

# **CMP471: Interim Connection Date Delay Process Ahead of CMP434 Gated Application Window**

Workgroup Number 1, 11 June 2026

Online Meeting via Teams

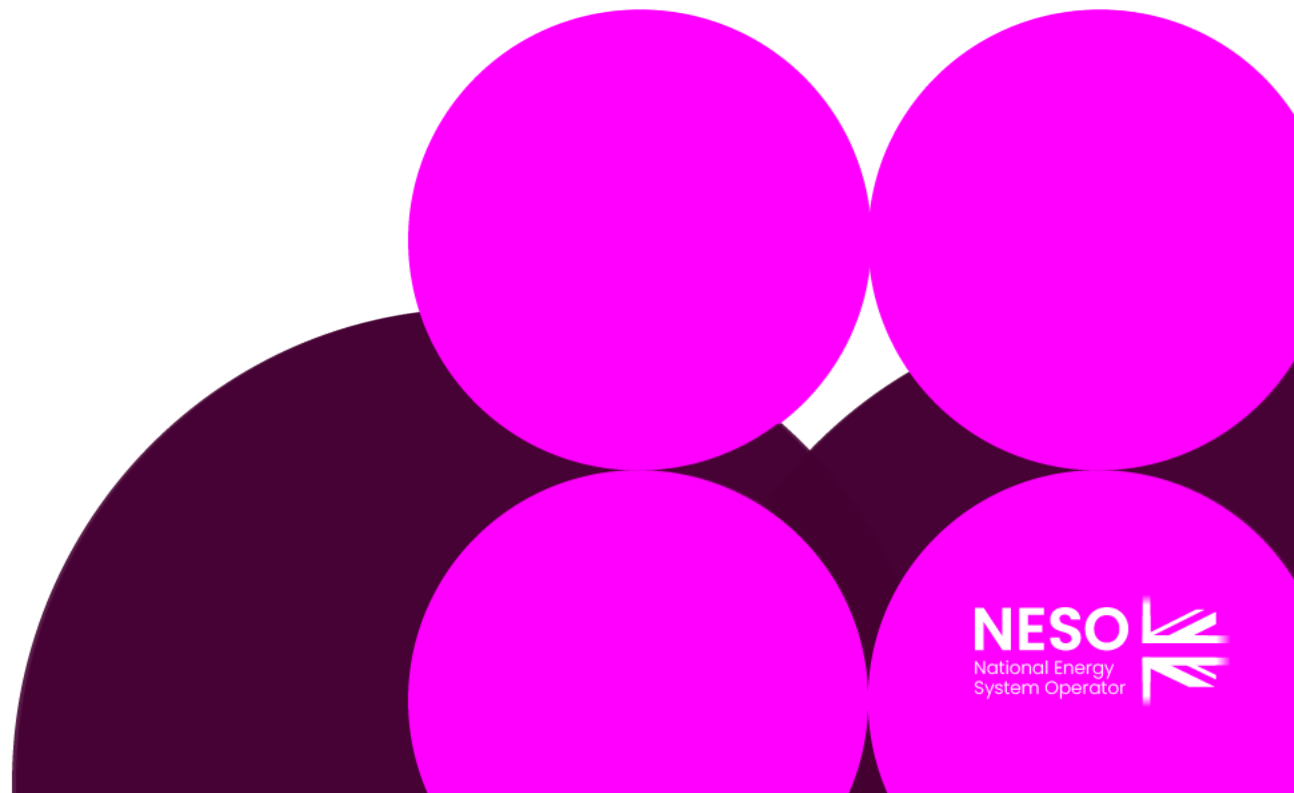
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# Agenda

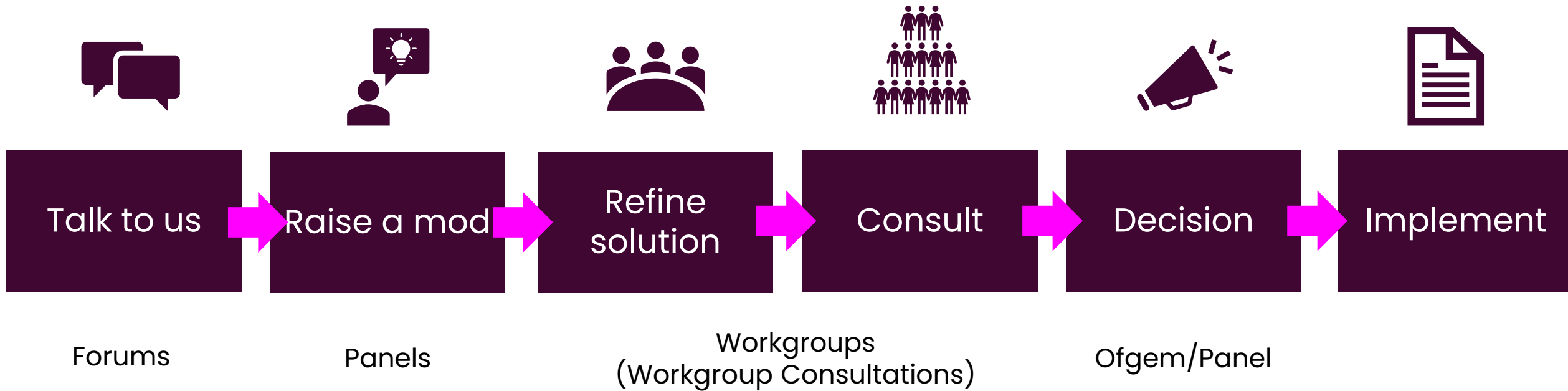
Topics to be discussed	Lead
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# Modification Process

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# Code Modification Process Overview



# Refine Solution Workgroups



- If the proposed solution requires further input from industry in order to develop the solution, a Workgroup will be set up.
- The Workgroup will:
  - further refine the solution, in their discussions and by holding a **Workgroup Consultation**
  - Consider other solutions, and may raise **Alternative Modifications** to be considered alongside the Original Modification
  - Have a **Workgroup Vote** so views of the Workgroup members can be expressed in the Workgroup Report which is presented to Panel

# Consult Code Administrator Consultation

- The Code Administrator runs a consultation on the **final solution(s)**, to gather final views from industry before a decision is made on the modification.
- After this, the modification report is voted on by Panel who also give their views on the solution.



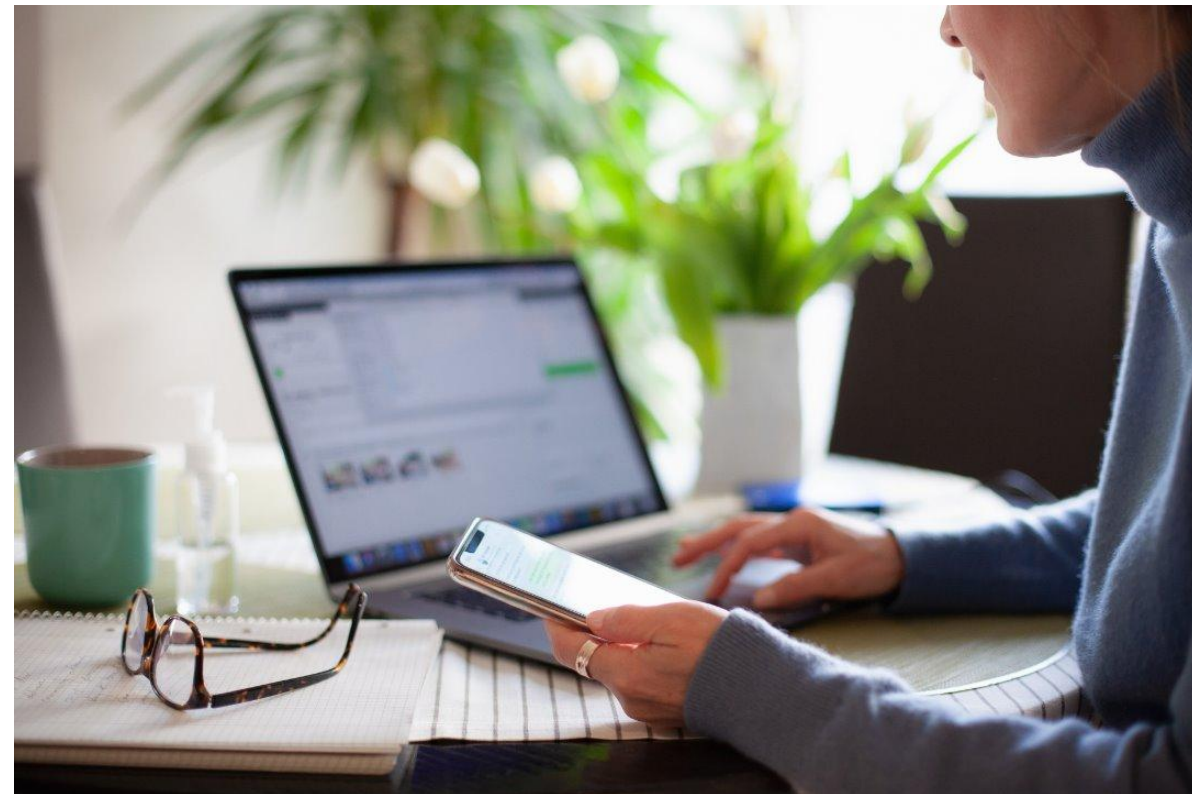
# Decision



- Dependent on the Governance Route that was decided by Panel when the modification was raised
- **Standard Governance:** Ofgem makes the decision on whether or not the modification is implemented
- **Self-Governance:** Panel makes the decision on whether or not the modification is implemented
  - an appeals window is opened for 15 days following the Final Self Governance Modification Report being published

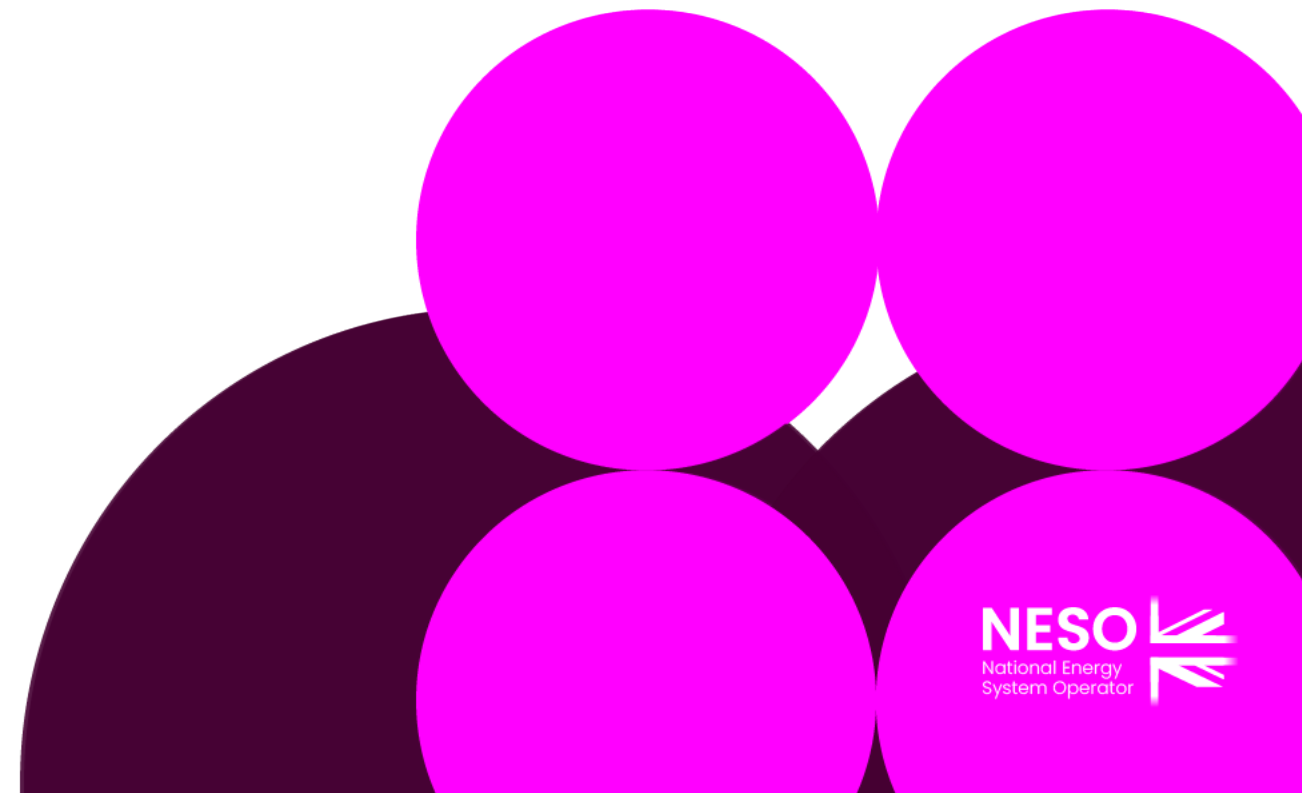
# Implement

- The Code Administrator implements the final change which was decided by the Panel / Ofgem on the agreed date.



# Workgroup Responsibilities and Membership

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## Expectations of a Workgroup Member

Contribute to the discussion

Be respectful of each other's opinions

Language and Conduct to be consistent with the values of equality and diversity

Do not share commercially sensitive information

Be prepared – Review Papers and Reports ahead of meetings

Complete actions in a timely manner

Keep to agreed scope

Email communications to/cc'ing the .box email

## Your Roles

Help refine/develop the solution(s)

Bring forward alternatives as early as possible

Vote on whether or not to proceed with requests for Alternatives

Vote on whether the solution(s) better facilitate the Code Objectives

# Workgroup Membership

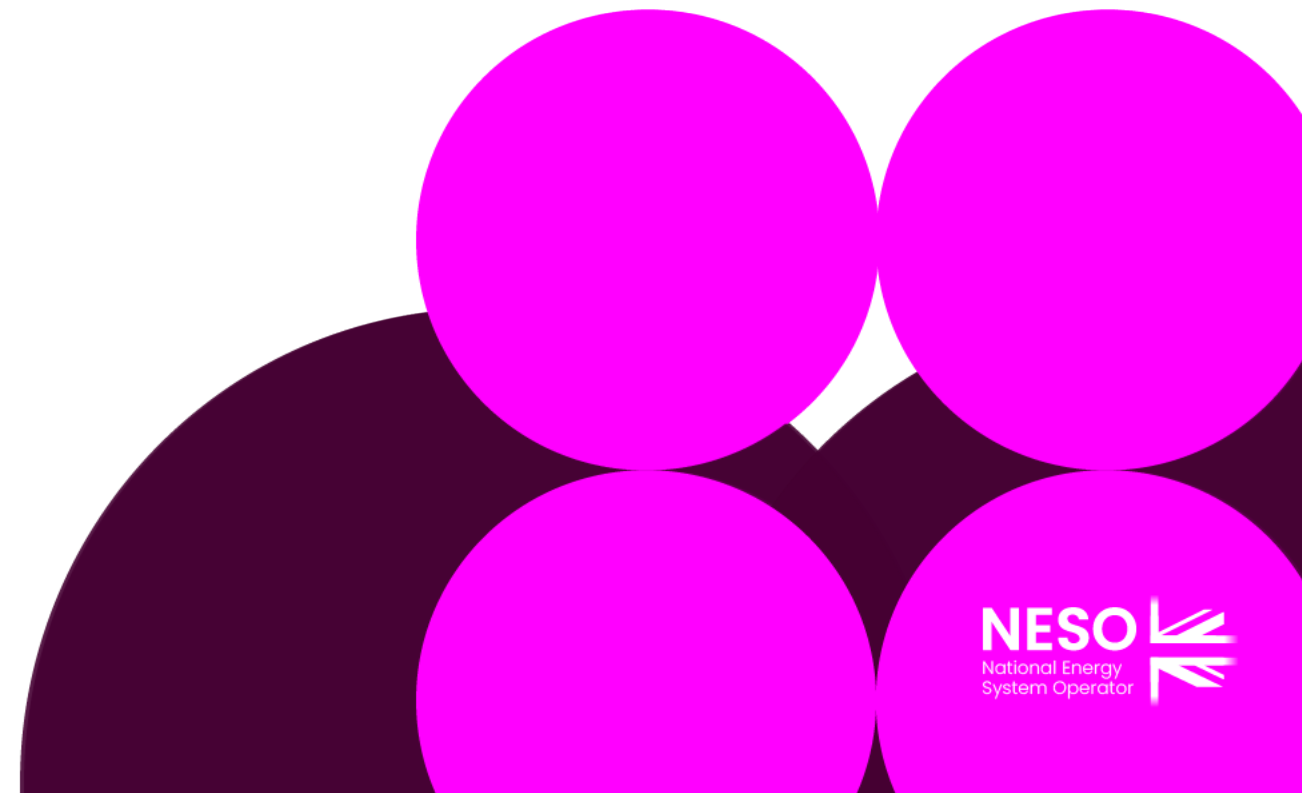
Role	Name	Company
Proposer	Matthew Dowds	Muir Hall Energy
NESO Rep	Terry Baldwin	NESO
Workgroup Member	Andrew Allan	RWE
Workgroup Member	Ciaran Fitzgerald	Scottish Power Renewables
Workgroup Member	Cat Glennie	SP Manweb Plc Scottish Powere Transmission
Workgroup Member	<del>Fiona Ewart</del> Gareth Williams	Scottish Power Transmission
Workgroup Member	Garth Graham	SSE Generation
Workgroup Member	Henry McDonald	Voltwise Power
Workgroup Member	Joe Colebrook	Innova
Workgroup Member	Kirsty Dawson	Statkraft.com
Workgroup Member	Lamin Saidy Vulart	Qair UK
Workgroup Member	Martin Hardwick	Northern Powergrid
Workgroup Member	Mark O'Connor	EDF ENERGY RENEWABLES LIMITED
Workgroup Member	Alastair Southworth	Harmony Energy

# Workgroup Membership

Role	Name	Company
Workgroup Member	Sam Aitchinson	Island Green Power
Workgroup Member	Isabelle Eleanor Vasko	NGET
Workgroup Member	Harriet Eckweiler	SSE Transmission
Workgroup Member	Rob Smith	Enso Green Holdings Ltd (EGHL)
Workgroup Member	Niall Stuart	Hutcheson Associates
Observer	Ben Clarke	Bute Energy Ltd
Observer	David Barber	GridLink Interconnector Ltd
Observer	Dimitrios Terzis	SSEN Transmission
Observer	Mithun Suresh	Masdar
Observer	Patrick O'Mahony	Perigus Energy
Observer	Toby Evans	Atlantic Green
Observer	Fiona Ewart	Scottish Power Transmmission
Authority Representative	Shalema Bhanu	Ofgem
Authority Representative	Kingsley Emeana	Ofgem

# Workgroup Alternatives and Workgroup Vote

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# What is the Alternative Request?

**What is an Alternative Request?** The formal starting point for a Workgroup Alternative Modification to be developed which can be raised up until the Workgroup Vote.

**What do I need to include in my Alternative Request form?** The requirements are the same for a Modification Proposal you need to articulate in writing:

- a description (in reasonable but not excessive detail) of the issue or defect which the proposal seeks to address compared to the current proposed solution(s);
- the reasons why you believe that the proposed alternative request would better facilitate the Applicable Objectives compared with the current proposed solution(s) together with background information;
- where possible, an indication of those parts of the Code which would need amending in order to give effect to (and/or would otherwise be affected by) the proposed alternative request and an indication of the impacts of those amendments or effects; and
- where possible, an indication of the impact of the proposed alternative request on relevant computer systems and processes.

**How do Alternative Requests become formal Workgroup Alternative Modifications?** The Workgroup will carry out a Vote on Alternatives Requests. If the majority of the Workgroup members or the Workgroup Chair believe the Alternative Request will better facilitate the Applicable Objectives than the current proposed Original solution, the Workgroup will develop it as a Workgroup Alternative Modification.

**Who develops the legal text for Workgroup Alternative Modifications?** NESO will assist Proposers and Workgroups with the production of draft legal text once a clear solution has been developed to support discussion and understanding of the Workgroup Alternative Modifications.

# Can I vote? And What is the Alternative Vote?

To participate in any votes, Workgroup members need to have attended at least 50% of meetings. The vote shall be decided by simple majority of those present at the meeting at which the vote takes place (whether in person or by teleconference)

## Stage 1 – Alternative Vote

- Vote on whether Workgroup Alternative Requests should become Workgroup Alternative CUSC Modifications.
- The Alternative vote is carried out to identify the level of Workgroup support there is for any potential alternative options that have been brought forward by either any member of the Workgroup OR an Industry Participant as part of the Workgroup Consultation.
- **Should the majority of the Workgroup OR the Chair believe that the potential alternative solution may better facilitate the CUSC objectives than the Original then the potential alternative will be fully developed by the Workgroup with legal text to form a Workgroup Alternative CUSC modification (WACM) and submitted to the Panel and Authority alongside the Original solution for the Panel Recommendation vote and the Authority decision.**

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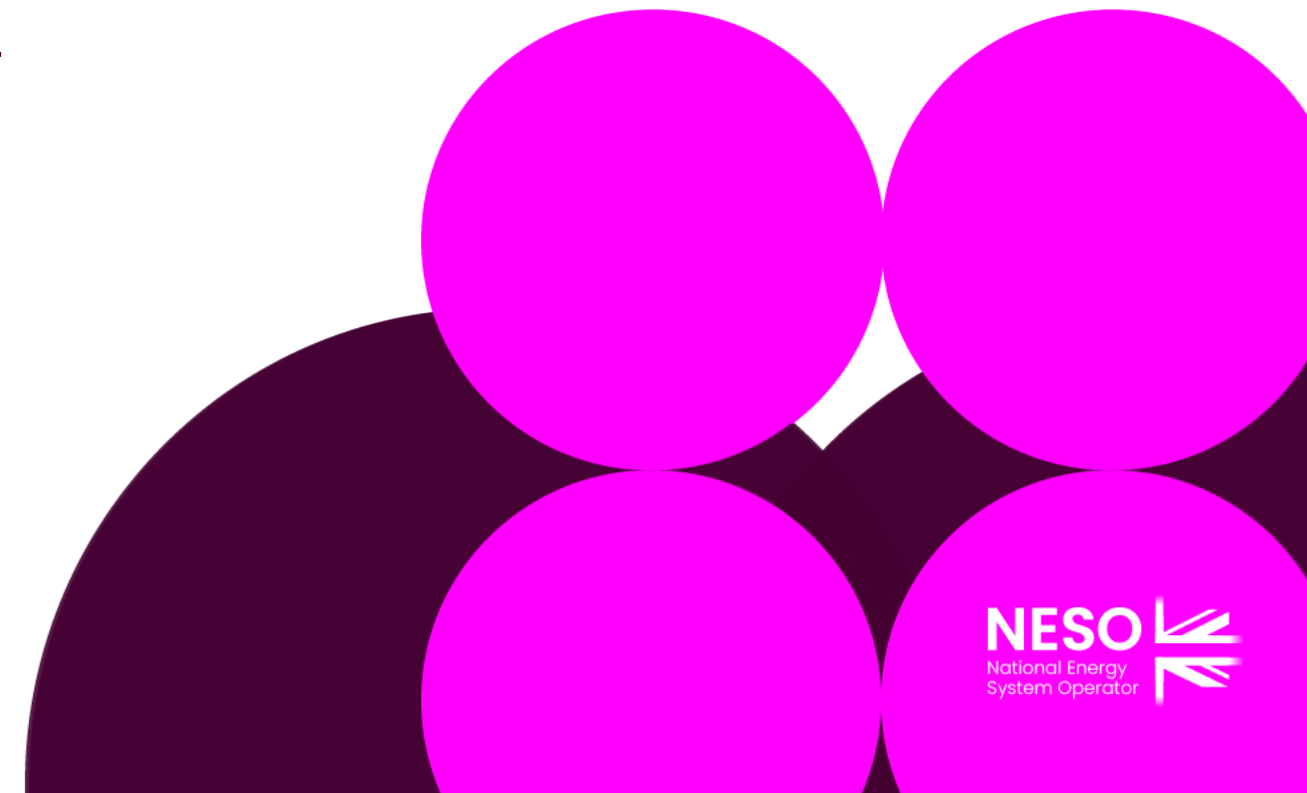
## Stage 2 – Workgroup Vote

- 2a) Assess the original and Workgroup Alternative (if there are any) against the relevant Applicable Objectives compared to the baseline (the current code)
- 2b) Vote on which of the options is best.

Alternate Requests cannot be raised after the Stage 2 – Workgroup Vote

# Objectives and Timeline

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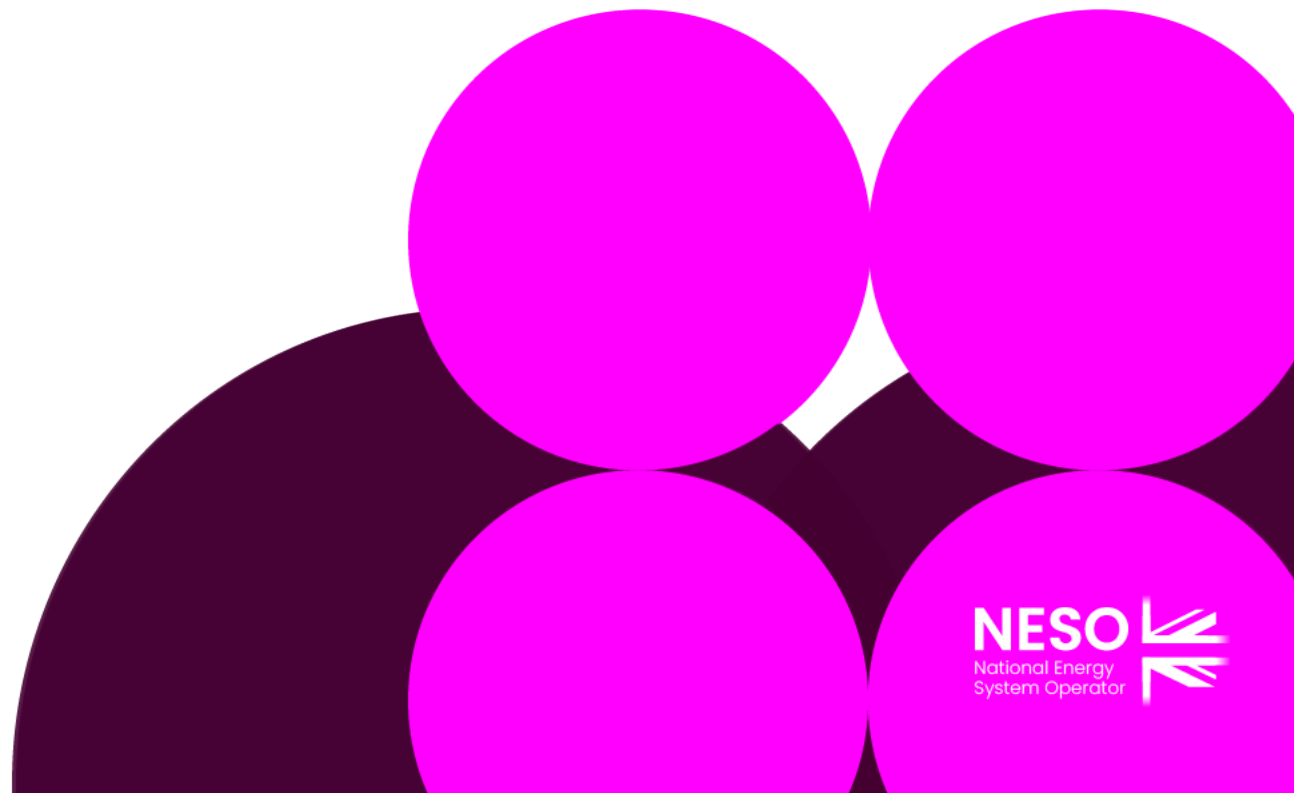


## Timeline for CMP471 as at 08 June 2026

Milestone	Date	Milestone	Date
Modification presented to Panel	15 May 2026	Code Administrator Consultation (10 Business Days)	10 July – 24 July 2026
Workgroup Nominations	15 May 2026 – 19 May 2026 (Extended until 03 June 2026)	Draft Final Modification Report (DFMR) issued to Panel (2 Business Days)	28 July 2026
(Full Day Meetings) Workgroup 1 Workgroup 2 Workgroup 3	11 June 2026 15 June 2026 17 June 2026	Panel undertake DFMR recommendation vote	31 July 2026
Workgroup Consultation	19 June – 25 June	Final Modification Report issued to Panel to check votes recorded correctly	03 August 2026
(Full Day Meetings) Workgroup 5 Workgroup 6	30 June 2026 02 July 2026	Final Modification Report issued to Ofgem	03 August 2026
Workgroup report issued to Panel	07 July 2026	Ofgem decision	TBC
Panel sign off that Workgroup Report has met its Terms of Reference	10 July 2026 (Special Panel)	Implementation Date	TBC

# Review Terms of Reference

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# Terms of Reference

## Workgroup Term of Reference

1. Consider EBR implications

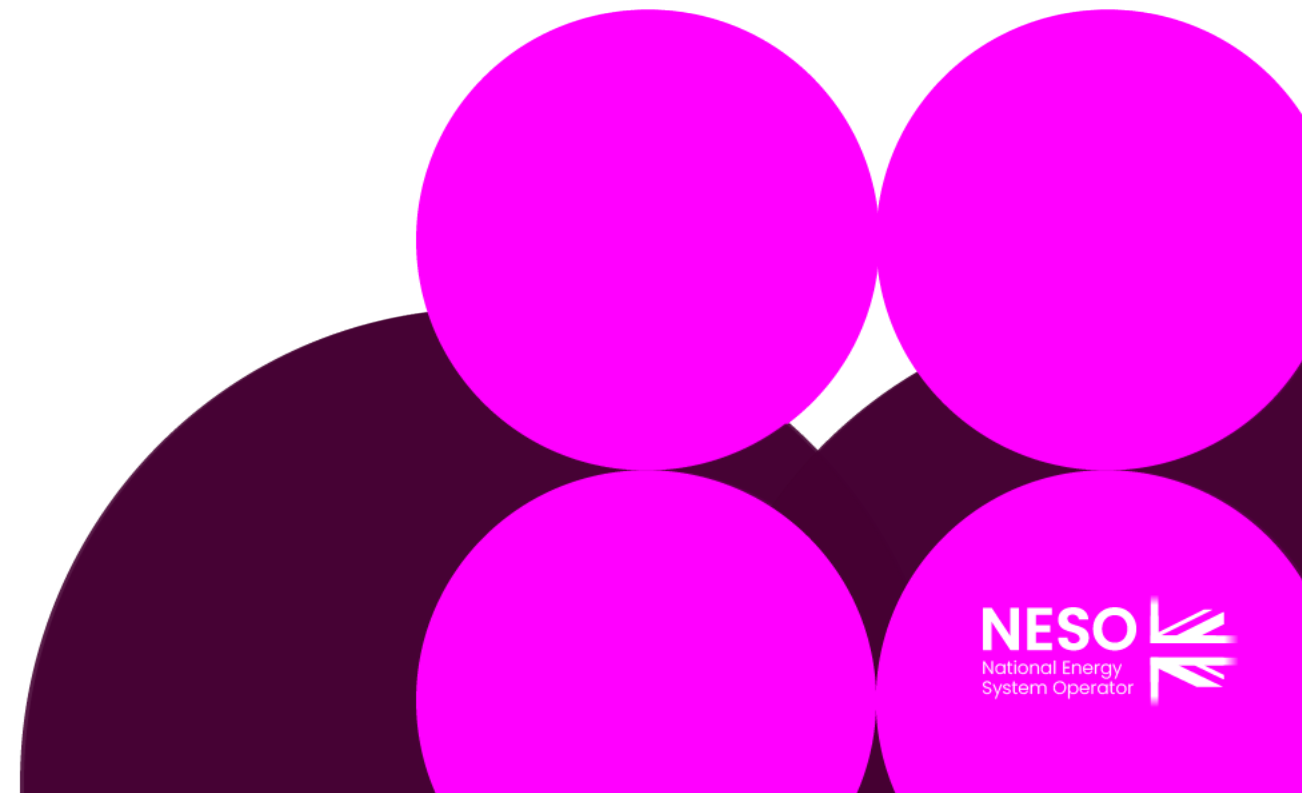
2. Consider a solution that provides both a short term solution for applications within the Gate 2 to Whole Queue (G2TWQ) process i.e. CMP435 and allows for non-gated applications to delay connection dates as part of the enduring (CMP434) connections process

3. Consider if there should be a limit on who can take advantage of a non-gated modification to delay connection dates. E.g. limit based on existing connection date

4. Consider the need for revised network studies within the solution

# **Proposer's Solution: Background; Proposed Solution; Scope; and Assessment vs Terms of Reference**

Matthew Dowds – Muirhall Energy



# **CMP471: Interim Connection Date Delay Process Ahead of CMP434 Gated Application Window**

CUSC Modification Proposal - May 2026

Matthew Dowds - Muirhall Energy

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# (1) Defect and Objective



## Defect

- Users, TOs and NESO are unable to delay project connection dates until the first CMP434 window.
- For NESO, this results in inefficient contract management, avoidable administrative burden and inaccurate future generation profiles.
- For Users, they face cost risks and are exposed to outdated and disproportionate cost liabilities.

The misalignment between contractual positions and actual deliverable timelines, increases the risk of non-acceptance of Gate 2 Offers and negative project consequences for both Users and NESO/TOs.

## Objective

Introduce a targeted, interim mechanism to allow connection date delays, improving alignment and reducing avoidable cost and risk.

## (2.1) Impact of the defect - 2026/27 Projects

- ▶ Ofgem has noted that 62% of protected 2026/27 projects are affected by ‘network-driven’ connection date delays. Connection offers are therefore being returned with inaccurate data.
- ▶ There is also uncertainty on the limits of which NESO can vary User offers. Below is an example of a connection date issue a 2026/27 project has encountered:

### ‘Project A’ Background

- The contracted connection date was 2027.
- The connection requires both SPT and NGET reinforcements.
- SPT reinforcements remain deliverable in 2027.
- NGET reinforcements have been delayed to 2028.
- The User had agreed with the SPT project team that a 2028 connection date would be preferred.
- The project did not request acceleration.

### ‘Project A’ Gate 2 Offer

- SPT confirmed that a 2028 connection date could not be offered.
- SPT cited that they had ‘regulatory reporting requirements and a statutory duty to provide Users with the earliest possible connection date’.
- A staged solution was provided:
  - Stage 1: 2027 (SPT reinforcements complete)
  - Stage 2: 2028 (full reinforcement completion).
- This results in the User needing to procure assets and align EBoP and BoP contracts for 2027, while operating under significant export constraints for a year, jeopardising the project.

## (2.2) Impact of defect - 2027+ Projects

- ▶ Users continue to pay Capital Contributions based on payment profiles that do not reflect actual project programmes.
- ▶ The next security trigger date is 1<sup>st</sup> April 2027, and there is currently no mechanism for Users to manage this, which will increase the Users liability risk and potentially increase project cost.

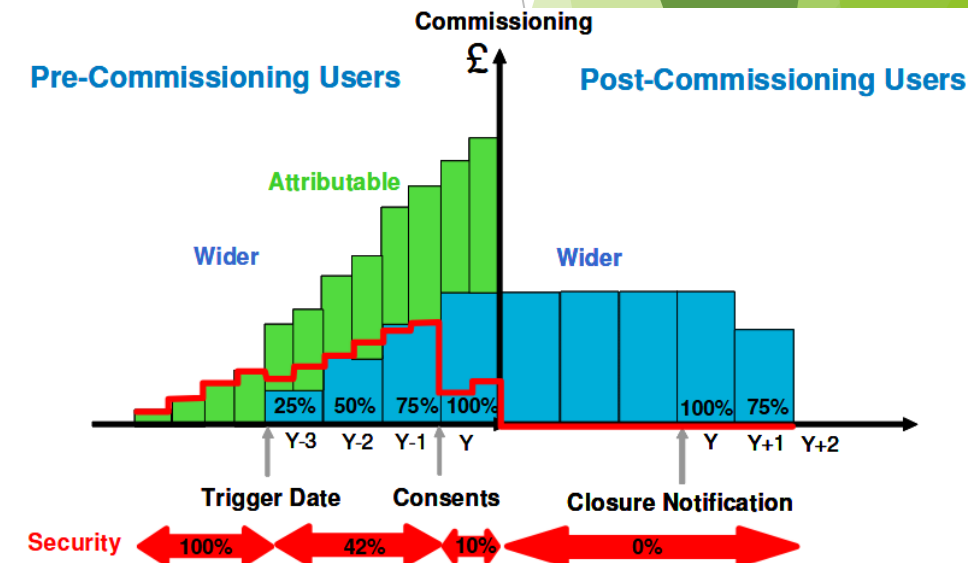
### 'Project B' Impact

- The contracted connection date is 2030.
- 'Project Bs' planning consent decision has been delayed.
- The User would want to realign the contracted connection date with the new expected connection date following the planning delay.
- Without this alignment, the User takes on a higher risk profile once the April 2027 trigger date is reached, resulting in millions of securities and liabilities being incurred. NESO/TOs would also be ordering assets too far in advance for the projects needs, Users could then face unnecessary capital contribution payments, delay charges and storage fees.
- This risk was not anticipated before Connections Reform began, as it was expected that the first CMP434 window would have already opened. However, delays in the process have created this risk.

### Forecast of One Off Instalments/Capital Contributions Yet to Make

For indication only, the Capital Contribution sum in respect of those assets installed for this agreement and specified in Appendix A Part 2 and Appendix A Part 3 of this agreement will be £12,479,501.00 in October 2022 prices, and payable in accordance with Schedule below.

Invoice Date	Excluding VAT	
31 January, 2024	£	121,724.00
30 July, 2024	£	177,449.00
31 January, 2026	£	840,679.00
30 July, 2026	£	2,537,006.00
31 January, 2028	£	3,335,533.00
30 July, 2028	£	3,189,761.00
31 January, 2029	£	2,277,349.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>12,479,501.00</b>



# (3) Proposed Solution

Received Gate 2 Offer - Not Yet Accepted

- Users may request a connection date delay within four weeks of receiving the Gate 2 Offer.
- NESO will engage with relevant TO(s) to determine whether the revised connection date can be accommodated. The Gate 2 offer would then be revised and returned within the 3-month acceptance period.
- Where the connection date delay cannot be accommodated, the TO and NESO will work with the User to agree the next best option.
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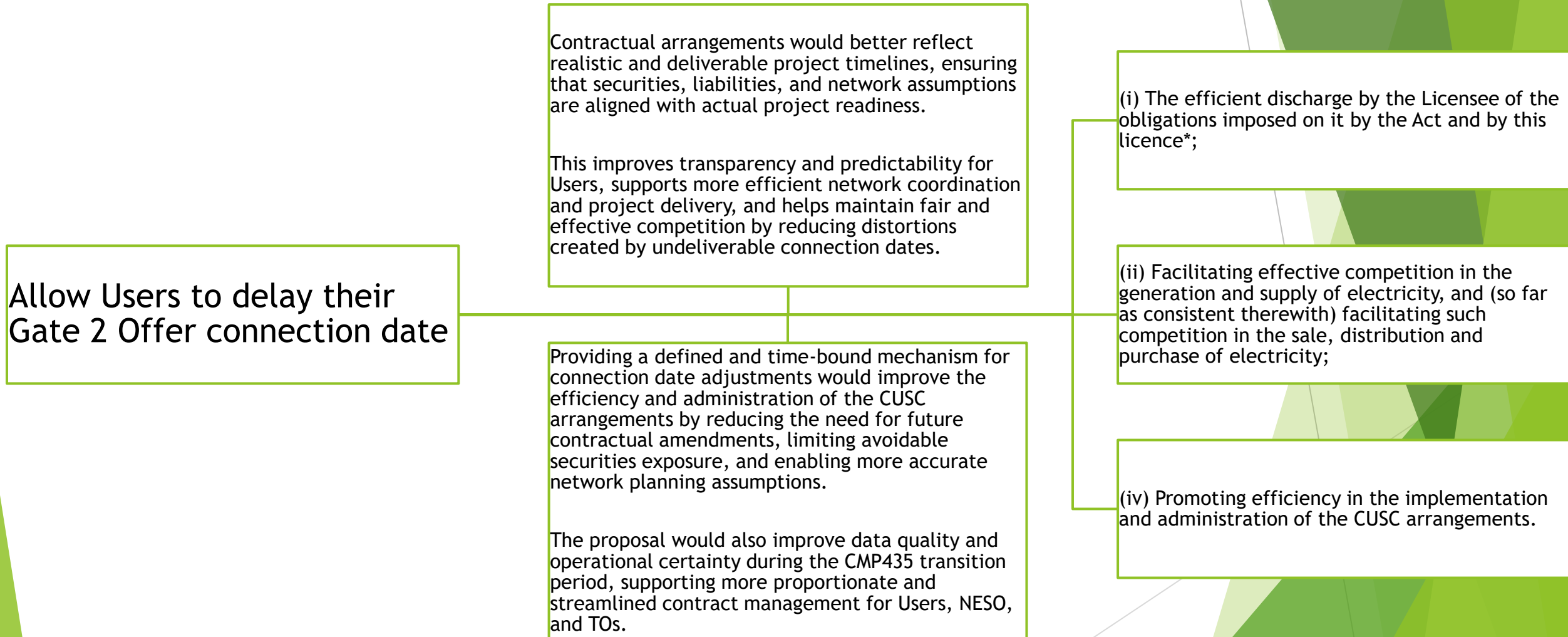
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# CMP471 – Legal Text

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# Section 11 – Interpretation and Definitions

- **“CMP471 Connection Date Delay Window”**  
the period commencing on the CMP471 Implementation Date and ending on 30 September 2026 (or such other date as may be approved by the Authority).
- **“CMP471 Connection Date Delay Request”**  
a request submitted by a User or Gated Applicant solely to defer the contracted Connection Date, Completion Date, Energisation Date or equivalent project delivery date, without increasing TEC, CEC, Developer Capacity, Demand MW, Installed Capacity or otherwise increasing the impact of the Project on the National Electricity Transmission System.

# Section 17 – Gated Application and Offer Process

- Insert a new section in 17.13 Gate 2 Offer, after 17.13.2 –
  - 17.13.3.1** Notwithstanding any other provision of the CUSC, during CMP435 a Gated Applicant may submit a ‘CMP471 Connection Date Delay Request’ within 20 Business Days of receipt of a Gate 2 Offer.
  - 17.13.3.2** A CMP471 Connection Date Delay Request:
    - (a) shall only request a later Connection Date;
    - (b) shall not increase TEC, CEC, Developer Capacity, Demand MW or Installed Capacity;
    - (c) shall not alter the technology type of the Project other than as otherwise permitted under the CUSC; and
    - (d) shall not require the submission of a further Gate 2 Application.
  - 17.13.3.3** The Company shall assess the CMP471 Connection Date Delay Request and where reasonably satisfied that the request does not unreasonably adversely impact network planning or the efficient operation of the Gated Application and Offer Process, shall issue a revised Gate 2 Offer reflecting the requested Connection Date.
  - 17.13.3.4** Where:
    - (a) a User received a Gate 2 Offer prior to the CMP471 Implementation Date; or
    - (b) has already accepted its Gate 2 Offer.That User shall be eligible to submit a CMP471 Connection Date Delay Request during the CMP471 Connection Date Delay Window. Such User shall have 20 Business Days from the first day of the CMP471 Connection Date Delay Window to submit a CMP471 Connection Date Delay Request.

Only Users that did not receive the 20 Business Days allowance can use the CMP471 Connection Date Delay Window. A User cannot have both the opportunity to delay a connection date following receipt of a Gate 2 Offer and the CMP471 Connection Date Delay Window.
  - 17.13.3.5** Where a CMP471 Connection Date Delay Request submitted pursuant to paragraph 17.13.3.4 is approved, the revised Connection Date shall be treated as though it had formed part of the original Gate 2 Offer for all purposes of the CUSC, including the application of Security Cover, User Commitments, Cancellation Charges and any other liabilities arising under the User's Existing Agreements.

# Section 18 – Gated Process for Projects with Existing Agreements

- Insert a new section after 18.14 Gate 2 Modification Offer provisions –
  - 18.15.1** Following implementation of CMP471, a User with Existing Agreements may submit a CMP471 Connection Date Delay Request to the Company.
  - 18.15.2** The Company may, following consultation with the relevant Transmission Owner(s), issue an Agreement to Vary, Modification Offer or other contractual amendment necessary to implement an approved Connection Date Delay Request.
  - 18.15.3** Any revised Connection Date agreed pursuant to this paragraph shall be deemed to have formed part of the Existing Agreements for all purposes of the CUSC, including:
    - (a) User Commitment liabilities;
    - (b) Security Cover requirements;
    - (c) Cancellation Charge calculations; and
    - (d) milestone and programme obligations.
  - 18.15.4** Upon expiry of the CMP471 Connection Date Delay Window:
    - (a) no further CMP471 Connection Date Delay Requests may be submitted pursuant to this Section; and
    - (b) requests for later Connection Dates shall revert to treatment as Gated Modification Applications in accordance with the Gated Modification Guidance.

# Gated Modification Guidance and Allowable Changes

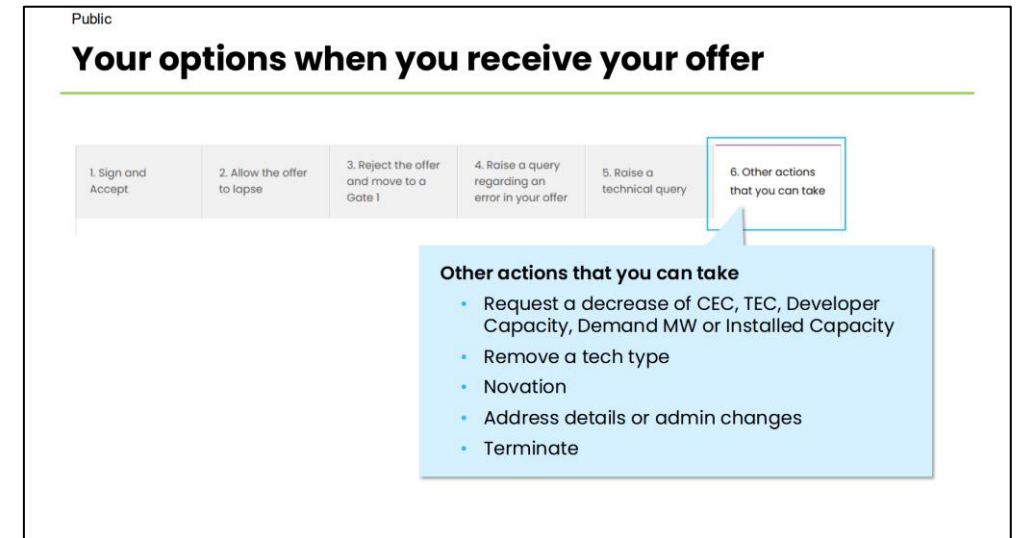
- The implementation of CMP471 may require NESO to update the Gated Modification Guidance to reflect the treatment of Connection Date Delay Requests under the interim process.
- In particular:
  - Connection Date Delay Requests submitted pursuant to CMP471 would be processed outside the standard Gated Modification process.
  - Connection Date Delay Requests would be recognised as a permitted variation under the temporary CMP471 process.
  - The Gated Modification Guidance should set out the process applicable to each Gate 2 status, including:
    - Received Gate 2 Offer - Not Yet Accepted;
    - Received Gate 2 Offer - Accepted; and
    - Not Yet Received a Gate 2 Offer.
  - Any consequential changes should be limited to facilitating the operation of the CMP471 Interim Connection Date Delay Process.

Table 2: Classifications of various types of Modifications to Gate 2 projects

Modification Reason	Classification
<b>Increase of Connection Entry Capacity (CEC), Transmission Entry Capacity (TEC), Developer Capacity, Demand MW or Installed Capacity</b>	Gated Modification Application
<b>Decrease<sup>14</sup> of Connection Entry Capacity (CEC), Transmission Entry Capacity (TEC), Developer Capacity, Demand MW or Installed Capacity</b>	Non-Gated Modification Application
<b>Change or Addition of Technology Type(s)</b> (including changes / addition of technology type(s) 'behind the meter')	Gated Modification Application
<b>Removal of Technology Type(s)</b>	Non-Gated Modification Application
<b>Project Location Change Request</b> with no change to Connection Point/Site Change Request	N/A – a Modification Application would not be needed <sup>15</sup>
<b>Connection Point/Site Change Request</b>	Gated Modification Application
<b>Earlier Connection Date Request</b> (including Earlier Non-Firm Access)	Gated Modification Application
<b>Later Connection Date Request</b>	Gated Modification Application <sup>16</sup>
<b>Commissioning Programme related changes</b>	Non-Gated Modification Application <sup>17</sup>
<b>Administrative contract changes</b>	Non-Gated Modification Application (if a Modification Application is required)

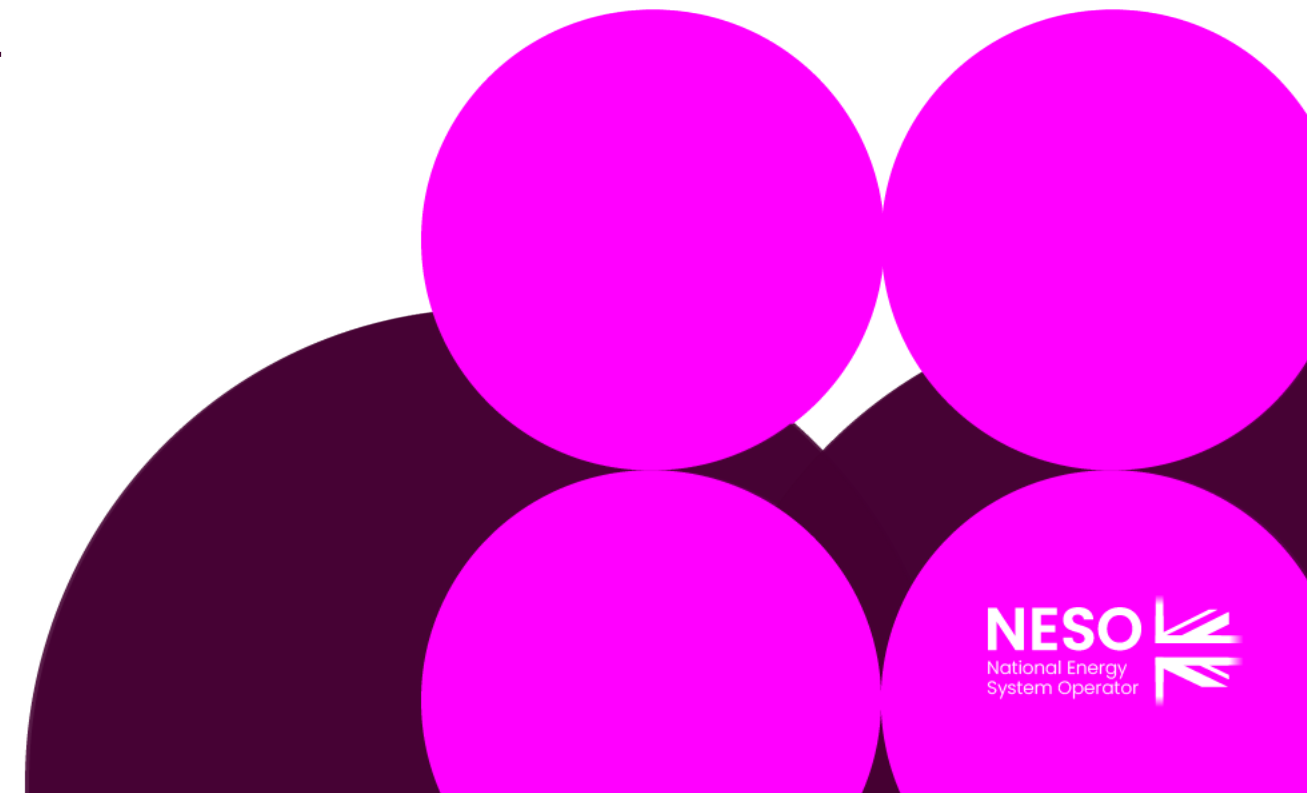
# Scope of CMP471

- Whilst the primary objective of CMP471 is to introduce an Interim Connection Date Delay Process, it remains unclear whether the current Gate 2 allowable changes discussed during NESO Connections Reform webinars are fully codified within the CUSC framework.
- Accordingly, two potential approaches may be considered:
  - Option 1 – Broader Approach  
CMP471 introduces the Interim Connection Date Delay Process and codifies the allowable changes outlined by NESO during the Connections Reform programme.
  - Option 2 – Targeted Approach (Preferred)  
CMP471 focuses solely on introducing the Interim Connection Date Delay Process.  
The legal drafting establishes a framework through which additional allowable changes could be incorporated in the future, either through subsequent CUSC modifications or updates to supporting guidance.



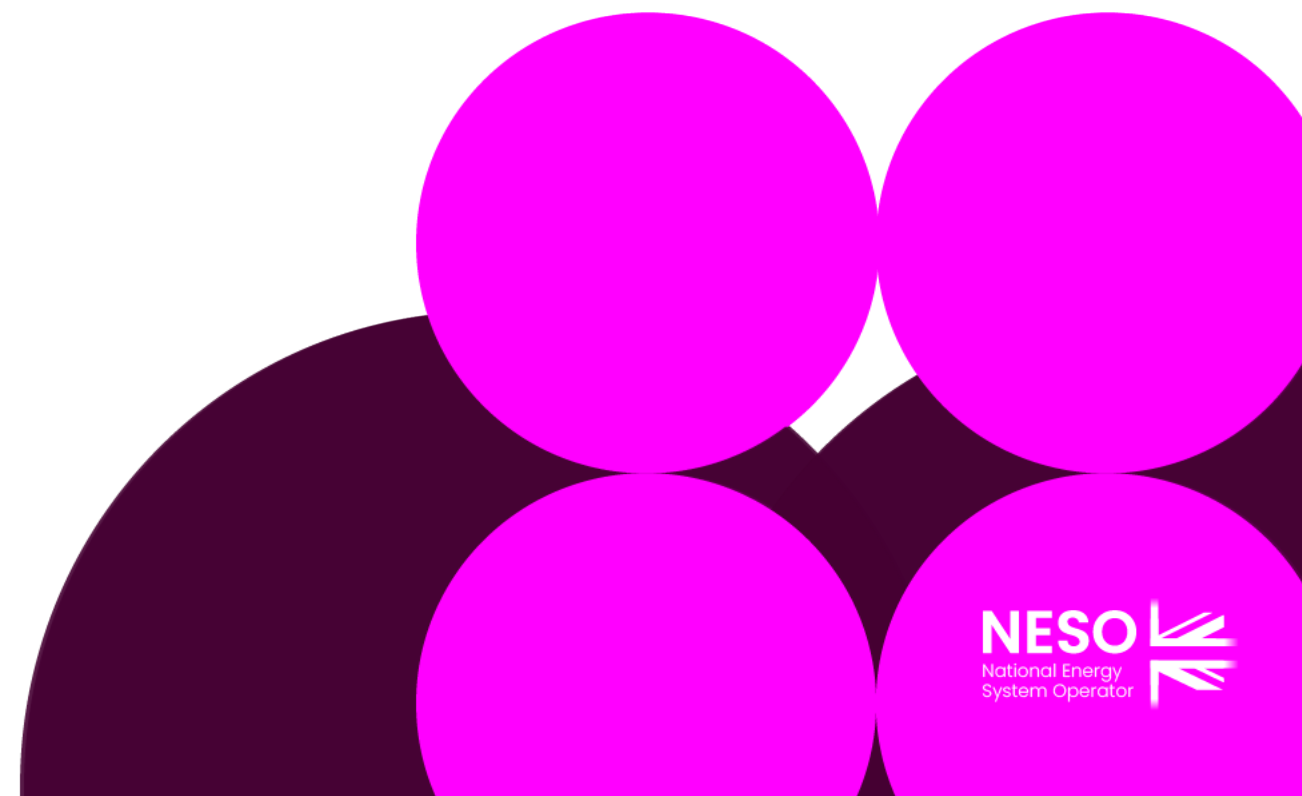
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# Any Other Business

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# Next Steps

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