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Code Administrator Meeting

Summary

Workgroup Meeting 12 – CMP471: Interim Connection Date Delay Process Ahead of CMP434 Gated Application Window

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Key areas of discussion

The meeting was noted as the final expected Workgroup meeting for CMP471, with thanks recorded to Workgroup members for their continued engagement throughout the urgent modification process. The meeting focused on closing the remaining actions, reviewing the legal text for the Original Proposal and the three WACMs, and considering the Workgroup Report so that the modification could progress to Panel and then to Code Administrator Consultation.

Ofgem Slot

The Authority representative confirmed that Ofgem's position on the interaction between the Proposal and Transmission Owner licence obligations remained unchanged from the previous week. The Authority representative explained that this point would not be taken into consideration for the specific code modification decision, although Ofgem was considering the matter separately.

The Proposer asked how Ofgem would approach fixed delivery timescales if subsequent feedback indicated that those timescales may not be operationally deliverable. The Authority representative stated that practical deliverability would

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be a relevant consideration in Ofgem’s assessment and that Ofgem would not want to approve legal text that could not realistically be implemented. The discussion supported the inclusion of wording that would allow flexibility in the relevant timescales, where appropriate, while still recognising the Workgroup’s preferred process and intent.

Action Log Review

Action 25 – Connection Date Delay Request Volumes – Closed.

NESO provided the following data on connection date delay request volumes:

In the recent CFI, NESO received 156 responses for connection date delays; the split is as follows:

NGET – 87 (55.8%)

SPT – 39 (25%)

SSSENT 30 (19.2%)

The Workgroup reviewed updated information on the potential volume of Connection Date Delay Requests. The Workgroup members noted that the figures were indicative, based on survey responses available at the time, and should not be treated as a binding or definitive forecast of the number of requests that would ultimately come forward.

The Workgroup also noted that the figures could either overstate or understate the eventual volume. Some Workgroup members observed that developers may have signalled interest where there was only a possibility that a delay would be needed, while the NESO representative noted that the figures were based only on respondents and had not been scaled to account for non-respondents. The Workgroup agreed that the data should be included in the Workgroup Report with appropriate caveats.

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Action 26 – NESO Implementation and IT Arrangements – Closed.

The NESO representative provided an update following discussions with NESO Digital, Data and Technology and Connections Operations teams. The Workgroup was informed that if Ofgem approved the modification shortly after receiving it on 7 October, IT build activity would be expected to begin immediately and be completed by 20 November. Between 20 November and the date in January when the final Phase 2 Gate 2 offers are issued, NESO would focus on team training, operational preparation and resourcing. Final CDDR offers would then be issued within four months of that January date.

The NESO representative also explained that if Ofgem advised that the Joint Industry Plan should be paused, the process could open no earlier than six to eight weeks after that decision, comprising six weeks for IT build followed by two weeks for training and operational readiness. This would bring the timeline forward by around one month. The Workgroup recognised that this information had implications for the legal text and agreed that wording should allow flexibility in the relevant application and response timescales, subject to the Authority's determination.

Legal Text Review

The Workgroup reviewed the legal text for the Original Proposal first. The Proposer explained revisions intended to separate provisions that would automatically change as a consequence of an approved completion date delay from provisions that may be considered through related queue management processes. The NESO legal representative supported this structure, noting that it helped distinguish between changes that would follow directly from a revised completion date and requests that would need to be assessed through the relevant exceptions process. The Workgroup did not identify dissent to this approach and agreed that the legal text reflected the intent of the Original Proposal.

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The Workgroup then considered the legal text for WACM 2. The NESO legal representative explained that WACM 2 followed the structure of the Original Proposal but added an eligibility requirement linked to evidence of an exceptional issue under CUSC Section 16. The Proposer confirmed that the additional Gate 2 to whole queue exceptions process was not intended to be within scope of WACM 2. The discussion focused on confirming whether the legal text accurately reflected the intent of the WACM, rather than reopening the merits of the alternative. No dissent was raised, and the Workgroup concluded that the WACM 2 legal text reflected the intended approach.

The Workgroup next considered WACM 1. The NESO legal representative explained that the legal text would require user progression milestones to be recalculated by reference to the revised completion date where a completion date delay request was approved. The discussion noted that this approach was intended to produce a direct consequence for the relevant milestones and that the wording clearly reflected the intent of WACM 1. The Workgroup did not identify dissent and agreed that the legal text reflected the WACM 1 proposal.

The Workgroup then reviewed WACM 3, which proposed changes through CUSC Section 16. The discussion focused on how the WACM 3 legal text interacted with the Original Proposal's Section 19 provisions. The NESO legal representative advised that the WACM 3 approach and the Original Proposal's user progression milestone wording were doing similar but different things, and that the WACM 3 version should remove the relevant Section 19 paragraph and instead rely on the new Section 16 provision. The Workgroup agreed that WACM 3 legal text would comprise the common Section 11 definitions, a Section 16 amendment, and a Section 19 version with the relevant paragraph removed.

The Workgroup also discussed whether WACM 3 should include a separate deadline for NESO to respond to a user progression milestone update request. A Workgroup member noted that no such timescale was included in the WACM 3 proposal. The WACM 3 proposer acknowledged the point but confirmed that they did not propose to add a further timescale. The Workgroup proceeded on that

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basis. Further drafting refinements were agreed to clarify references to the relevant tables in CUSC Section 16.3 and to correct terminology and typographical points. The Workgroup agreed that the legal text reflected the WACM 3 proposal.

Workgroup Report

The Workgroup Report was noted as the final substantive item for the Workgroup and would be submitted to the Panel, together with the annexes and legal text, for consideration of whether the Workgroup had met its Terms of Reference.

The Workgroup reviewed comments on the report and agreed a number of clarifications. These included noting that any draft guidance developed during the Workgroup process had been shared with NESO for consideration, but that further development of guidance would follow any Authority decision to approve CMP471. The Workgroup also agreed to clarify that the Original Proposal retained 60 business days as the baseline response timescale, while the legal text included flexibility for the Authority to determine an alternative timescale where appropriate.

The Workgroup also considered comments on drafting flow, terminology, and the presentation of the WACMs within the report. It was noted that the report should remain understandable to readers who had not attended the Workgroup meetings, while avoiding unnecessary repetition or over-cross-referencing. Where comments were accepted, the intended amendments were recorded for incorporation following the meeting.

Next Steps

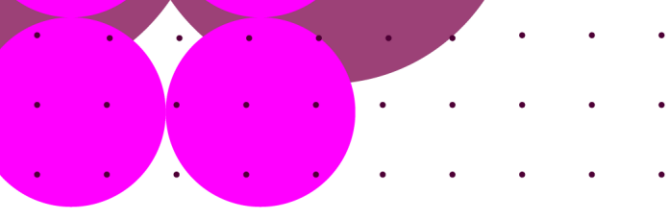
The Workgroup has concluded its review of the remaining actions, the legal text for the Original Proposal and the three WACMs, and the Workgroup Report. Any outstanding formatting or numbering adjustments to the legal text were to be completed after the meeting, without reopening the substantive discussions. The finalised Workgroup Report and annexes would then proceed to the Panel

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meeting scheduled for 18 September 2026, with the intention of progressing to Code Administrator Consultation and, subsequently, the Draft Final Modification Report and Final Modification Report stages.

Attendees

Name	Initial	Company	Role
Robert Hughes	RH	NESO	Chair
Mollie Griffiths	MG	NESO	Technical Secretary
Matthew Dowds	MD	Muir Hall Energy	Proposer
Paul Mott	PM	NESO	NESO Representative
Rob Smith	RS	Enso Green Holdings	Workgroup Member
Lamin Saidy Vulart	LSV	Qair UK	Workgroup Member
Thomas O'Neill	TO	Qair UK	Workgroup Member (alt)
Andrew Allan	AA	RWE	Workgroup Member (alt)
Ciaran Fitzgerald	CF	Scottish Power Renewables	Workgroup Member
Niall Stuart	NS	Hutcheson Associates	Workgroup Member
Khaman Ward	KW	Voltwise Power	Workgroup Member
Ruth Matthew	RM	NESO	NESO Representative
Gareth Williams	GW	Scottish Power Transmission	Workgroup Member
Garth Graham	GG	SSE Generation	Workgroup Member
Andrew Colley	AC	SSE Generation	Workgroup Member (alt)
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