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CUSC Modification Proposal Form														
<h1>CMP468:</h1> <h2>Removal of outdated references in CUSC (non-charging)</h2> <p>Overview: Removes outdated references in CUSC to Electricity Ten Year Statement (ETYS).</p>	<h3>Modification process & timetable</h3> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>Proposal Form 24 April 2026</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>Code Administrator Consultation 27 April – 19 May 2026</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3</td> <td>Draft Final SG Modification Report 19 June 2026</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4</td> <td>Final SG Modification Report 26 June 2026</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5</td> <td>Appeals Window 07 July – 28 July 2026</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6</td> <td>Implementation 31 August 2026</td> </tr> </table>		1	Proposal Form 24 April 2026	2	Code Administrator Consultation 27 April – 19 May 2026	3	Draft Final SG Modification Report 19 June 2026	4	Final SG Modification Report 26 June 2026	5	Appeals Window 07 July – 28 July 2026	6	Implementation 31 August 2026
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<p>Status summary: The Proposer has raised a modification and is seeking a decision from the Panel on the governance route to be taken.</p>														
<p>This modification is expected to have a: Low impact on market participants. It won't affect tariffs; it just reflects updated sources of data.</p>														
<p>Proposer's recommendation of governance route</p> <p>Self-governance; Straight to Code Administrator Consultation</p>	<p>Modification Category</p> <p>CUSC Non-Charging Objectives</p>													
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What is the issue?

The CUSC contains several references to the Electricity Ten Year Statement (ETYS).

These need to be replaced with appropriate references to the Centralised Strategic Network Plan (CSNP¹), as ETYS will soon cease to be published, with the last publication expected in June 2026. The obligation to publish the CSNP, and an obligation to consult on it, lies in the Electricity System Operator Licence Condition “C17”.

The first CSNP publication is expected in Q4 2027.

Why change?

The CUSC contains several references to the ETYS. These need to be replaced with appropriate references to NESO planning data, which will come from the CSNP.

What is the Proposer’s solution?

References to ETYS are proposed to be replaced in the legal text with CSNP.

There is one exception:

Section 11 has a definition of “Interconnector User Commitment Capacity” which gives a result (a capacity, import vs export, of that interconnector for use in user commitment) that is conditional, in clauses (a) and (b) of that definition, on whether the Interconnector connects above or below “the B11 boundary as set out in ETYS”. This was introduced via CUSC change proposal CMP222: User Commitment for Non-Generation Users. It’s Workgroup and Proposer decided to hard-code boundary B11 as the basis of what capacity to use per interconnector for the purposes of section 15 user commitment. Checking back in past ETYS copies, this boundary B11 hadn’t changed up to 2024, but there isn’t a guarantee that it doesn’t change in future under CSNP (or even that there always is a boundary known as B11). CMP222 Workgroup evidently believed that boundary B11 would be stable.

The Proposer of CMP222 had originally intended to use a different basis of whether an interconnector is net exporting or net importing; it can be seen across paras 4.63 to 4.68 of the FMR (Final Modification Report) for CMP222, that the Workgroup decided instead to look at boundaries, with the Proposer deciding to use boundary 11 as an identifying breakpoint.

¹ this CSNP methodology webinar series at:

www.neso.energy/what-we-do/strategic-planning/strategic-energy-planning-sep-publications-consultations-and-updates

links to a series of summer 2025 webinars and a consultation on CSNP

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The way to most reliably leave the workings of CMP222 undisturbed is to leave the reference to ETYS in, but ground it in the 2024 ETYS, the most recently published at this time.

So, the definition now says : “...B11 boundary as set out in the 2024 edition of the annual Electricity Ten Year Statement”. That makes sure B11 always has meaning.

The legal text reflects this, and for this reason the definition of ETYS is not deleted from Section 11.

Draft legal text

The following Sections of the CUSC will require updating:

- Section 11
- Section 13
- Section 15

The proposed legal text changes can be found in **Annex 01**.

What is the impact of this change?

Customers and stakeholders need to know that the NESO (Independent System Operator and Planner - ISOP) Licence Condition C17 now requires the production of a CSNP in the future; there will no longer be ETYS publications after 2026.

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Proposer's assessment against CUSC Non-Charging Objectives	
Relevant Objective	Identified impact
(i) The efficient discharge by the Licensee of the obligations imposed on it by the Act and by this licence*;	Positive The CUSC text will now reflect the NESO (ISOP) Licence Condition C17 regarding the production of a CSNP in future
(ii) Facilitating effective competition in the generation and supply of electricity, and (so far as consistent therewith) facilitating such competition in the sale, distribution and purchase of electricity;	Positive By referring to the correct name for the published network planning data, Generators are better directed and can research the market better, facilitating slightly more effective competition
(iii) Compliance with the Electricity Regulation and any relevant legally binding decision of the European Commission and/or the Agency **;	Neutral
(iv) Promoting efficiency in the implementation and administration of the CUSC arrangements.	Positive The CUSC is kept up to date with the latest NESO (ISOP) Licence Condition C17 regarding the production of a CSNP in future

* See *Electricity System Operator Licence*

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***The Electricity Regulation referred to in objective (iii) is Regulation (EU) 2019/943 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 June 2019 on the internal market for electricity (recast) as it has effect immediately before IP completion day as read with the modifications set out in the SI 2020/1006.*

Proposer’s assessment of the impact of the modification on the stakeholder / consumer benefit categories	
Stakeholder / consumer benefit categories	Identified impact
Improved safety and reliability of the system	Positive Moving to the Centralised Strategic Network Plan (CSNP) marks a shift to a more proactive, whole-system approach. This change is designed to accelerate the delivery of critical infrastructure, drive economic growth, and ensure reliable, affordable energy while meeting net zero targets by 2050
Lower bills than would otherwise be the case	Positive By anticipating demand and planning even more efficiently, the CSNP aims to reduce unnecessary costs associated with reactive network development, saving money in network upgrades and constraint payments.
Benefits for society as a whole	Positive See comment above
Reduced environmental damage	Neutral
Improved quality of service	Neutral

When will this change take place?

Implementation date:

31 August 2026.

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Date decision required by

Mid-August 2026.

Implementation approach

No systems changes are required. There are changes to the STC and the Grid Code to reflect the move to the CSNP, but they are not interactive with this pair of CUSC modifications. They are however being raised at the same time.

In the middle of August 2026, the initial transition period to set up CSNP will begin. It is at this point that users who are currently submitting data via the ETYS process will need to switch to the equivalent section of the CSNP. It is hoped that CMP468 can be implemented by 31 August 2026.

Proposer’s justification for governance route

Governance route: Self-Governance modification to proceed to Code Administrator Consultation

Reason why this mod is recommended as suitable for self-governance and doesn’t need a workgroup is that this modification, if passed, would update the CUSC by replacing outdated references to ETYS; it wouldn’t have a material effect on any of the following:

- i) existing or future electricity consumers;
 - ii) competition in the generation, distribution, or supply of electricity or any commercial activities connected with the generation, distribution, or supply of electricity;
 - iii) the operation of the National Electricity Transmission System;
 - iv) matters relating to sustainable development, safety or security of supply, or the management of market or network emergencies; and
 - v) The governance procedures or modification procedures of the CUSC itself
- and this mod also won’t lead to discrimination between different classes of Parties.

Interactions

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grid Code | <input type="checkbox"/> BSC | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STC | <input type="checkbox"/> SQSS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> European Network Codes | <input type="checkbox"/> EBR Article 18 T&Cs ¹ | <input type="checkbox"/> Other modifications | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

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Acronyms, key terms and reference material

Acronym / key term	Meaning
BSC	Balancing and Settlement Code
CUSC	Connection and Use of System Code
CSNP	Centralised Strategic Network Plan
EBR	Electricity Balancing Regulation
ETYS	Electricity Ten Year Statement
GC	Grid Code
ISOP	Independent System Operator and Planner
NESO	National Energy System Operator
NETS	National Electricity Transmission System
SQSS	Security and Quality of Supply Standards
STC	System Operator Transmission Owner Code

Annexes

Annex	Information
Annex 01	CMP468 Legal Text