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Transmission Charging Methodologies Forum and CUSC Issues Steering Group

3 September 2026

Agenda

1	Introduction, meeting objectives and review of previous actions – Alastair Owen, NESO	10:00 – 10:10
2	Introducing the Electricity Commercial Code (ECC) project– Helen Adey, Retail Energy Code/ Keith Little, CCG consulting	10:10 – 10:35
3	Ofgem Charging Update – Bartosz Slota – Ofgem	10:35 – 10:45
4	Code Administrator update – Catia Gomes, Code Administrator NESO	10:45 – 10:55
5	AOB and Meeting Close – Alastair Owen, NESO	10:55 – 11:15

TCMF Objective and Expectations

Objective

Develop ideas, understand impacts to industry and modification content discussion, related to the Charging and Connection matters.

Anyone can bring an agenda item (not just the NESO!).

Expectations

Explain acronyms and context of the update or change.

Be respectful of each other's opinions and polite when providing feedback and asking questions

Contribute to the discussion

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

Keep to agreed scope

Review of previous actions

ID	Month	Description	Owner	Notes	Target Date	Status
24-12	July	Post implementation analysis of CMP376: Inclusion of Queue Management process within the CUSC.	DA	NESO will reopen this action in April 2025, as that will be 12 months after CMP376 was included in contract terms.	Pending formed queue	On Hold
24-14	October	Data post CMP376 implementation on the TEC register around projects moving forward, backward or staying the same.	DA		Pending formed queue	On Hold
24-15	May	Consider how to report meaningful connections data following the recent 'Pause' in connections reform activity.	JS	Whilst there is a pause in the new connection data being shared at TCMF, JS to consider how data can be made more accessible to Industry	Pending formed queue	On Hold

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ID	Month	Description	Owner	Notes	Target Date	Status
24-18	Nov	Overview on national pricing and market reform developments	Ofgem	Ofgem to arrange for an overview presentation on national pricing and market reform developments at TCMF.	Monthly updates provided at TCMF	Ongoing
24-19	Aug	Ofgem to provide clarification on infrastructure project exemptions under CMP447	Ofgem		Next TCMF	Ongoing

RECCO ELECTRICITY COMMERCIAL CODE

Introducing the Electricity Commercial Code (ECC) project

Transmission Charging Methodologies Forum · 3 September 2026

INTRODUCING WHO WE ARE

Meet the ECC project team

The key people you will be dealing with, and what each of us does.



Brian O'Shea

Chief Financial & Commercial Officer
ECC Executive Sponsor



Kirsty Ingham

ECC Project Lead



Helen Adey

Regulatory Governance SME

We're ready to build on our experience

RECCo is not new to code management. We run the Retail Energy Code today, and we led the consolidation that created it.

Our experience

- Set up by Ofgem in 2019 as a not-for-profit organisation.
- Led the code consolidation, transition and implementation from the legacy retail code arrangements.
- Experience of running code governance, industry services and major change programmes.
- Preparing to become the licensed REC Code Manager in November 2026.

The principles we are working to

- Stakeholder confidence, transparency and effective industry engagement stay central.
- Working openly with Ofgem, existing REC stakeholders and new ECC stakeholders.
- Developing core principles to underpin involvement in future ECC arrangements.
- Protecting continuity of what works today, and a smooth transition.

IN SHORT. We are code manager for the REC, and we want to bring that experience to the ECC, identifying and building the specific capabilities needed.

Where the ECC is, and what we need from you

Ofgem is reforming how energy codes are governed. RECCo is being assessed to become the licensed code manager of the new Electricity Commercial Code. Here is what we will cover today.

1**The award process**

How the ECC Code Manager is chosen, and what the Licensing Assessment covers.

2**Where we are now**

Progress so far, what we are doing, and what comes next.

3**What is in scope**

What this phase decides, and what is settled later.

4**How we engage**

How we are working with you now, and through the next phase.

WHAT WE NEED FROM YOU. Your insight, your feedback, and your steer on where we engage next. This is a conversation, not a presentation.

Energy codes are being reformed to reduce complexity

The CMA found in 2016 that the codes were too complex and lacked independent decision making. The Energy Act 2023 gave Ofgem the powers to fix it. This is what that means in practice.

WHAT IS CHANGING

11 to 6

Codes reduced through phased consolidation.

Licensed

Code managers appointed as independent, accountable decision makers.

Harmonised

Harmonised change processes across the codes, with better coordination and more done digitally. Some things will still vary code by code.

WHY IT MATTERS FOR YOU

A clear vision

Ofgem's Strategic Direction Statement sets a policy trajectory that code managers use to drive targeted change.

Less fragmentation

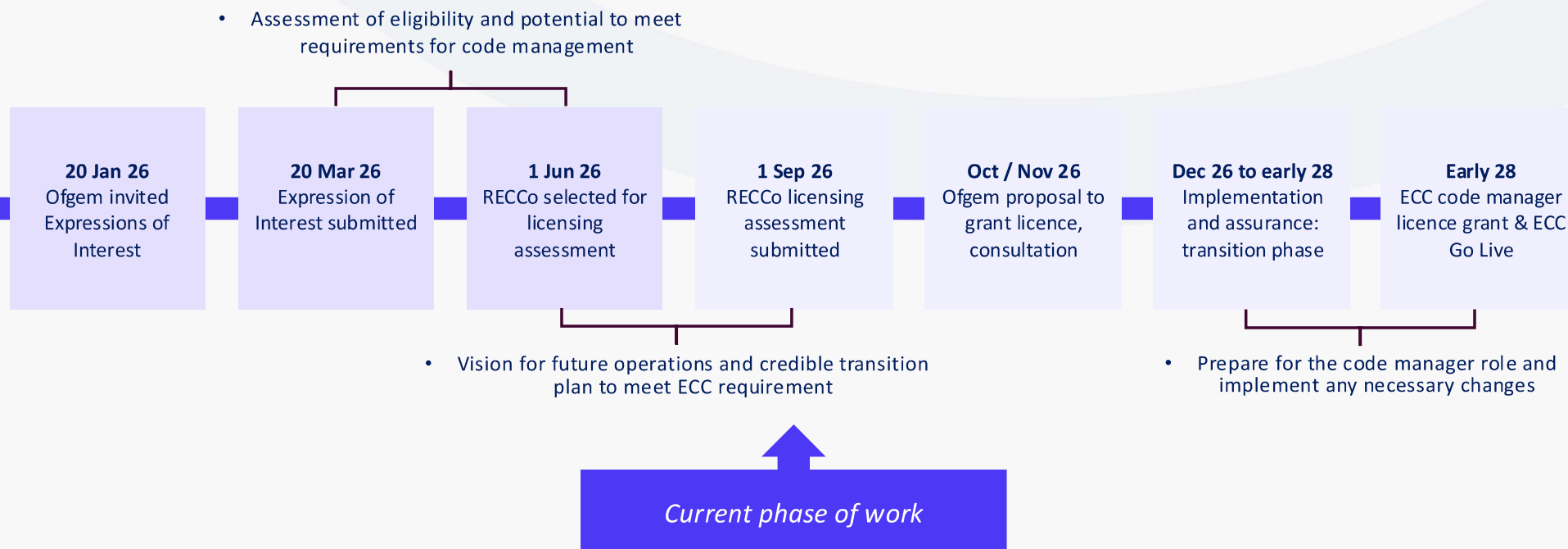
Fragmentation today drives duplicated effort and complexity. Bringing codes together gives a fuller view of impacts.

Easier to engage

Easier for parties to engage with the codes and the processes around them, especially new entrants and less-resourced parties.

THE POINT. Reform is about reducing complexity and making decisions independent. The ECC is one part of delivering that.

ECC Code Manager process timeline



We built a plan for a plan

Licensing Assessment was not the detailed design. It was where we showed how we believe RECCo is suitable, capable and ready to run the code. The detailed blueprint comes at the start of Implementation and Assurance.

What the submission did

Confirmed to Ofgem that we can meet the requirements of the licence conditions, and the policy aims for code management and the wider code reforms.

What we had to prove

That RECCo is suitable, capable and ready to operate as a Licensed Code Manager. That was the whole test for this phase.

THE FIVE AREAS OUR SUBMISSION HAD TO COVER

Service provision capability

Value for money to
industry and consumers

Stakeholder management
capability

Expertise in applying code
objectives

Project management
capability

IN SHORT. Our submission had to cover all five areas and show we can do each one. Ofgem is assessing it now.

The approach we took

We completed Discovery and Design with your collaboration and support, and submitted to Ofgem on 1 September.

1 Engage

- Delivered a stakeholder engagement approach to build confidence and draw on expertise.
- Talked to the Panels and the bodies running the codes.
- Recommended standing groups to support the work in transition.
 - Transition Working Group
 - Advisory Group
 - Wider engagement

2 Discovery

- What we needed to deliver and how.
- How could we replicate existing approaches, systems and processes?
- Where did we need to develop, build or source capability and expertise?

3 Design

- Produced options to meet the ECC requirements.
- Designed and tested the model.
- Created transition plans focused on:
 - Capability and expertise
 - Structure and governance
 - Operations
 - Funding

4 Submit

- Submitted credible vision to Ofgem for the delivery of the future ECC code manager.
- Now preparing for transition.

WHERE YOU COME IN. Your insights shaped the submission, and they are shaping our transition planning now.

What was not in scope for Licensing Assessment

Many key questions will be addressed in later phases of the transition process.

Code consolidation

Ofgem is leading the initial consolidation into a single document under the new Code Manager. Workgroups and consultation expected 2027.

Full consolidation and simplification follows licence grant.

Framework changes

Consequential changes to licences, codes and contract provisions will be needed to move to the new framework.

Ofgem plans to lead, with industry support.

Funding model

A method for funding the future consolidated ECC Code Manager still needs to be developed.

Fair, transparent allocation of costs is central to reform.

Detailed solutions

Future design, transition and continuity get defined at the next phase.

Needs collaboration across code bodies, Panels and industry.

FOR CLARITY. We have not redesigned arrangements in this phase. Ofgem and industry will have crucial roles to play.

How we have engaged

We have been talking to three groups directly, through one-to-one calls and their own meetings. Standing key stakeholder working groups come next, in the Implementation and Assurance phase, to keep the move across smooth.

BODIES RUNNING THE CODES

One to one calls

One-to-one calls with the bodies running CUSC and DCUSA, to understand the services they run today and protect confidence in those codes.

One to one calls, now moving to regular calls

- Ofgem
- NESO
- Electralink
- DCUSA Chair, Panel reps
- CUSC Chair, Panel reps

PANELS

Existing meetings

CUSC and DCUSA Panels through their own standing meetings, plus one to one calls with members. Hearing their questions and keeping their confidence.

Code body meetings, to 1 September

- DCUSA engagement day
- DCUSA Panel
- CUSC Panel

WIDER INDUSTRY

Open engagement

Industry associations, webinars, a mailbox, targeted invites and regular updates, so smaller and newer parties are not missed. Explaining the scope, our role and how we work.

Industry meetings, to 1 September

- ENA
- INA
- Energy UK
- Renewable UK
- REA
- ADE
- IGG

WHO WE ENGAGE, AND HOW CLOSELY WE WORK

Work in partnership

- Ofgem
- RECCo Board
- REC, CUSC & DCUSA code bodies

Engage and understand

- REC, CUSC & DCUSA Parties
- Service providers
- Panels

Keep informed

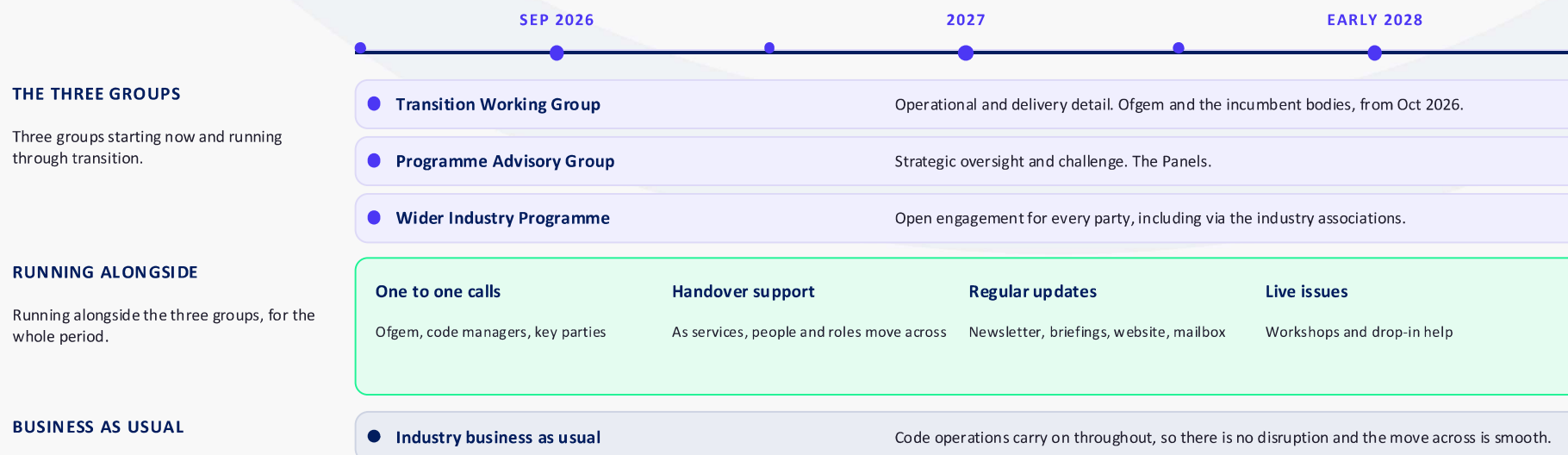
- Trade bodies
- DESNZ
- Cross-code forums / Committees

Monitor

- Wider participants
- Emerging entrants
- Industry media

How we keep working with you

Engagement carries on all the way through transition. Three groups give the work its shape, and around them we keep up one to one calls, handover support and open channels.



WHEN: *Much of the early thinking is done. Validation Sep to Oct 2026 (indicative), licence outcome to follow, engagement to early 2028.*

IN SHORT. *Three groups at the centre, steady engagement around them, and business as usual carries on.*

What happens with Ofgem now we have submitted

The submission is not the end of it. Here is what follows, and your opportunity to input.

1**We submitted**

Our Licensing Assessment submission went to Ofgem on **1 September**.

2**Ofgem reviews**

Ofgem aims to publish its proposed licence grant within two months of receiving it, so October or November.

3**Representations**

Industry can make representations to Ofgem on the proposal. This is a formal chance for you to feed back on the proposal notice.

4**Transition begins**

If Ofgem confirms the proposal, the Implementation and Assurance phase runs from then to early 2028, with standing groups involving industry experts.

AND YOU. When Ofgem publishes its proposal, you can make representations. We will tell you when that window opens, and we will keep talking to you throughout.

Keep up with the ECC project

Everything we publish goes to one place. A webpage for project updates, news and the latest feeds, and a mailbox for anything you want to ask us directly.

The project webpage

retailenergycode.co.uk/our-programmes/electricity-commercial-code/

Updates, news and the latest feeds in one place. Register / sign-up to get invitations to planned webinars and other updates.

The ECC mailbox

ECC@retailenergycode.co.uk

Ask us anything, tell us what you need, or ask to be added to the invitation list. A real person reads it.

WHAT YOU GET WHEN YOU SIGN UP

Project updates as they happen

News and announcements

The latest feeds from the project

Invitations to planned webinars

A direct line to the team

SIGN UP TODAY. Register on the webpage and the updates and invitations come to you, so you do not have to chase them.

Thank you.

We recognise that the expertise needed to develop an effective future ECC model already exists across the industry, and we are committed to drawing on that experience throughout the process.

Get in touch: ECC@retailenergycode.co.uk

Visit us for latest project updates: retailenergycode.co.uk/our-programmes/electricity-commercial-code/

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Ofgem Charging Update

Bartosz Slota - Ofgem

Code Administrator Update

Catia Gomes – Code Administrator NESO



Key Updates since last TCMF



New Modifications / Nominations

- None.

Decisions

- None.

Implementations

- None.



Authority Expected Decision Date

Modification	FMR submitted	Expected Decision Date
Decisions temporarily paused due to Reform National Pricing (RNP) Programme		
CMP315: 'TNUoS Review of the expansion constant and the elements of the transmission system charged for' and CMP375 'Enduring Expansion Constant & Expansion Factor Review'	07 February 2024	TBC pending update on RNP (previously 07 February 2025)
CMP423: 'Generation-weighted Reference Node'	09 December 2025	TBC pending update on RNP
CMP440: 'Re-introduction of Demand TNUoS locational signals by removal of the zero-price floor'	10 April 2026	TBC pending update on RNP
CMP445: 'Pro-rating first year TNUoS for Generators'	10 July 2026	TBC pending update on RNP (previously 30 September 2026)
Charging/ Non – Charging Modifications		
CMP316: 'TNUoS Charging Methodology for Co-located Generation'	08 August 2025	TBC (Previously September 2026)
CMP397: 'Consequential changes required to CUSC Exhibits B and D to reflect CMP316 (Co-located Generation Sites)'	12 June 2024	TBC
CMP453: 'To Bill BSUoS on a net basis at BSC Trading Units'	11 November 2025	30 September 2026
CMP469: 'GC0186 Cost Recovery mechanism for CUSC Parties'	07 July 2026	30 October 2026
Connections Modifications		
CMP330 & CMP374: '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
CMP417: 'Extending principles of CUSC Section 15 to all Users'	20 July 2026	TBC
CMP470: 'Introducing an Oversubscribed Technologies Commitment Fee'	14 July 2026	14 October 2026
CMP474: 'Fixed BSUoS Price Revision Mechanism'	10 July 2026	TBC
CMP475: 'Amendment to the BSUoS tariff reset process'	10 July 2026	TBC

The Authority's publication on decisions can be found on their website below:

<https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications/code-modificationmodification-proposals-ofgem-decision-expected-publication-dates-timetable>

Key Consultations in September

Workgroup Consultations

- None.

Code Administrator Consultations

- **CMP471**: Interim Contract Variation Process Ahead of CMP434 Gated Application Window CAC opens on 18 September and closes on 25 September.
- **CMP479**: Milestone 8: inclusion of OFTO construction CAC opens on 03 September and closes 24 September.

Appeals Window

- None.

CUSC 2026 - Panel dates

	Panel Dates	Papers Day	Modification Submission Date	(TCMF) CUSC Development Forum
January	30	22	15	8
February	27	19	12	5
March	27	19	12	5
April	24	16	9	2
May	22	14	7	30 April
June	26	18	11	4
July	31	23	16	9
August	28	20	13	6
September Special Panel	18	10	10	3
September	25	17	10	3
October	30	22	15	8
November	27	19	12	5
December	11	3	26 November	19 November

Modifications Overview

Modification Number	Modification Title	Modification Overview	Impacted Parties
<u>CMP315</u>	TNUoS: Review of the expansion constant and the elements of the transmission system charged for	The expansion constant is a key input in setting the value of the locational element of transmission network use of system charges. This modification proposal would review how the expansion constant is determined such that it best reflects the costs involved.	High impact on all Users who pay TNUoS charges, NESO, Transmission Owners and Offshore Transmission Owners
<u>CMP316</u>	TNUoS Charging Methodology for Co-located Generation	Charging arrangements for Generation sites which comprise multiple technology types within one Power Station ("co-located")	Medium impact on Co-located Generators; Low Impact on NESO
<u>CMP417</u>	Extending principles of CUSC Section 15 to all Users	This modification seeks to extend the principles of CUSC Section 15 "User Commitment Methodology" to Users on Final Sums methodology, resulting in all Users being on the User Commitment Methodology. This will introduce equitable treatment across User groups and reduce barriers to entry as a User's security amount will better reflect the transmission liabilities they impose should they cancel connection or reduce capacity.	High Impact on National Energy System Operator, Distribution Network Operators, Transmission Owners, Users who remain on Final Sums methodology (Distributed connected Demand, Transmission connected Demand and DNOs where work is not triggered by an Embedded Generator e.g. asset replacement)
<u>CMP330/CMP374</u>	Allowing new Transmission Connected parties to build Connection Assets greater than 2km in length	To amend the definition of Connection Assets in section 14 of the CUSC to allow cable and overhead line lengths over 2km to be contestable where agreed between the Transmission Owner and the User.	High Impact on New Transmission connected Users and Transmission Owners
<u>CMP397</u>	Consequential changes required to CUSC Exhibits B and D to reflect CMP316 (Co-Located Generation Sites)	CMP316 makes changes to Section 14 of the CUSC. CMP397 facilitates CMP316 and proposes consequential changes to CUSC Exhibits B & D	Low impact on Co-located Generators and NESO

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<u>CMP423</u>	Generation Weighted Reference Node	This modification proposes to switch from a demand weighted Reference Node to a generation weighted Reference Node instead.	High impact on Generation and Demand Users
<u>CMP440</u>	'Re-introduction of Demand TNUoS locational signals by removal of the zero price floor'	This CUSC modification proposes removing the current zero price floor from the TNUoS locational demand tariff for Final Demand, thereby re-introducing a locational investment price signal across all of GB. The potential for negative prices and the perverse incentive for Users to consume is removed by widening the period over which consumption is measured for charging against negative tariffs.	High impact on Suppliers
<u>CMP445</u>	Pro-rating first year TNUoS for Generators	The CUSC should be amended to ensure that Generators only pay TNUoS on a pro-rated basis from their Charging Date, during the first year of connection	High on Generators and low impact on NESO, and no material impact on Transmission Owners
<u>CMP453</u>	To Bill BSUoS on a net basis at BSC Trading Units	The move to gross billing of BSUoS means that customers forming part of a BSC Trading Unit are paying BSUoS when the net flows at the point of connection are exports, so the customers are not using the system and should not pay BSUoS.	Medium impact on customers and suppliers.
<u>CMP469</u>	GC0186 Cost Recovery mechanism for CUSC Parties National Energy System Operator	The GC0186 modification will place new obligations within the Grid Code, upon Connection and Use of System Code (CUSC) Parties who are not contracted with the National Energy System Operator (NESO) as Restoration Service Providers. Therefore, a one-year time extension of the codified cost recovery mechanism is required to prevent the affected parties being commercially disadvantaged by the implementation of the new obligations.	High impact on Suppliers & Generators

Modifications Overview

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<u>CMP470</u>	Introducing an Oversubscribed Technologies Commitment Fee	This modification seeks to introduce a floor on securities through an Oversubscribed Technologies Commitment Fee for all technologies which are oversubscribed relative to Clean Power 2030 capacity targets.	High impact: on generation developers and a Medium Impact: on Transmission Owners
<u>CMP471</u>	Interim Contract Variation Process Ahead of CMP434 Gated Application Window	This modification proposes a temporary, limited amendment to the CUSC allowing Users to adjust elements of their NESO contracts before the first CMP434 Gated Application Window.	High impact on Generators, Transmission Owner and NESO
<u>CMP474</u>	Fixed BSUoS Price reset mechanism	Inclusion in the Connection and Use of System Code of a clear process for when the Balancing Services Use of System will be reset by the National Energy System Operator.	High impact on Suppliers and Transmission System Operators
<u>CMP475</u>	Amendment to the BSUoS tariff reset process	Amendment to the Balancing Services Use of System Tariff Reset process as per Connection and Use of System Code. To enable the National Energy System Operator due to wider market conditions to reforecast the fixed tariff periods and if needed recover financial position of the working capital fund	High impact for anyone who is impacted by BSUoS, primarily Suppliers
<u>CMP476</u>	Correction to Section 15 of the CUSC	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.	This modification is not expected to have a material impact on any party.
<u>CMP479</u>	Milestone 8: inclusion of OFTO construction	This modification amends Milestone 8 (Project Construction) in CUSC Section 16 to recognise Offshore Transmission infrastructure as construction activity for Offshore generation projects.	Medium impact on Generators and NESO

Useful Links

Ofgem's expected decision dates/ date they intend to publish an impact assessment or consultation, for code modifications that are with them for decision are available [here](#)

Updates on all Modifications are available on the Modification Tracker [here](#)

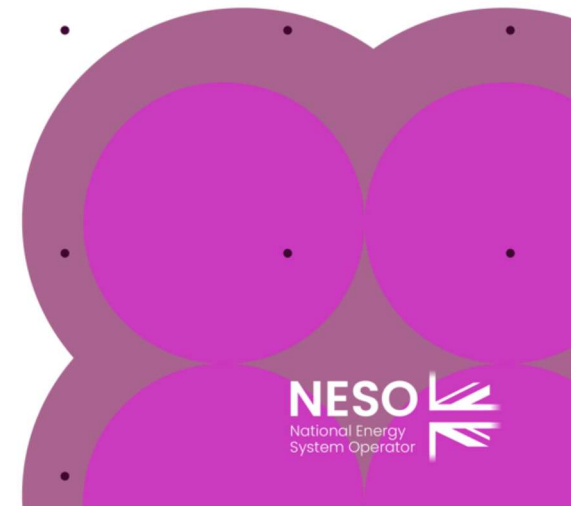
The latest CUSC Panel Headline Report and prioritisation stack are available [here](#)

If you would like to receive updates from the Code Administrator on CUSC modifications, please join the distribution list [here](#)

Your CUSC Panel representatives

- Industry is represented at CUSC Panel by representatives, who would love your input. Their contact details can be found [here](#).
- Panel members represent their industry segments at Panel; the more input they have, the more your voice can be heard.

Anthony Pygram	Independent Panel Chair		Lauren Jauss	Panel Member	
Catia Gomes	Panel Secretary and Code Administrator Representative		Shane Cracknell	Panel Member	
Ren Walker	Panel Technical Secretary		Alastair Owen	NESO Representative	
Andrew Enzor	Panel Member		Daniel Arrowsmith	NESO Representative	
Binoy Dharsi	Panel Member		Tom Lowe	Consumer Panel Representative	
Garth Graham	Panel Member		Jacob Snowden	BSC Representative	
Joe Colebrook	Panel Member		Nadir Hafeez	Ofgem Representative	
Kyran Hanks	Panel Member		James Stone	Ofgem Representative	



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