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CUSC Panel 2026

CUSC Panel Minutes

Meeting Number: 375

Date: 31/07/2026 **Location:** Microsoft Teams

Start: 10:00 AM **End:** 1:30 PM

Participants

Attendee	Initials	Representing
Anthony Pygram	AP	Independent Panel Chair
Catia Gomes	CG	Panel Secretary Code Administrator Representative
Ren Walker	RW	Panel Technical Secretary (Code Administrator)
Andrew Enzor	AE	Users' Panel Member
Garth Graham	GG	Users' Panel Member
Kirsty Dawson	KD	Users' Panel Member Alternate
Kyran Hanks	KH	Users' Panel Member
Lauren Jauss	LJ	Users' Panel Member
Nick Sillito	NS	Users' Panel Member Alternate
Paul Jones	PJ	Users' Panel Member Alternate
Dan Arrowsmith	DA	NESO Panel Member

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Robert Newton	RN	Consumers' Panel Member
Nadir Hafeez	NH	Authority Representative
Jonathan Bowes	JB	Authority Representative

Apologies

Attendee	Initials	Representing
Joe Colebrook	JC	Users Panel Member
James Stone	JS	Authority Representative
Jacob Snowden	JSn	Elexon – Observer

Presenters / Observers

Attendee	Initials	Representing
Muki Liu	ML	Proposer of CMP472
Paul Mott	PM	Proposer of CMP476
Camille Gilsenan	CGi	Observer – NESO
Binoy Dharsi	BD	Users' Panel Member – AOB only
Kirsty Ingham	KI	RECCo
Helen Adey	HA	RECCo
Mollie Griffiths	MG	NESO, Code Administrator
Ayo Bammeke	AB	NESO, Code Administrator

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1. Introductions, Apologies and Declarations of Interest

1. Apologies were received from Joe Colebrook.
2. No Declarations of interest were noted by Panel Members.

2. Minutes from previous meeting

3. The meeting minutes from the CUSC Panel held on 19 June and 26 June 2026 were approved.

3. Review of actions log

4. The CUSC Panel agreed to review the following open actions at the August CUSC Panel:
 - Action 193: Action to remain open.
 - Action 196: Action closed.
 - Action 197: Action closed.
 - Action 198: Action closed.

4. Chair's update

5. AP had no updates for the Panel.

5. Authority Decisions

6. NH and JB provided an update on modifications that have been decided upon, together with those currently awaiting their decision.

Awaiting Decisions

Modification	FMR submitted	Expected Decision Date
Decisions temporarily paused due to Reform National Pricing (RNP) Programme		

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<u>CMP315:</u> 'TNUoS Review of the expansion constant and the elements of the transmission system charged for' and <u>CMP375</u> 'Enduring Expansion Constant & Expansion Factor Review'	07 February 2024	TBC pending update on RNP (previously 07 February 2025)
<u>CMP397:</u> 'Consequential changes required to CUSC Exhibits B and D to reflect CMP316 (Co-located Generation Sites)'	12 June 2024	TBC pending update on RNP
<u>CMP423:</u> 'Generation-weighted Reference Node'	09 December 2025	TBC pending update on RNP
<u>CMP440:</u> 'Re-introduction of Demand TNUoS locational signals by removal of the zero price floor'	10 April 2026	TBC pending update on RNP
Charging/ Non – Charging Modifications		
<u>CMP316:</u> 'TNUoS Charging Methodology for Co-located Generation'	08 August 2025	September 2026
<u>CMP445:</u> 'Pro-rating first year TNUoS for Generators'	10 July 2026	30 September 2026
<u>CMP453:</u> 'To Bill BSUoS on a net basis at BSC Trading Units'	11 November 2025	30 September 2026
<u>CMP469:</u> 'GC0186 Cost Recovery mechanism for CUSC Parties'	07 July 2026	TBC
Connections Modifications		

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<u>CMP330 & CMP374:</u> 'Allowing new Transmission Connected parties to build Connection Assets greater than 2km in length and Extending contestability for Transmission Connections'	10 August 2023	September 2026
<u>CMP417</u> 'Extending principles of CUSC Section 15 to all Users'	20 July 2026	TBC
<u>CMP474</u> 'Fixed BSUoS Price Revision Mechanism'	10 July 2026	TBC
<u>CMP475</u> 'Amendment to the BSUoS tariff reset process'	10 July 2026	TBC

7. JB outlined the unchanged status of several modifications due to ongoing policy considerations within the wider RNP programme, and provided expected decision timelines for CMP445, CMP453, and CMP469.
8. Some Panel members raised concerns about the expected decision date for CMP469, stating that the decision on CMP469 should precede the GC0186 deadline to prevent uncertainty for parties, as the current cost recovery deadline does not align with the ambiguity around compliance requirements.
9. GG (Proposer of CMP469) explained that CMP469 was designed to cover both a one-year extension and alignment with GC0186, noting that the outcome of GC0186 would determine the relevance of CMP469, but the time extension for GC0156 claims remained necessary.
10. NH and JB acknowledged the feedback regarding CMP469 and committed to relaying it to the team, with a view to revising timelines and ensuring that the decision process accommodates the concerns raised.
11. Panel members raised concerns about the impact of delays on industry certainty and the need for clear communication regarding the status of modifications and

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requested that Ofgem clarify the scope of PIA powers and the treatment of commitment fees.

12. JB explained that significant resource constraints within the Ofgem charging team, alongside the impact of a legal challenge, had delayed progress on modifications, but noted that a major recruitment drive was underway to address these issues.

6. New modifications

13. No new Modifications were presented to the Panel.

7. In flight modification updates

14. The Panel approved the new timelines for the following modification as submitted within the Panel Papers:

- CMP460: Improving Transmission Connection Asset Charging

The next Modification Tracker will be published on 07 August 2026.

8. Workgroup Reports

15. No Workgroup Reports were presented to the Panel.

9. Draft Final Modification Reports

The following Draft Final Modification Reports were presented to the Panel.

CMP472 'Large Embedded Generators Original Red Line Boundary Sharing Without Customer Consent'

16. This proposal seeks to introduce a new clause in Section 17 of the CUSC to permit NESO to share the Original Red Line Boundary (ORLB) submitted by Large Embedded Generators (LEGs) with the relevant DNOs without requiring explicit customer consent. This change enables DNOs to independently and consistently verify distribution contract validity for LEGs applying for Gate 2 offers, ensuring

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that only projects with compliant and valid distribution arrangements progress through the gated connections process

17. CG delivered a presentation on CMP472. CG explained that this modification seeks to introduce a new clause in Section 17 of the CUSC to permit NESO to share the Original Red Line Boundary (ORLB) submitted by Large Embedded Generators (LEGs) with the relevant DNOs without requiring explicit customer consent. This change enables DNOs to independently and consistently verify distribution contract validity for LEGs applying for Gate 2 offers, ensuring that only projects with compliant and valid distribution arrangements progress through the gated connections process
18. CG confirmed that the Code Administrator Consultation was run from 27 April to 19 May 2026 and received 9 non-confidential. The key points from the consultation were:
 - All nine respondents believe CMP472 better facilitates CUSC Objective (iv), with varying support for Objectives (i), (ii) and (iii). All respondents support the proposed implementation approach.
 - Respondents agree that the modification enables more efficient and accurate delivery of Connections Reform, reducing administrative burden for NESO and DNOs.
 - Respondents agree that sharing Original/Red Line Boundary (ORLB/RLB) data is critical for Gate 2 compliance, early validation, and consistency across transmission and distribution networks.
 - Respondents see CMP472 as improving queue management by identifying and removing ineligible or non-compliant projects earlier, reducing unnecessary costs and design work.
 - Agreement that data sharing is appropriate under existing arrangements, with safeguards in place; most support sharing without requiring additional customer consent. Viewed as supporting cost efficiency by avoiding unnecessary network build and improving system coordination.
 - Multiple respondents recommend clearer implementation detail, including defined SLAs (typically ~5 working days) for data sharing and use of accessible PDF formats rather than alternative file types. Additional suggestions include mandating inclusion of Point of Supply within ORLB, clarifying treatment of non-gated applications, and ensuring applicants are informed of data sharing.

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- Legal Text issues raised in consultation responses.
19. ML summarised the five key themes from consultation responses, including preferences for data format, inclusion of supply points, and the need for clear service level agreements on data sharing timelines. ML outlined two options for addressing timing in the legal text. Option one was to add a flexible clause to the code and option two was specifying details in a guidance note.
 20. Panel members discussed the need to align the application form (CUSC Exhibit) with the proposed legal text, suggesting that further changes may be required and recommending ML to take this away to consider the best approach.
 21. The Panel concluded that to complete the Panel Recommendation Vote, further work was required to address legal text inconsistencies, including changes to the relevant CUSC Exhibits. The Draft Final Modification Report will be re-submitted to the August Panel for Panel to agree next steps.

CMP476: Correction of Global Asset Reuse Factor Calculation

22. CG delivered a presentation on CMP476. CG explained that this modification corrects an unintended inconsistency in how the Global Asset Re-Use Factor is described in Section 15 of the CUSC compared how it is described in associated documents and applied in practice.
23. CG confirmed that the Code Administrator Consultation was run from 27 May to 17 June 2026 and received 2 non – confidential responses. The key points were:
 - One respondent believes that CMP476 Original Proposal better facilitates the CUSC Applicable Objectives. One respondent disagrees that CMP476 Original Proposal better facilitates the CUSC Applicable Objectives.
 - One respondent was supportive of the proposed implementation approach. One respondent was not supportive of the proposed implementation approach.
 - Legal text issues raised in the Consultation. One respondent provided the following comments on the legal text:
 - The Global Asset Reuse Factor (GARF) and User Risk Factor (URF) are percentages used to calculate reductions by multiplying them with the Attributable Works Capital Cost (AWCC), as indicated in the current wording. The proposed wording is

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ambiguous, suggesting subtraction rather than multiplication, which is incorrect due to unit differences.

- Further clarity is needed regarding the proposal to add "on average" to the GARF definition—uncertainty exists about whether this changes the calculation method materially.
- The consultation document references "User Reduction Factor," but based on legal text, this should be "User Risk Factor".

24. PM presented the proposed correction to the calculation of the global asset reuse factor in CMP476, addressing consultation feedback and confirming the typographical nature of the change. PM clarified that the calculation should use 'reduced by' rather than 'multiplied by' for the global asset reuse factor, as per the original intent and supporting documentation, and addressed concerns about ambiguity in the legal text.

25. Panel members discussed the materiality of the change, with PM confirming that the correction to the legal text does not alter the intended application of the modification.

26. The Panel held their determination vote. The Panel determined unanimously that the Proposer's solution better facilitates the CUSC Applicable Objectives. The Appeals window opened on 11 August 2026, and this will close on 02 September 2026. If no appeals are received, CMP476 will be implemented on 09 September 2026.

10. Discussion on Prioritisation

27. The Panel discussed the new modification prioritisation framework, assessing active modifications against SDS alignment, importance and complexity. To complete the assessment, the Panel agreed to hold a Special CUSC Panel meeting on 18 September 2026.

11. RECCo Update

28. KI and HA from RECCo attended the CUSC Panel to provide an update on the ECC Code Manager transition process. KI and HA explained RECCo's background, their selection as the candidate for ECC code manager, and the phased approach to transition, including the current licensing assessment and future implementation and assurance phases.

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29. They described their engagement plan, including bilateral meetings, panel consultations, and broader industry outreach, emphasising the need for feedback and collaboration to ensure a smooth transition.
30. The Panel was informed of the expected timeline, with licensing assessment submission due in September, Ofgem's decision and consultation in late 2026, and full transition and licence grant targeted for early 2028, subject to Ofgem and DESNZ decisions.
31. Panel members asked about the continuity of Panel operations during the transition, the process for extending panel terms, and the mechanisms for ensuring business as usual, with RECCo and NESO confirming ongoing engagement and planning.

12. Standing Groups

Transmission Charging Methodology Forum (TCMF)

32. DA confirmed that the TCMF was held on 09 July. The meeting materials can be found via the following [link](#).

The next TCMF meeting will be held on 06 August.

13. European Updates

Joint European Stakeholder Group (JESG)

33. GG advised that the JESG meeting was held on 14 July. The meeting materials can be found via the following [link](#).

The next JESG meeting will be held on 11 August.

14. Update on other Industry Codes

34. The Panel papers and Headline Report for the following meetings can be found at the below links:
 - 24 June 2026 STC [Panel Papers and Headline Report](#)
 - 25 June 2026 Grid Code Review [Panel Papers and Headline Report](#)

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15. Relevant Interruptions Claim Report

35. CG advised the Panel that the Relevant Interruptions Claim Report had been included within the Panel Papers. Panel members had no further comments.

16. Governance

36. No further updates for the Panel.

17. Horizon Scan

37. No further updates for the Panel.

18. Code Administrator Update

38. There were no updates for the Panel.

19. Any Other Business (AOB)

Panel Dates 2027

39. CG advised the Panel that the Panel dates for 2027 will be circulated via email, with formal agreement on the dates at the August Panel. Panel members also discussed the process for Panel elections and the possibility of extending terms to ensure continuity during the transition to the new code manager.

CUSC Panel Membership Changes

40. BD attended the Panel to advise of his departure from the Panel due to relocation. BD expressed gratitude to colleagues during his time on the Panel. AP and Panel members took the opportunity to thank BD for his work as a Panel member and wished him all the best for the future.

Utility Week publication

41. NH advised the Panel that this AOB item will be taken offline and an update circulated via email.

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42. NH advised the Panel that the relevant team within Ofgem will be conducting an impact assessment and minded too consultation, with the final decision expected in October 2026.

20. Close

43. The Chair thanked the Panel for their time and contribution and brought the meeting to a close.

The next CUSC Panel meeting will be held on 28 August via Microsoft Teams.

New Modification Proposals to be submitted by 13 August.

CUSC Panel Papers Day is 20 August.