

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

Workgroup Number 3 – 17 June 2026

Online Meeting via Teams

WELCOME

Agenda

Topics to be discussed	Lead
Welcome	Chair
Objectives and Timeline <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Walk-through of the timeline for the modification	Chair
Review Terms of Reference	All
Actions review	All
Legal text	Proposer
Workgroup Consultation Review	All
Any Other Business	Chair
Next Steps	Chair

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
Workgroup Member	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

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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

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	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

Terms of Reference

Workgroup Term of Reference

1. Consider EBR implications

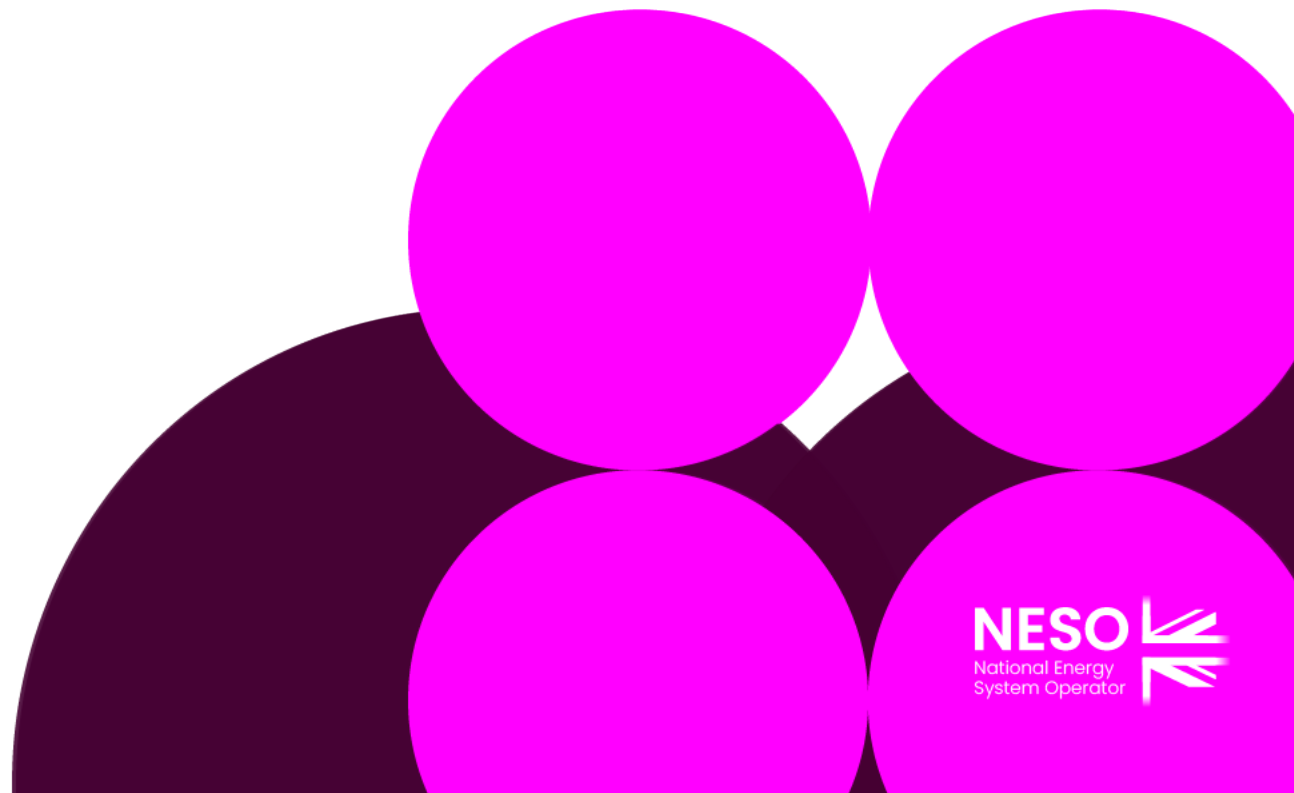
2. Consider a solution that provides both a short term solution for applications within the Gate 2 to Whole Queue (G2TWQ) process i.e. CMP435 and allows for non-gated applications to delay connection dates as part of the enduring (CMP434) connections process

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

Actions Review

Teri Puddefoot – NESO Code Administrator



Actions Review

Action number	Workgroup Raised	Owner	Action	Comment	Due by	Status
1	WG 1	Ofgem	To provide clarification on the current interpretation of the CUSC and the (NESO and TO) licence obligations, specifically whether TOs and NESO are required to offer the earliest possible connection date when issuing CMP435 offers (including where this may result in a project having a non-firm position for a period when this was not the case with their Existing Agreement) and whether changes to connection dates as a result of delays to transmission infrastructure can already be accommodated under existing arrangements, ie reflected in the connection dates set out in updated offers.		WG2	Open
2	WG 1	TP and TO Workgroup members	As per Action 1 and including: To provide a clear statement of their interpretation and current approach, including any regulatory or statutory basis for offering the earliest possible connection date, and to confirm how they are currently handling delay requests in practice. Additional wording added at WG2: TOs should ensure their responses clearly reference the specific licence conditions, CUSC wording, or any external letters they are relying on, so that workgroup members can align and compare these with Ofgem's response to Action 1.		WG2	Open
3	WG 1	MD	Proposer to consider whether any supporting evidence or examples from TO engagement can be shared with the Workgroup to support understanding of the issue.		WG2	Open
5	WG1	TOs	TOs to provide a qualitative impact assessment to help the workgroup understand how this modification could impact the Joint Industry Plan (JIP) AKA Existing Agreement Timeline			Open

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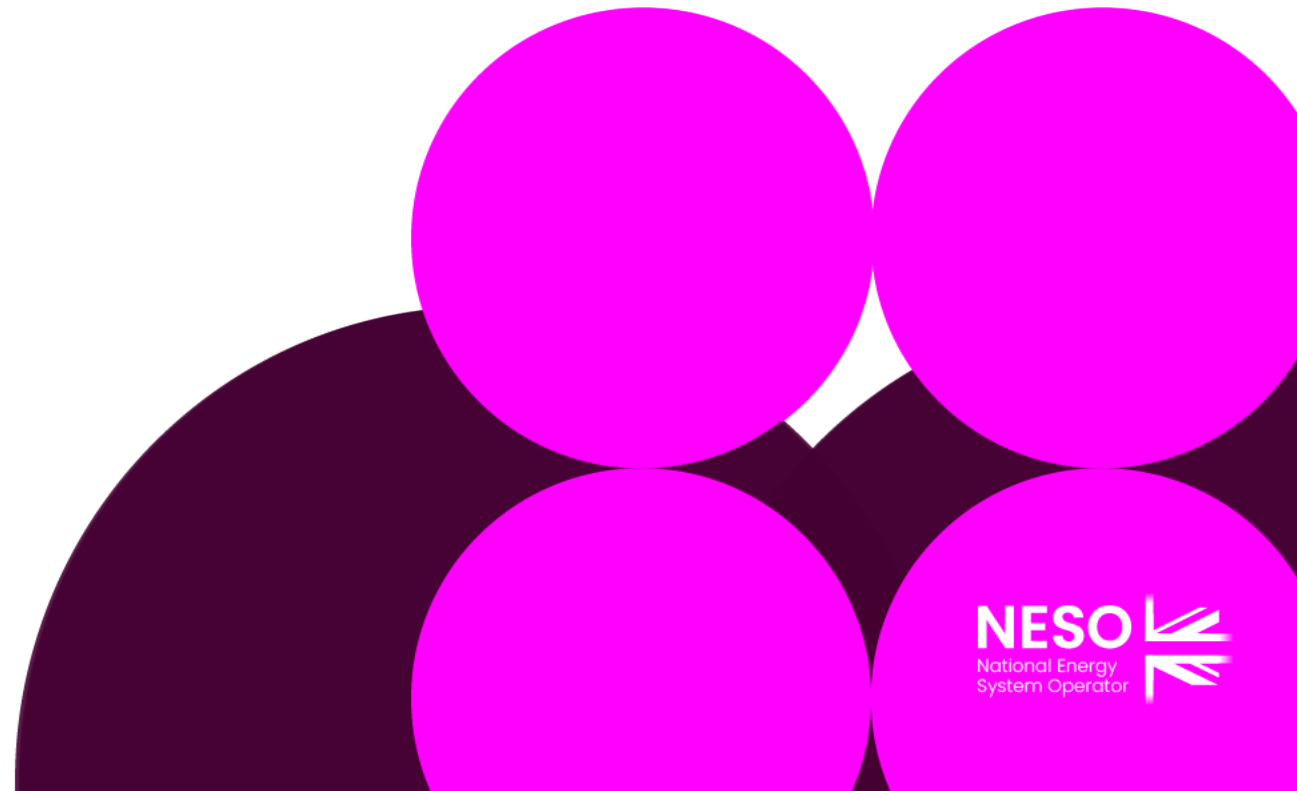
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6	WG2	RM	Confirm - What ability do NESO have to ensure TOs are aligning connection dates and to change the earliest customer connection dates in Scheme Briefing Notes (SBN) after a TO has issued a TOCO to NESO.			Open
7	WG2	TOs	TOs to consider whether a high-level description of the assessment process can be provided to the workgroup. If not feasible, TOs will confirm this and the action may be closed			Open
8	WG2	IV	Slides to be shared within the workgroup to support understanding of impacts (from Action 2)			Open
9	WG2	Ofgem	Ofgem to consider whether changes or clarification to licence conditions are required to enable connection date delays without requiring a full modification application, or to avoid penalising TOs for accommodating such delays.			Open
10	WG2	RM	confirm the correct position on whether a Gate 2 agreement must be signed before a gated / non-gated modification can be submitted, given conflicting guidance. (The action arose when IV raised a point about NESO guidance on whether a Gate 2 offer must be signed before a modification (or delay request) can be submitted.)			Open
11	WG2	MD	A summary slide or section that brings together all relevant inputs and references, including NESO guidance and relevant CUSC provisions (e.g. milestones, exceptions processes), to show how they interact with the CMP471 proposal. To improve clarity and traceability across: NESO guidance (e.g. milestone extensions due to reform delays) Existing CUSC provisions (e.g. Section 16.5 exceptions) The proposed CMP471 legal text To help the workgroup understand how the different mechanisms work together in practice			Open

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12	WG2	RM	<p>Confirm whether it is preferable (and feasible) for connection date delay requests and associated milestone/exception requests to be handled together as a single process, or continue being managed separately across different NESO teams.</p> <p>In Workgroup it was highlighted that:</p> <p>Connection date delay requests go through one route (applications → TOs → contracts)</p> <p>Milestone exceptions (e.g. QM milestones) are handled by a different team/process</p> <p>There was concern this could create:</p> <p>Inefficiency</p> <p>Misalignment if requests are assessed separately</p>			Open
13	WG2	TP/NESO	Consider STCP Modification process and impacts.			Open
14	WG2	MD	Consider impact on DNOs and embedded generations.			Open

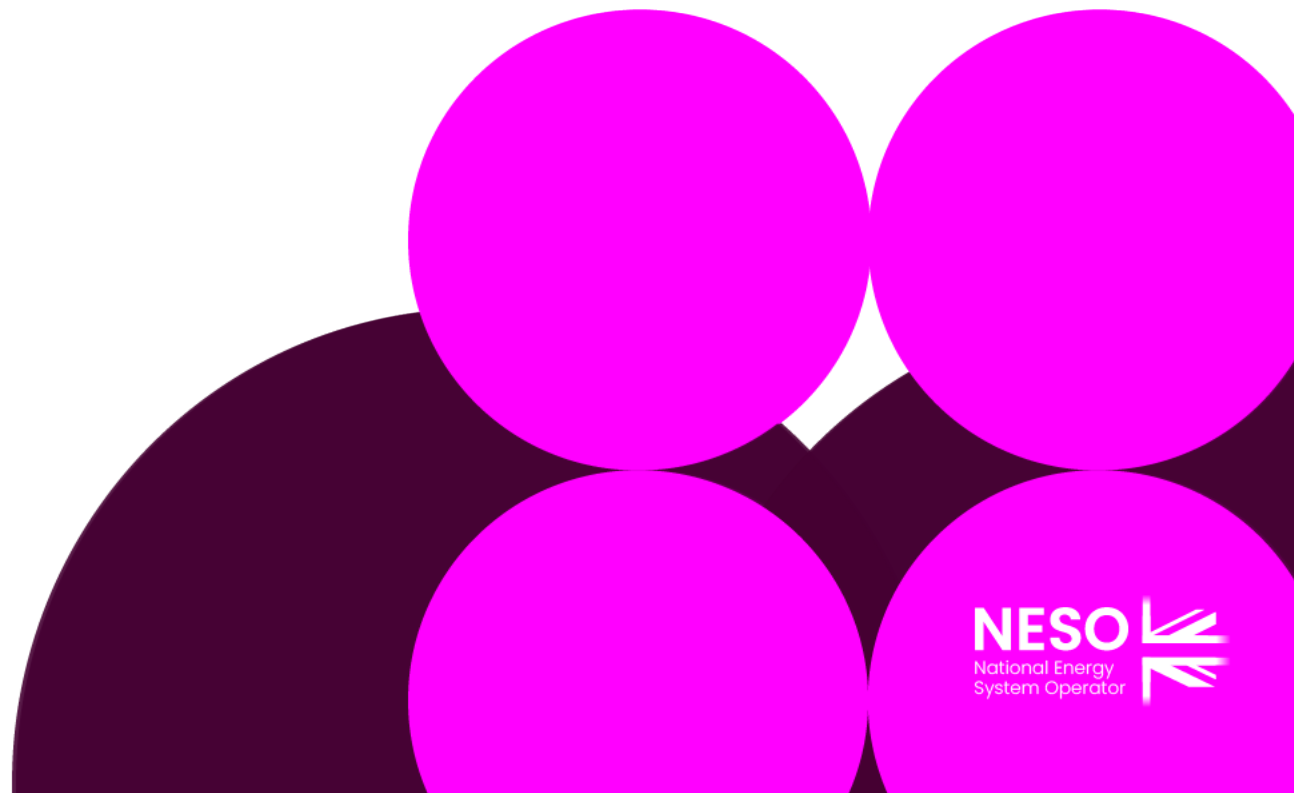
Legal Text Review

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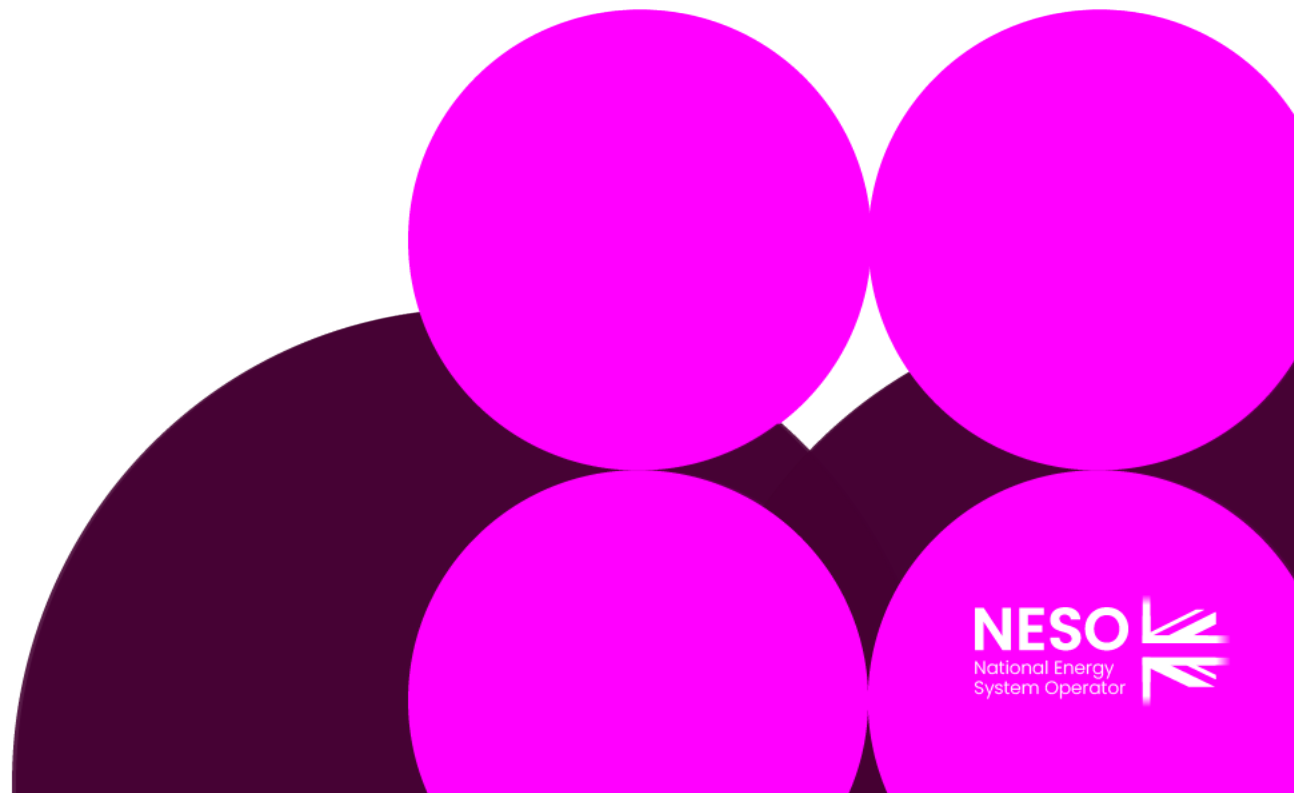
Workgroup Consultation Review

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Any Other Business

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Next Steps

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