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Special CUSC Panel

Friday 02 October 2026

Online Meeting via Teams

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WELCOME

Purpose of Panel & Duties of Panel Members

The **Panel** shall be the standing body to carry out the **functions** referred to in CUSC – Section 8 CUSC Modification (8.3.3)

The **Panel** shall endeavour at all time to operate:

- In an **efficient, economical and expeditious manner**, taking account of the complexity, importance and urgency of particular CUSC Modification Proposals; and
- With a view to ensuring that the CUSC facilitates **achievement of the Applicable CUSC Objectives**.

Duties of Panel Members & Alternates (8.3.4)

1. Shall act **impartially** and in accordance with the requirements of the **CUSC**; and
2. Shall not have any **conflicts of interest**.

Shall not be representative of, and shall act without undue regard to the particular interests of the persons or body of persons by whom he/she was appointed as Panel Member and any Related Person from time to time.

Draft Final Modification Report

CMP471: Interim Contract Variation Process
Ahead of CMP434 Gated Application Window

Keren Kelly (Acting Panel Secretary)

Solutions

Summary of solutions:

- The Original solution proposes the establishment of a Completion Date Delay Request process, with the defect being the current absence of such a bespoke mechanism. If such a request is agreed, this will have a knock-on effect for other processes. e.g. Joint Industry Plan (JIP) and *may* have a knock-on effect on some systems e.g. Queue Management milestones
- WACM 1 varies slightly in saying that the solution *will* impact Queue Management milestones
- WACM 2 varies from the Original by restricting those projects which are eligible to apply to just those which meet the criteria for the existing NESO Exceptions process
- WACM 3 is similar to WACM 1 but adds time restrictions as to when a request may be made.

Code Administrator Consultation Responses

Summary of Code Administrator Consultation Responses:

Code Administrator Consultation was run from 18/09/2026 to 25/09/2026 and received 18 non-confidential responses and 1 confidential response. Key points were:

- One stakeholder group supports CMP471, arguing reform delays have created unrealistic connection dates and increased commercial uncertainty.
- Other respondents favour the baseline, citing resource pressures and risks to Connections Reform delivery.
- WACM3 is the preferred option for most supporters, balancing connection date flexibility with queue management controls.
- WACM2 receives limited support due to unclear eligibility criteria and greater administrative burden.
- The main debate is whether Queue Management milestones should be realigned with delayed connection dates.
- No legal text issues identified

Further Points of Consideration

- Do Panel members want to raise any further points of consideration for the modification before the vote takes place?

CMP471 Asks of Panel

- **NOTE** that this Modification does not impact the Electricity Balancing Regulation (EBR) Article 18 terms and conditions held within the CUSC
- **VOTE** whether or not to recommend implementation
- **NOTE** next steps

CMP471 Next Steps

Milestone	Date
Final Modification Report issued to Panel to check votes recorded correctly	02 October 2026
Submission of Final Modification Report to Ofgem	05 October 2026
Ofgem decision date	TBC
Implementation Date	10 Business Days after Authority Decision

Any other business

- CACoP Survey – Closing date 02 October 2026

Activities ahead of the next Panel Meeting

Transmission Charging Methodologies Forum	08 October 2026
Modification Proposal Deadline for October Panel	15 October 2026
Papers Day	22 October 2026
Panel Meeting	30 October 2026 Faraday House

Close

Anthony Pygram

Independent Chair, CUSC Panel