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Meeting Summary

Transmission Charging Methodologies Forum

Date:	03/09/2026	Location:	MS Teams
Start:	10:00am	End:	11:30am

#	Topics to be discussed	
1.	Introduction, meeting objectives and review of previous actions	Alastair Owen, NESO
2.	Introducing the Electricity Commercial Code (ECC) project	Helen Adey, Retail Energy Code/ Keith Little, CCG consulting
3.	Ofgem Charging Update	Bartosz Slota, Ofgem
4.	Code Administrator Update	Catia Gomes, Code Administrator NESO
5.	AOB and Meeting Close	Alastair Owen, NESO

Discussion and details

These notes are produced as an accompaniment to the slide pack presented which can be found here;
<https://www.neso.energy/industry-information/codes/connection-and-use-system-code-cusc/cusc-forum>

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1.	Introduction, meeting objectives and review of previous actions - Alastair Owen, NESO Alastair Owen opened the meeting, providing an overview of the agenda items for discussion and led a review of the action log. - Alastair Owen (AO) provided an update on previous actions. For the first 3 actions AO advised that these are dependent on the new connections queue being formed. As soon as the queue has been formed TCMF will be provided with an update. - Action 4 – an overview on national pricing and market reform developments. This was covered as an agenda item at today's forum - Action 5 – Ofgem to provide clarification on infrastructure project exemptions under CMP447. Ofgem will take this action forward to the next TCMF.
2.	Introducing the Electricity Commercial Code (ECC) project - Helen Adey & Kirsty Ingham, Retail Energy Code Helen Adey (HA) and Kirsty Ingham (KI) of Retail Energy Code outlined RECCO's proposed role as the future Electricity Commercial Code manager, the planned transition from CUSC and

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DCUSA, its licensing assessment submitted to Ofgem, and stakeholder engagement ahead of a potential Q1 2028 launch.

KI explained that RECCO, as the independent Retail Energy Code manager, intends to apply its experience to the Electricity Commercial Code. The future code manager would facilitate and triage modifications, propose changes, manage processes and make recommendations, while Ofgem would retain final decision-making authority.

The slides outlined the transition scope, explaining that CUSC and DCUSA are expected to form the Electricity Commercial Code while remaining separate from the gas network code. The initial code is expected to retain distinct transmission and distribution sections, while the wider programme aims to reduce 11 codes to six.

The presentation covered licensing and proposed timelines. HA advised that RECCO submitted its licensing assessment to Ofgem at the end of August. Ofgem is expected to issue a proposed licence-grant notice around October or November, followed by an industry representation period. A 12–18-month implementation and assurance phase would then follow, with a potential Q1 2028 go-live, although the date remains uncertain.

Paul Youngman (PY) asked about the initial consolidation. KI said the Ofgem-led consolidation initially focuses on boilerplate and structural provisions rather than substantive charging changes. Nine areas have been considered, including accession and exit, while credit cover was excluded because it relates to network arrangements rather than code-manager functions. HA added that provisions reflecting fundamentally different transmission and distribution requirements must remain distinct. Following the forum, KI agreed to share an additional Electricity Commercial Code transition slide and related presentation materials with attendees.

RECCO also outlined plans to establish a transition working group with Ofgem, NESO and existing code bodies, supported by an advisory group of industry experts or equivalent panel members. Wider engagement will include webinars, industry-association sessions, website content, news bulletins and direct contact through the ECC mailbox, ecc@retailenergyco.co.uk.

Full details on the update can be found on the slides.

3. Ofgem Charging Update – Bartosz Slota & Jonathan Bowes, Ofgem

Bartosz Slota (BS) and Jonathan Bowes (JB) updated the forum on Ofgem's RNP charging reforms process, alongside legacy and transitional arrangements. BS explained that Ofgem is developing the enduring reform policy and preparing further expert panel and expert group meetings. The timetable remains subject to departmental decisions on siting and investment levers and the strategic role of charging. However, DESNZ indicated it intends to publish a follow-up to its April consultation by the end of 2026.

Barnaby Cowin (BC) asked whether this work would affect wider policy decisions. BS confirmed that Ofgem intends to develop more detailed options and bring them to the group during late September, October and November. The team is working at risk and at pace, but DESNZ's eventual decision will determine the role of charging.

JB reported that the legacy and transitional arrangements working group held four meetings in June and July. The group examined the boundary between legacy and transitional arrangements, approaches to asset classification, and whether different asset types require separate treatment. Materials, notes and slides are publicly available and will be circulated to participants.

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JB went on to outline the next phase. Following summer bilateral discussions with industry, the working group's second phase will begin and continue through to December. It will develop the call-for-input options in greater detail, supported by analysis and indicative information from NESO. The group aims to conclude by December, publish a findings report in early 2027, narrow the option space and support a targeted consultation early in the new year.

4. CUSC Administrator Update – Catia Gomes, Code Administrator NESO

Catia Gomes (CG) gave the code administrator update.

- CG provided updates on new modifications, decisions, implementations, and consultations, as well as information on the upcoming panel meetings and submission deadlines.

Full details on the update can be found on the slides.

5. AOB and Meeting Close - Alastair Owen, NESO

- No new AOB

The meeting was closed.
