

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

Workgroup Number 8 – 05 August 2026

Online Meeting via Teams

WELCOME

Agenda

Topics to be discussed	Lead
Welcome	Chair
Objectives and Timeline	Chair
OFGEM slot	OFGEM
Action Log Review	Chair
Terms of Reference Review	Chair
Legal Text	NESO/Proposer
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

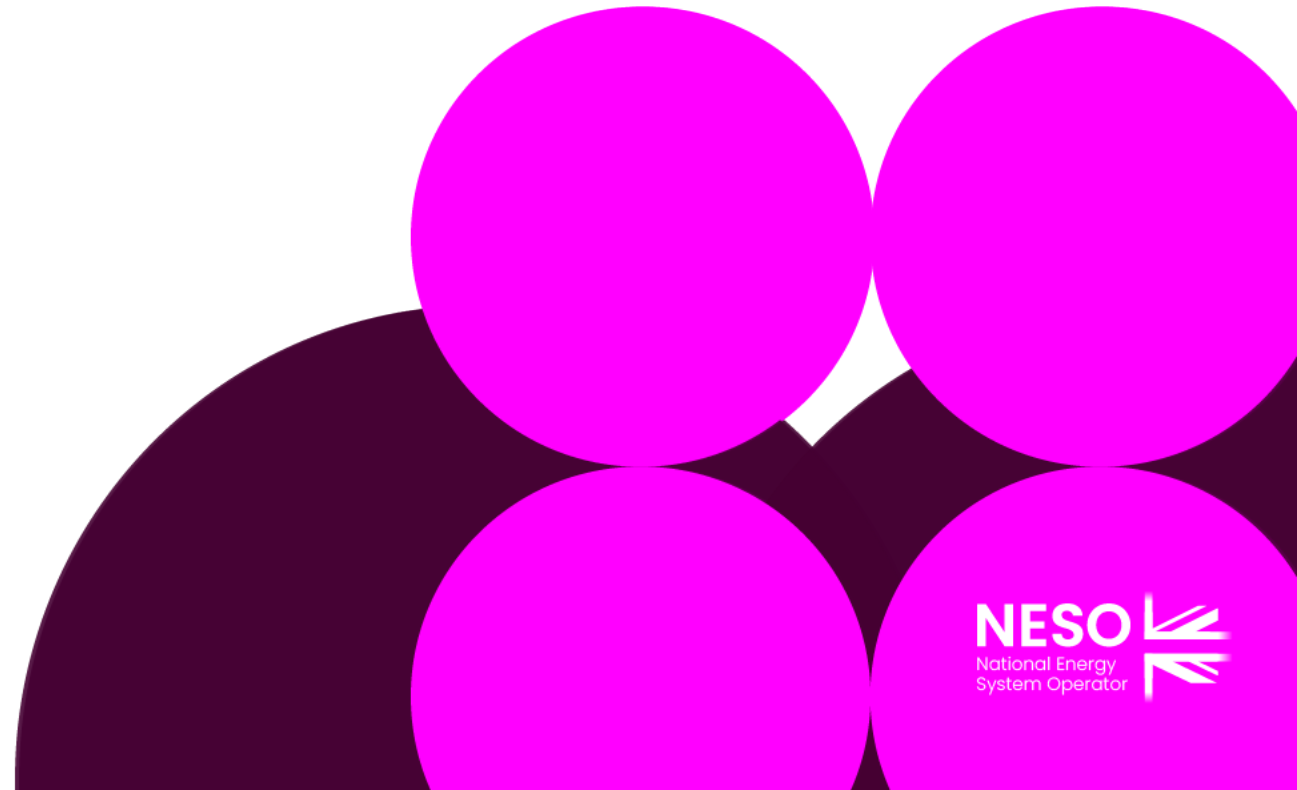
Vote on whether or not to proceed with requests for Alternatives

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

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 (Place holder to finalise Workgroup Report)	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



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	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

Actions Review

Robert Hughes – NESO Code Administrator

Actions Review

Action number	Workgroup Raised	Owner	Action	Comment	Due by	Status
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	Ongoing	WG2	Open
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.	RM response: The Tos and ATO co-ordinate between themselves independently of the NESO to inform dates to be included in the TOCO / ATOCO. NESO wouldn't tend to be involved unless there was a serious misalignment. In general, the SBN is not amended following submission to the TO.	WG3	Open

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12	WG2	RM	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. Workgroup it was highlighted that: Connection date delay requests go through one route (applications → TOs → contracts) Milestone exceptions (e.g. QM milestones) are handled by a different team/process There was concern this could create: Inefficiency Misalignment if requests are assessed separately	RM response: As previously discussed, modification applications and QM exceptions are both submitted via the portal, albeit QM exceptions is raised as a query. Both the mod app and the exceptions will be dealt with by a CCM who issues the offer and assesses whether QM exception process is met. We have no intention to merge the two processes as they need different assessments, and mod apps also require external work via the TO. We have, however, indicated that we are will to reassess the QM guidance to change the timelines to support.	WG3	Open
21	WG4	RW	Consider - minimum set of objective criteria to prevent non-viable requests progressing through the proces. RW to take away and develop a set of "showstopper" / entry criteria from a TO perspective (i.e. situations where a connection date delay request should not proceed), and Bring these back to the Workgroup to test and refine.	Moved Owner to IV who will bring a set of showstopper scenarios to WG8.	WG5	Open
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.		WG8	Open

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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.		WG8	Open
27	WG7	TB/MD	NESO rep to arrange a follow-up session with the proposer, NESO and NESO Legal to review outstanding guidance and legal drafting points.		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

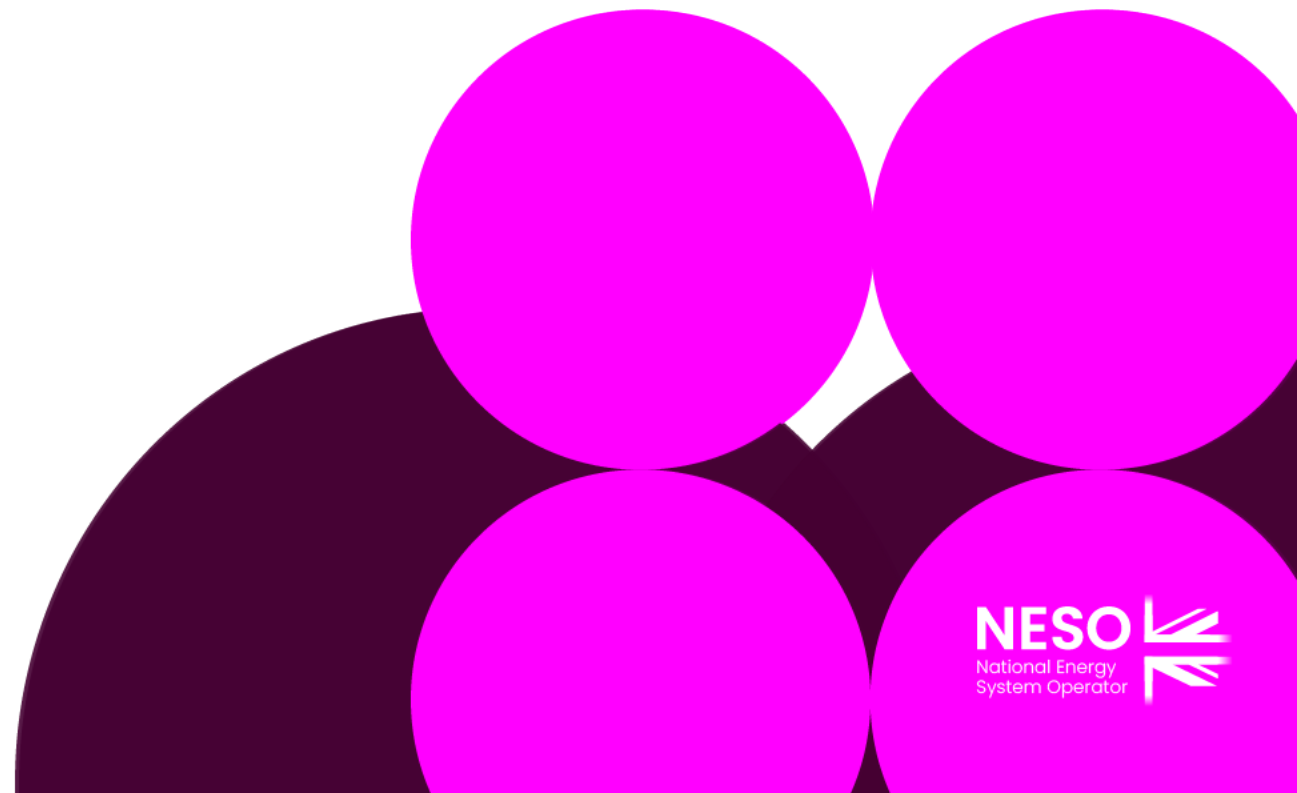
Terms of Reference

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

Legal Text

Terry Baldwin – NESO

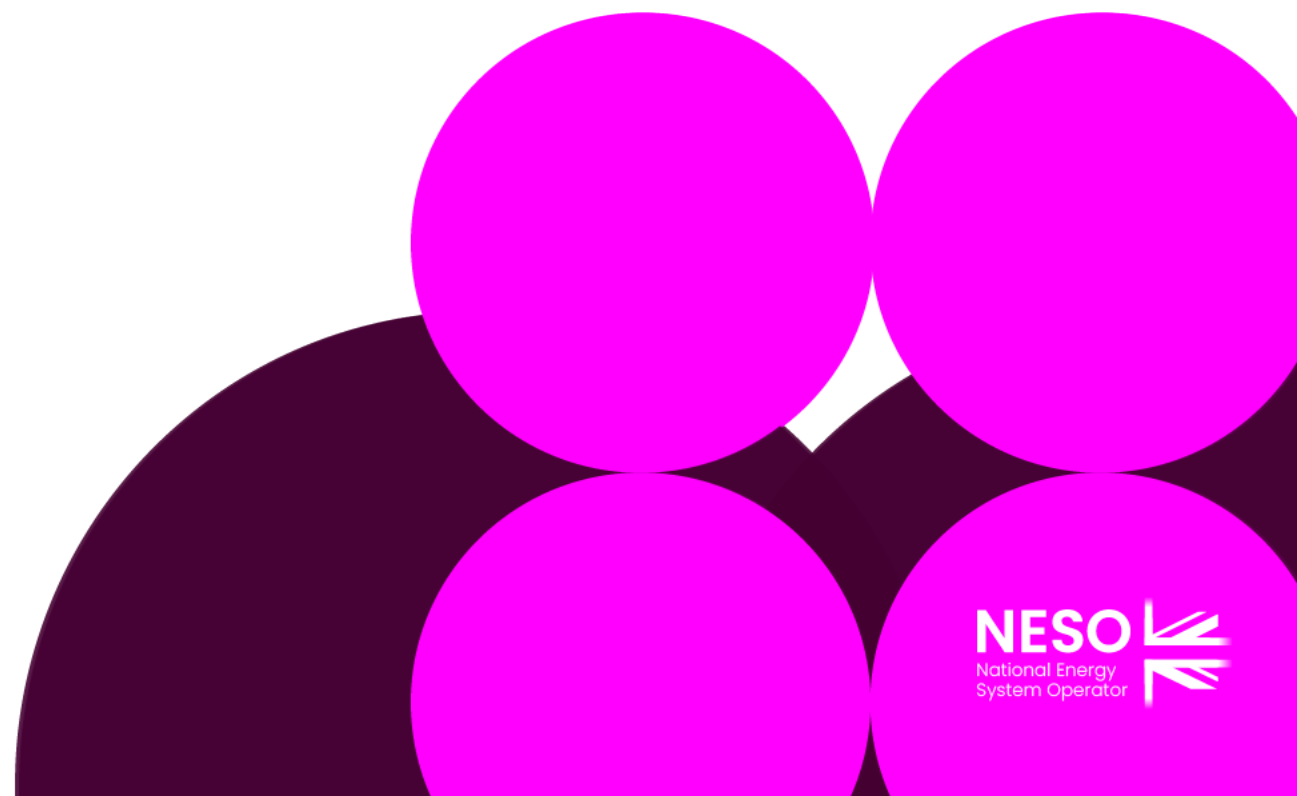


Any Other Business

Robert Hughes – NESO Code Administrator

Rob Smith – Enso Energy

Matthew Dowds – Proposer



Discussion Point

- If a CDDR is requested by the User in a post offer negotiation, does the relevant TO believe they are able to assess the request on its merits (with consideration to the impact on other users, network etc..) or do they believe their licence prohibits them from considering or granting this request because they believe their licence obliges them to provide the earliest connection date?
- Do Scottish TO's feel they would be obliged to reject the request due to their licence?

Next Steps

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