Anthony Pygram	AP	Independent Panel Chair
Catia Gomes	CG	Panel Secretary Code Administrator Representative
Tammy Meek	TM	Panel Technical Secretary (Code Administrator) - Alternate
Andrew Enzor	AE	Users' Panel Member
Binoy Dharsi	BD	Users' Panel Member
Garth Graham	GG	Users' Panel Member
James Stone	JS	Authority Representative
Joe Colebrook	JC	Users' Panel Member
Kyran Hanks	KH	Users' Panel Member
Lauren Jauss	LJ	Users' Panel Member
Shane Cracknell	SC	Users' Panel Member
Tom Lowe	TL	Consumers' Panel Member
Dan Arrowsmith	DA	NESO Panel Member
Nadir Hafeez	NH	Authority Representative

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Jacob Snowden	JS	Elexon – Observer
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Apologies

Attendee	Initials	Representing
Ren Walker	RW	Panel Technical Secretary (Code Administrator)
Harriet Harmon	HH	Authority Representative

Presenters

Attendee	Initials	Representing
Kat Higby	KH	CMP440 Workgroup Chair

1. Introductions, Apologies and Declarations of Interest

1. Apologies were received from Ren Walker and Harriet Harmon.
2. Declarations were received from GG as proposer of CMP465, JC as Proposer of CMP460 and LJ as the Proposer of CMP440.

2. Minutes from previous meeting

3. The meeting minutes from the CUSC Panel held on 28 November 2025 and 12 December 2025 were approved.

3. Review of actions log

4. The CUSC Panel reviewed the open action 182 and agreed for it to remain. Actions can be found on the Actions Log.

4. Chair’s update

5. No updates from the Chair.

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5. Authority Decisions

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

Decisions since last CUSC Panel

Modification	Decision	Implementation Date
<u>CMP447</u> Removal of designated strategic works from cancellation charges/securitisation	On 07 January 2026 the Authority approved the Original Solution.	21 January 2026
<u>CMP463</u> Stabilising the Specific Onshore Expansion Factors from 1st April 2026	On 27 January 2026 the Authority approved the Original Solution.	01 April 2026

Awaiting Decisions

Modification	FMR submitted	Expected Decision Date
<u>CMP315</u> 'TNUoS Review of the expansion constant and the elements of the transmission system charged for' and <u>CMP375</u> 'Enduring Expansion Constant & Expansion Factor Review'	07 February 2024	TBC pending update on National Pricing Reform (previously 07 February 2025)
<u>CMP316</u> 'TNUoS Charging Methodology for Co-located Generation'	08 August 2025	27 February 2026 (previously January)
<u>CMP330&CMP374</u> 'Allowing new Transmission Connected parties to build Connection Assets greater than 2km in length and Extending	10 August 2023	TBC subject to CMP414 send back

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contestability for Transmission Connections'		
<u>CMP344</u> 'Clarification of Transmission Licensee revenue recovery and the treatment of revenue adjustments in the Charging Methodology'	09 July 2025	27 February 2026 (previously January 2026)
<u>CMP397</u> 'Consequential changes required to CUSC Exhibits B and D to reflect CMP316 (Co-located Generation Sites)'	12 June 2024	27 February 2026 (previously January 2026)
<u>CMP423</u> 'Generation-weighted Reference Node'	09 December 2025	TBC
<u>CMP453</u> 'To Bill BSUoS on a net basis at BSC Trading Units'	11 November 2025	September 2026
<u>CMP462</u> Provision for Alternate Panel Members'	12 December 2025	04 February 2026

7. KH queried whether the Proposer had been advised CMP453 will now be implemented in the next Charging Year.
8. Multiple Panel members expressed their concerns with the Ofgem's expected decision dates being moved further back again. JC requested justifications for the delays should be provided.
9. The Chair requested more precise progress updates, noting the target dates are often end of month or quarter. Ofgem agreed to follow up internally with the modification leads and provide further information, if available.

Other Updates

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Energy Code Reform Update

10. NH advised on 26 January 2026 that Ofgem launched an Expression of Interest (EOI) process seeking code manager candidates for the consolidated electricity commercial code and consolidated gas network code, as part of phase 2 of Energy Code Reform. More information can be found [here](#).
11. NH advised that Ofgem intend to use this EOI process to inform their decision on selection route by asking potential candidates to submit an eligibility assessment form for them to consider, with their choice between competitive versus non-competitive selection based on the number of candidates that they deem to be eligible.
12. NH noted the EOI invitation will close on 20 March 2026 and advised the Panel members to get in touch if they have any questions at industrycodes@ofgem.gov.uk.

6. New modifications

13. No new modifications were presented to Panel.

7. In flight modification updates

14. CG talked the Panel through the progression of the in-flight modifications. The in-flight modifications can be found within the CUSC Panel papers pack on the National Grid ESO website via the following link: [Modification Tracker](#)

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CMP460: Improving Transmission Connection Asset Charging Request to change Terms of Reference

19. The Panel reviewed and decided that, whilst the additional word ‘relevant’ being inserted before the words ‘interactions with any’ did not add anything to its meaning, they approved to its insertion. The Terms of Reference can be found within the Panel Papers.

CMP465: Construction Progression Milestones (M5–M8) Neutrality

20. The Panel agreed to the withdrawal of the modification under CUSC 8.16.10(c).

21. The next Modification Tracker will be published on 09 February 2026.

8. Workgroup Reports

22. One Workgroup Report was presented to the Panel.

CMP440: Re-introduction of Demand TNUoS

23. KH gave a presentation on CMP440, which aims to remove the current zero price floor from the Transmission Network Use of System (TNUoS) locational demand tariff for Final Demand, thereby re-introducing a locational investment price signal across all of Great Britain (GB). The potential for negative prices and the perverse incentive for Users to consume is removed by widening the period over which consumption is measured for charging against negative tariffs.

24. KH advised that:

- the original solution proposes removing the zero-price floor from Final Demand TNUoS locational Demand tariffs, levying negative Demand charges on actual energy consumption over 4–7pm all year for both Peak

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and Year-Round Tariffs. This aims to restore locational investment signals without incentivising unhelpful consumption at times of high national Demand.

- The WACMI solution differs from the original in the following ways:
 - In zones where the total Demand locational signal is negative, a p/kWh tariff is charged across total annual Demand rather than 4-7pm only.
 - In each negative charging zone, a single common rate is calculated for Non-Half Hourly (NHH) and Half Hourly (HH), rather than a different p/kWh rate for each.
- Summary of Workgroup Vote:
- The Workgroup concluded by majority (5 out of 6 votes) that both the original and WACMI better facilitated the Applicable Objectives than the Baseline. The preferred option by majority was WACMI.

25. The Panel advised that the Workgroup Report was written well and the inclusion of the tables showing the Illustrative Tariffs, Domestic Bill and Commercial User bill for 2026/27 Charging Year was helpful.

26. The Panel agreed that the Workgroup has met the Terms of Reference for the modification and that it can proceed to Code Administrator Consultation. The Code Administrator Consultation will be published on 09 February, and this will close on 03 March 2026.

9. Draft Final Modification Reports

27. No Draft Final Modification Reports were presented to the Panel.

10. Discussion on Prioritisation

28. The Panel reviewed the prioritisation stack. The updated Prioritisation Stack can be found via the following link: [here](#)

29. DA advised the prioritisation was delayed from November to January as the Panel were waiting for the UK Government's RNP Delivery Plan to be published which was still awaited.

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30. JS advised that some Ofgem’s publications (such as the CFI) are reliant on that plan being published and the timing of which was not within Ofgem’s gift but is reliant on DESNZ. JS stated that in relation to the letter that Ofgem intend to publish regards setting up industry groups to discuss reform etc, the expectation is that this would be published in the next few weeks. JS confirmed that the letter has now been through final review and are in the process of agreeing a date with our publications team.
31. JS advised that there would be merit in still carrying out the prioritisation and request CMP426 be considered medium priority. Panel reviewed this and noted that CMP426 is already medium priority and will remain in its current priority position.
32. The CUSC Panel discussed the prioritisation of the following Modification:
33. **CMP288 ‘Explicit charging arrangements for customer delays and backfeeds’**. The Panel discussed there is limited work left to prepare CMP288 for Workgroup Consultation. Clarity of delay payments will be important once the connections reform is complete. This modification should be considered medium in the next priority review
34. **CMP304 ‘Improving the Enhanced Reactive Power Service by making it fit for purpose’**. Panel agreed that CMP304 should be moved from low to medium priority. Their rationale for this was that CMP304 was paused during the NESO reactive power review; the review is now complete, and NESO raised CMP457: Revision of the Obligatory Reactive Power Service (ORPS) as a result.
35. **CMP456 Cost recovery for legacy plant in relation to GC0168 and CMP466 CMP456 Consequential Charging Modification**. Panel discussed and agreed these modifications should be assigned as high priority and progressed together. The majority of Panel Members agreed due to the proposed solutions and the unexpected financial impact to Generators CMP456 and CMP466 should be progressed quickly and align with GC0168.

11. Standing Groups

Transmission Charging Methodology Forum (TCMF)

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36.DA confirmed the next TCMF meeting will be held on 05 February 2026. The meeting materials and slides can be found via the following link: [Transmission Charging Methodologies Forum](#)

12. European Updates

Joint European Stakeholder Group (JESG)

37.GG advised the JESG meeting scheduled for 13 January 2026 was cancelled due to lack of Agenda items.

38.The next JESG meeting will be held on 10 February 2026.

13. Update on other Industry Codes

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

- 05 December 2025 SQSS [Panel Papers and Headline Report](#)
- 10 December 2025 STC [Panel Papers and Headline Report](#)
- 11 December 2025 Grid Code Review [Panel Papers and Headline Report](#)

14. Relevant Interruptions Claim Report

40.GG raised a query on claim 00174 as to why there was a delay in payment on the approved claim. CG advised the query has been raised with the Connections Manager and is still waiting a reply.

15. Governance

41. 42 No further updates for the Panel.

16. Horizon Scan

42.No further updates for the Panel.

17. Code Administrator Update

43.There were no updates for the Panel.

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18. Any Other Business (AOB)

44.CG confirmed non submitted.

19. Close

45.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 27 February on Microsoft Teams.

New Modification Proposals to be submitted by 12 February.

CUSC Panel Papers Day is 19 February.