

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

Workgroup Number 9 – 10 August 2026

Online Meeting via Teams

WELCOME

Agenda

Topics to be discussed	Lead
Welcome	Chair
Objectives and Timeline	Chair
OFGEM Slot	OFGEM
Alternative Request 01 – GridLink	GridLink
Alternative Request 02 – Aukera	Hutcheson Associates
Alternative Request 03 – Enso Energy	Enso Energy
Alternative Requests Vote	Chair
Workgroup Report	Chair
Legal Text	Proposer
Action Log Review	Chair
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

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	Fiona Casey	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

CMP471 – Timeline Updated 30 July

Milestone	Date	Milestone	Date
Modification presented to Panel	15 May 2026	Code Administrator Consultation (10 Business Days)	02 September – 08 September 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)	15 Sept 2026
(Full Day Meetings) Workgroup 1 Workgroup 2 Workgroup 3 Workgroup 4 Workgroup 5 Workgroup 6	11 June 2026 15 June 2026 17 June 2026 24 June 2026 30 June 2026 15 July 2026	Panel undertake DFMR recommendation vote	18 Sept 2026 (Special Panel)
Workgroup Consultation	17 July 2026 – 24 July 2026	Final Modification Report issued to Panel to check votes recorded correctly	18 Sept 2026 (Special Panel)
(Full Day Meetings) Workgroup 7 Workgroup 8 Workgroup 9 Workgroup 10	30 July 2026 05 Aug 2026 10 Aug 2026 13 Aug 2026	Final Modification Report issued to Ofgem	18 Sept 2026
Workgroup report issued to Panel	25 Aug 2026	Ofgem decision	TBC
Panel sign off that Workgroup Report has met its Terms of Reference	28 Aug 2026	Implementation Date	TBC (End September)

Ofgem Slot

Alternative Request 01 – GridLink

David Barber – GridLink Interconnector Ltd

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Email correspondence from David Barber:

Reasoning for the alternative request is:

- For Users, the Connection Date is directly and inextricably linked to User Progression Milestones, and planning to achieve these milestones is always aligned with complying with the specified dates in Appendix Q. Therefore, any change to Connection Date approved by NESO may reasonably be expected to link to a change to all User Progression Milestones. This principle should hold for a Connection Date Delay under CMP471.
- If not re-aligned, Users could face completing work to achieve User Progression Milestones arbitrarily by deadlines that are not optimal economically or for the development schedule (and interactions with other development activities). Alternatively, Users are forced to implement an Exceptions request at further risk and requiring additional resources.
- Users (and NESO/TOs) need clarity on this issue – the simplest approach is the allow for change to all User Progression Milestones to align with any Connection Date Delay, rather than complications caused by caveats or allowed changes to sub-sets as per current G2TWQ processes.
- “Gaming” risk of allowing re-alignment of all User Progression Milestones is not likely to be a significant issue. The G2TWQ process is designed to remove projects unlikely to go ahead from the queue, and the CMP471 proposal only applies to projects who have already passed through the G2TWQ screening process to be granted a Gate 2 offer. Therefore, the surviving projects will be real and credible, and Users will be focussing on realistic project delivery post-Connections Reform so I do not see any gaming benefits to such Users but rather faster clarity to enable better project management/planning.

Alternative Request 02 – Aukera

Niall Stuart – Hutchenson Associates

Alternative Request 03 – Enso Energy

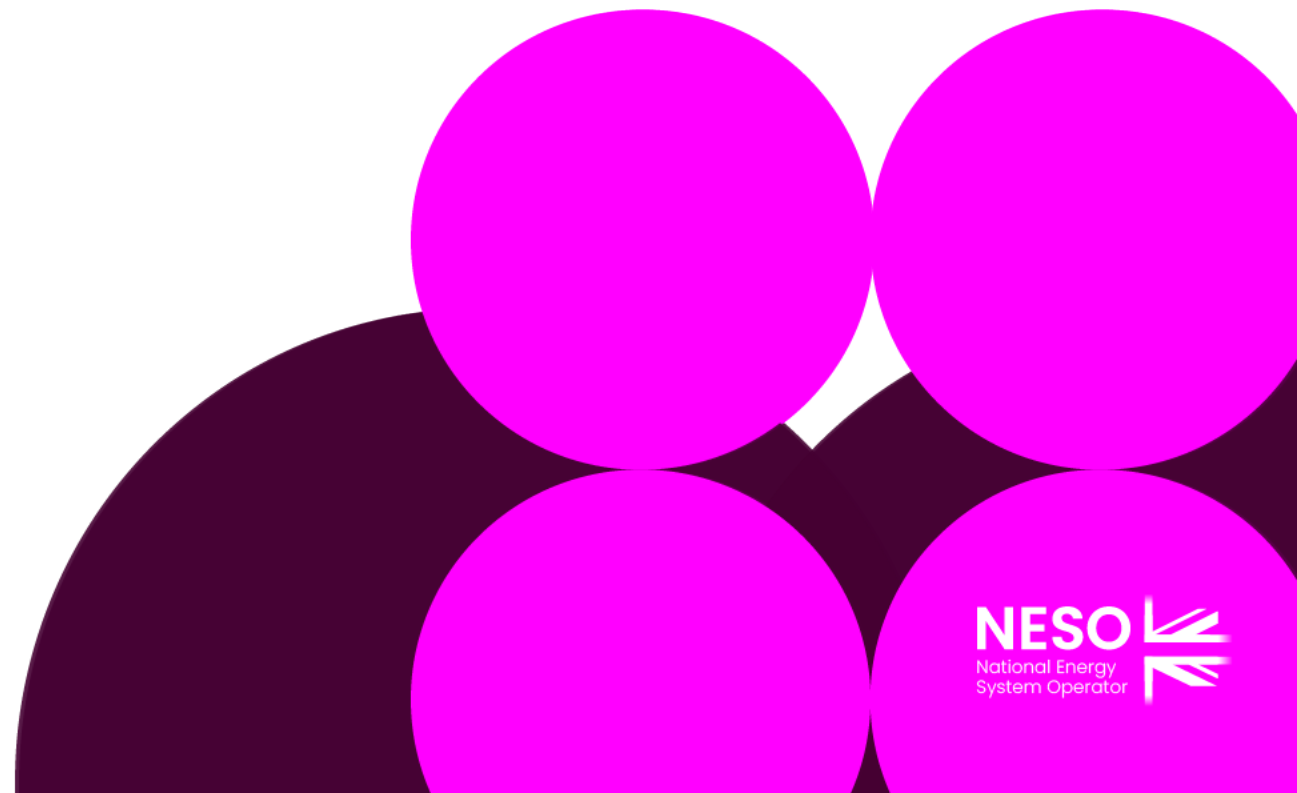
Rob Smith – Enso Energy

Alternative Requests Vote

Robert Hughes – NESO Code Administrator

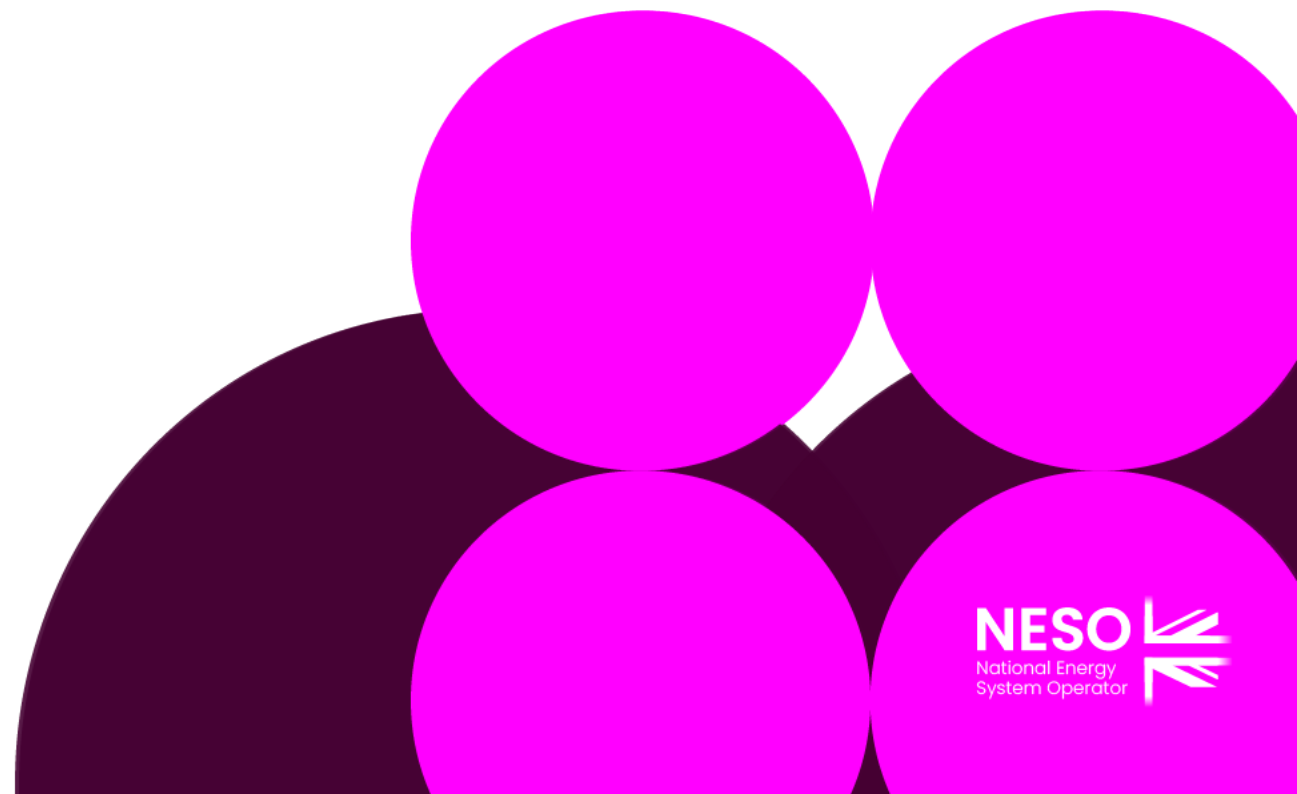
Workgroup Report

Robert Hughes – NESO Code Administrator



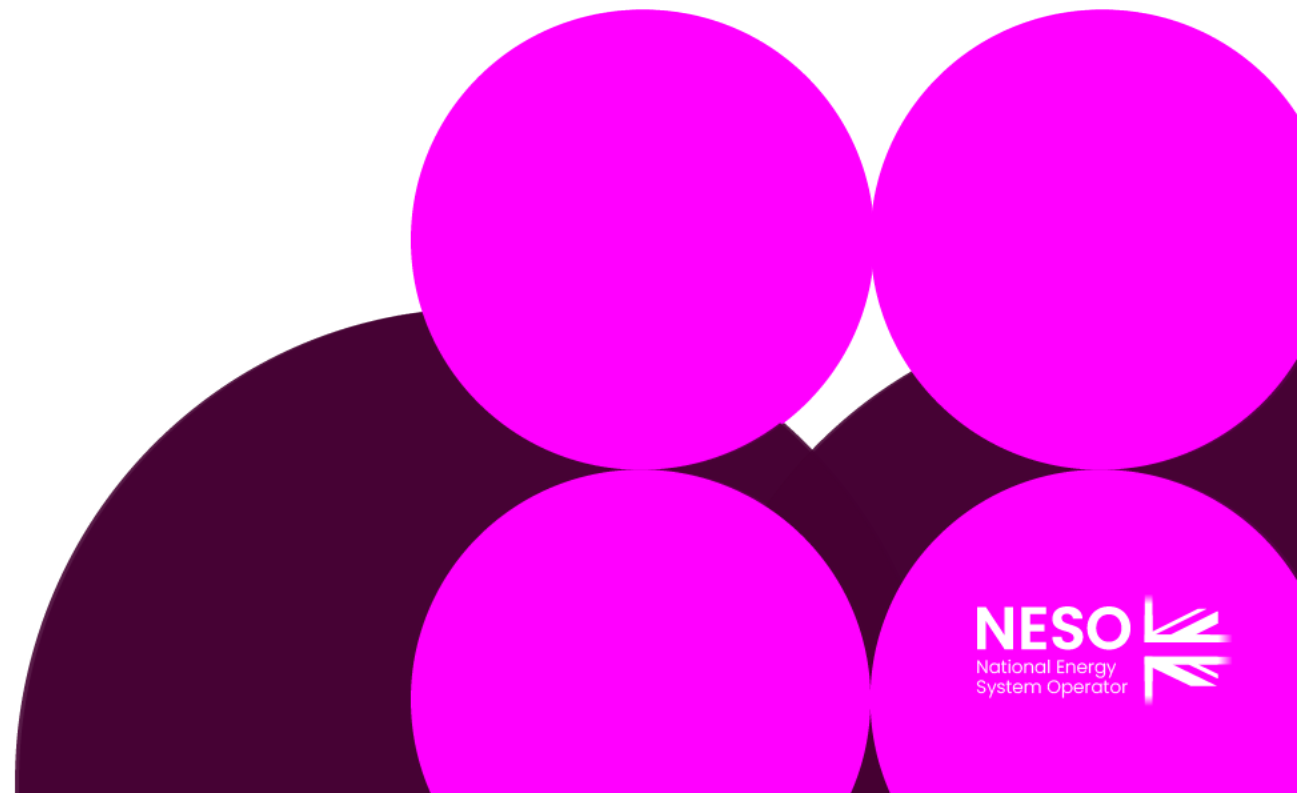
Legal Text Review

Matthew Dowds – Proposer



Actions Review

Robert Hughes – NESO Code Administrator

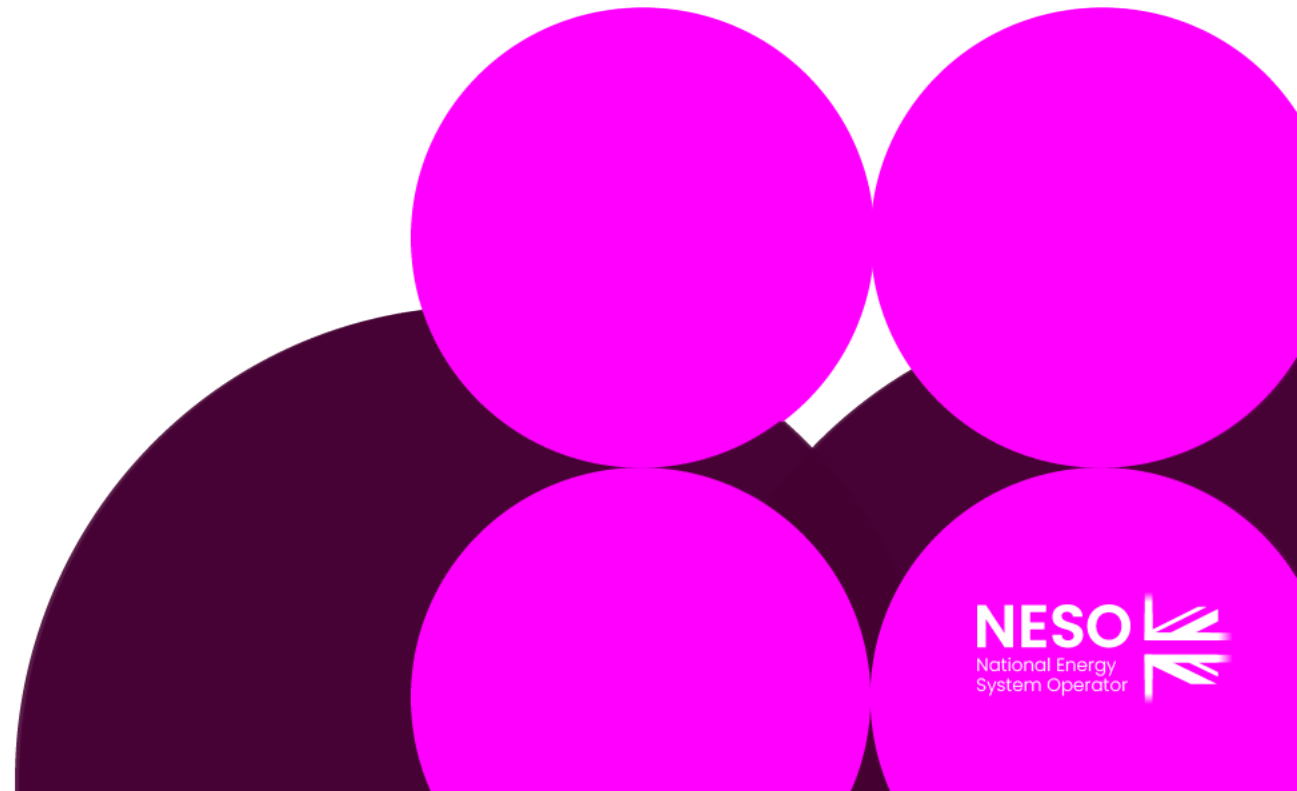


Actions Review

Action number	Workgroup Raised	Owner	Action	Comment	Due by	Status
25	WG7	TB/RM	NESO to provide the workgroup with data indicating the potential volume of Connection Date Delay Requests, including relevant information gathered through its request for information process.	NESO to provide at WG9 including breakdown by TO.	WG8	Open
26	WG7	TB	NESO to share its response on implementation and process arrangements once feedback has been received from the relevant internal IT and Connections teams.	NESO to provide at WG9.	WG8	Open
28	WG7	MD/RM/TOs	Review the treatment of transitional offers and confirm whether this affects the proposed removal or retention of Section 18 drafting. Seek views from Ruth Matthew and TO representatives before finalising the legal text.		WG8	Open

Any Other Business

Robert Hughes – NESO Code Administrator



Next Steps

Robert Hughes – NESO Code Administrator

