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CUSC Panel 2026

CUSC Panel Minutes

Meeting Number: 367

Date: 27/02/2026	Location: Microsoft Teams
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
Ren Walker	RW	Panel Technical Secretary (Code Administrator)
Andrew Enzor	AE	Users' Panel Member
Binoy Dharsi	BD	Users' Panel Member
Garth Graham	GG	Users' Panel Member
Joe Colebrook	JC	Users' Panel Member
Kyran Hanks	KH	Users' Panel Member
Lauren Jauss	LJ	Users' Panel Member
Shane Cracknell	SC	Users' Panel Member
Dan Arrowsmith	DA	NESO Panel Member
Nadir Hafeez	NH	Authority Representative
James Stone	JS	Authority Representative
Jacob Snowden	JSn	Elexon – Observer

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Apologies

Attendee	Initials	Representing
Harriet Harmon	HH	Authority Representative
Tom Lowe	TL	Consumers' Panel Member

Presenters

Attendee	Initials	Representing
Aishwarya Harsure	AH	CMP464 Proposer

1. Introductions, Apologies and Declarations of Interest

1. Apologies were received from Harriet Harmon and Tom Lowe.

2. Minutes from previous meeting

2. The meeting minutes from the CUSC Panel held on 30 January were approved subject to minor amendments being incorporated.

3. Review of actions log

3. The CUSC Panel reviewed the open action 182. AP questioned if Code Admin had reviewed and identified changes. CG stated that the review was still pending. GG noted that there was a statutory change in regulation, necessitating a change in the Panel to reflect the roles between organisations and the consumer body, this would require a change to Section 8 of the CUSC. CG took an action to liaise with the Consumer Representative ahead of the next Panel meeting for further clarification on what their role is. The Panel agreed to keep the action open until the next panel meeting. **ACTION.**

4. Chair's update

4. AP provided the Panel with an update regarding 'conflict of interest'. AP advised that under the BSC Panel, the Panel have an internal agreement whereby Panel

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Members step aside when modifications or matters arise which relate to their Company. AP explained that Ofgem are currently considering whether, in the context of creating Code Managers, to retain, formalise or not use such an approach

- There was discussion as to whether, if a conflicts of interest policy was introduced, organisations such as NESO or Citizen’s Advice should be treated differently from trading parties because of different commercial interests. Contrasting views on this were put forward by Panel Members.

5. Authority Decisions

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

Decisions since last CUSC Panel

Modification	Decisions	Implementation Date
CMP462 ‘Provision for Alternate Panel Members	On 04 February 2026, the Authority approved the original solution.	11 February 2026
CMP463 ‘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	Final Modification Report Received	Expected Decision Date
CMP315 ‘TNUoS Review of the expansion constant and the elements of the transmission system charged for’ and CMP375	07 February 2024	TBC pending update on National Pricing Reform (previously 07 February 2025)

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'Enduring Expansion Constant & Expansion Factor Review'		
CMP316 'TNUoS Charging Methodology for Co-located Generation'	08 August 2025	March 2026 (previously February 2026)
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
CMP344 'Clarification of Transmission Licensee revenue recovery and the treatment of revenue adjustments in the Charging Methodology'	09 July 2025	March 2026 (previously February 2026)
CMP397 'Consequential changes required to CUSC Exhibits B and D to reflect CMP316 (Co-located Generation Sites)'	12 June 2024	March 2026 (previously February 2026)
CMP423 'Generation-weighted Reference Node'	09 December 2025	TBC
CMP453 'To Bill BSUoS on a net basis at BSC Trading Units'	11 November 2025	TBC

7. NH explained that decisions on CMP316, CMP397, and CMP344 have been delayed due to further internal reviews. NH stated that the final stages of review are ongoing, with some resources being redirected to other projects. The timeline for these decisions is expected to extend to the end of March.

Other Updates

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Energy Code Reform Update

8. NH provided the following updates to the Panel on Energy Code Reform:
 - Code Modifications Indicators: NH advised that there is currently an open consultation from the Strategy team at Ofgem, which includes Code Modification indicators. NH stated that Ofgem intend to develop and publish indicators to evidence performance relating to code modifications and welcome views on what indicators would be useful to drive optimal behaviours.
 - NH provided an update on the SDS2 (SDS2 Timeline and Process, Content Development & Key Changes from SDS1, SDS Implementation, Plans for the Workshop).
9. Regarding the SDS, a Panel Member suggested it would be useful for the Code Administrator to produce a document which details all existing modifications and their alignment with the SDS. CG took an action to complete this and present back at the March Panel. **ACTION.**
10. The Panel also discussed the potential changes in prioritisation due to SDS 1, the impact of the Planning and Infrastructure Act, and Ofgem’s use of PIA powers. A Panel Member questioned how Ofgem will communicate its use of the PIA powers to Panel and industry and if the PIA powers could impact the CUSC Bilateral Agreements. Ofgem took an action to confirm the above points. **ACTION.**

6. New modifications

CMP464: Section 14 Corrections

11. AH delivered a presentation on CMP464. AH explained that this modifications seeks to address minor errors and formatting issues in Section 14 ‘Charging Methodologies’ of the CUSC.
12. AH advised the Panel that following feedback on the modification from the November 2025 Panel, the following changes have been made to the Proposal:
 - Retained reference to website – now “Website” which is a defined term instead of “Charging Website” which isn’t.
 - Additional defined terms bolded which were previously missed e.g. 14.14.1-14.14.2, 14.15.84.

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- Reversed change to 14.14.5 (h). This proposed to change the reference included in the paragraph to (a), however it was not agreed that the existing reference was incorrect.

13. The Panel unanimously agreed that CMP464 should follow the Fast Track – Self-Governance route and proceed to be implemented.

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 NESO website via the following link: [Modification Tracker](#)

CMP445: Pro-rating first year TNUoS for Generators

15. CG advised the Panel that due to further clarity on the legal text a further Workgroup meeting is required, resulting in a one-month extension request for CMP445. The Panel reviewed and approved the new timeline as submitted within the Panel Papers.

16. A Panel Member raised a concern that connection reform and delays in transmission build is leading to several sites due to connect imminently being pushed back. The Panel discussed the urgency of the modification with concerns raised about the impact the one-month extension request could have on Ofgem's decision-making. The possibility of a mid-year tariff change was considered. The Panel agreed it would be beneficial for the Workgroup to discuss this at their next meeting and ensure views are captured within the Workgroup Report. NH also took an action to confirm from Ofgem's perspective how or if the one-month delay will impact the timeline for a decision. **ACTION.**

The next Modification Tracker will be published on 09 March 2026.

8. Workgroup Reports

17. No Workgroup Reports were presented to the Panel.

9. Draft Final Modification Reports

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

10. Discussion on Prioritisation

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19. A Panel member raised questions regarding two CUSC Modifications within the prioritisation stack. These are follows:

CMP417: Extending principles of CUSC Section 15 to all Users

- JC stated that Ofgem have issued a Demand Connections Call for Input and questioned in the Proposer of CMP417 was aware of this and any impacts this could have on the timeline. DA confirmed that the Proposer, Code Admin and Ofgem decided that making an urgency request for CMP417 wouldn't be beneficial considering there is only one Workgroup remaining and preferred to focus on progressing through the modification process.
- DA stated that DESNZ has the authority to include the Workgroup's solution into the legal text, bypassing the decision-making process. DA confirmed NESO has discussed the process with DESNZ but hasn't been instructed to take any action yet. JC suggested that NESO consider the interaction when the modification gets approved to avoid situations where people pay money only to be refunded.

CMP328: Connections Triggering Distribution Impact Assessment

- JC stated that following Ofgem's end to end review consultation, should the priority of CMP328 be reconsidered due to its significant links to Connection Reform. JC noted that it would be beneficial to understand whether the Proposer of CMP328 still wishes to continue to develop this, if not can they withdraw their support, to allow someone else to take it forward or to allow someone else to raise a new modification.
- CG mentioned that CMP328 was sent back by the Authority, but there is uncertainty about the scope of work needed to complete it. If it moves to medium priority, no work will be done, but a Chair and Technical Secretary can be allocated before Workgroups start. DA expressed concern that previous deep dives did not consider CMP328. GG suggested that Code Admin reach out to the Proposer and NESO regulation manager to outline Ofgem's views. JC agreed with GG's suggestion and noted that people have raised concerns about CMP328. CG took an action for Code Admin to contact the Proposer and advise of the Panel discussions on CMP328 and confirm if they wish to continue to progress the modification. **ACTION.**

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20. The Panel made no changes to the prioritisation stack and will review this at the Panel meeting on 27 March. The current prioritisation stack can be found via the following link: [here](#)

11. Standing Groups

Transmission Charging Methodology Forum (TCMF)

21. DA confirmed that the TCMF was held on 05 February. The meeting materials can be found via the following link: <https://www.neso.energy/calendar/transmission-charging-methodologies-forum-tcmf-cusc-issues-steering-group-cisg-05-february-2026>

The next TCMF meeting will be held on 05 March.

12. European Updates

Joint European Stakeholder Group (JESG)

22. GG advised that the JESG meeting was held on 10 February. The meeting materials can be found via the following link: <https://www.neso.energy/calendar/joint-european-stakeholder-group-jesg-10-february-2026>

The next JESG meeting will be held on 10 March.

13. Update on other Industry Codes

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

- 28 January 2026 STC [Panel Papers and Headline Report](#)
- 29 January 2026 Grid Code Review [Panel Papers and Headline Report](#)

14. Relevant Interruptions Claim Report

24. No further updates for the Panel.

15. Governance

25. No further updates for the Panel.

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16. Horizon Scan

26. CG presented the horizon scan to the Panel. GG mentioned the potential for two more code modifications in relation to dynamic alignments with EU rules. GG also highlighted that amendments have been made by NESO to Bilateral Connection Agreements without a CUSC modification being raised and questioned when the CUSC Modification would be raised to formalise these amendments. DA took an action to speak to internal colleagues about this and confirm to the Panel.

ACTION.

27. JC also noted that Ofgem advisory groups are looking into Demand Connections Reform and will discuss any potential Code Modifications. JC stated that any updates will be shared at the next Panel meeting.

17. Code Administrator Update

28. There were no updates for the Panel.

18. Any Other Business (AOB)

CMP447: Removal of designated strategic works from cancellation charges/securitisation – Decision and legal text

29. JC provided the Panel with feedback from industry participants regarding the Authority’s decision-making process on CUSC Modifications, particularly CMP447. JC advised that two WACMs, which performed well against the Applicable CUSC Objectives and were the favoured options when voted on by the Workgroup were rejected largely due to the belief that the legal text introduced obligations on the Authority. JC noted that the first sentence of the legal text could be interpreted in two ways, but this was easily fixable, and Ofgem could have sent this back to the Workgroup for resolution if they did not feel the legal text aligned with the intention of the WACM.

30. NH confirmed that Ofgem assess all WACM’s with the original solution and would only send back modifications if they did not have all the necessary information that is required for the decision-making process. NH stated that he will share the feedback on CMP447 legal text with colleagues.

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31. KH mentioned that there could be potential modifications raised to get BEGA's from NESO to allow Gate 2 applications to progress.

19. Close

32. 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 March via Microsoft Teams.

New Modification Proposals to be submitted by 12 March.

CUSC Panel Papers Day is 19 March.