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CUSC Modification Proposal Form

CMP468:

Removal of outdated references in CUSC (non-charging)

Overview: Removes outdated references in CUSC to Electricity Ten Year Statement (ETYS).

Modification process & timetable

1	Proposal Form 07 October 2026
2	Code Administrator Consultation 03 November – 24 November 2026
3	Draft Final SG Modification Report 03 December 2026
4	Final SG Modification Report 11 December 2026
5	Appeals Window 22 December 2026 – 15 January 2027
6	Implementation 29 January 2027

Status summary: The Proposer has raised a modification and is seeking a decision from the Panel on the governance route to be taken.

This modification is expected to have a: Low impact on market participants. It just reflects updated sources of data.

Proposer's recommendation of governance route
Self-Governance modification with assessment by a Workgroup

Proposer's view on modification priority
N/A

Modification Category
CUSC Non-Charging Objectives

Who can I talk to about the change?

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What is the issue?

The Connection Use of System Code (CUSC) contains several references to the Electricity Ten Year Statement (ETYS). The last ETYS was published at the end of June 2026, with the first publication of the full Centralised Strategic Network Plan (CSNP¹) due in December 2028, though some CSNP data will be published before then.

Why change?

The CUSC contains several references to the ETYS. These generally need to be replaced with appropriate references to the National Energy System Operator (NESO) published planning data.

What is the Proposer's solution?

References to ETYS are proposed to be replaced in the legal text with NESO published planning data. There is one exception:

Section 11 has a definition of "Interconnector User Commitment Capacity" which gives a result (a capacity, import vs export, of that interconnector for use in user commitment) that is conditional, in clauses (a) and (b) of that definition, on whether the Interconnector connects above or below "the B11 boundary as set out in ETYS". This was introduced via CUSC change proposal CMP222: User Commitment for Non-Generation Users. It's Workgroup and Proposer decided to hard-code boundary B11 as the basis of what capacity to use per interconnector for the purposes of Section 15 user commitment. Checking back in past ETYS copies, this boundary B11 hadn't changed up to 2024, but there isn't a guarantee that it doesn't change in future under CSNP (or even that there always is a boundary known as B11). CMP222 Workgroup evidently believed that boundary B11 would be stable.

¹ The CSNP methodology webinar series at:

www.neso.energy/what-we-do/strategic-planning/strategic-energy-planning-sep-publications-consultations-and-updates

links to a series of summer 2025 webinars and a consultation on CSNP

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The Proposer of CMP222 had originally intended to use a different basis of whether an interconnector is net exporting or net importing; it can be seen across paras 4.63 to 4.68 of the Final Modification Report (FMR) for CMP222, that the Workgroup decided instead to look at boundaries, with the Proposer deciding to use boundary 11 as an identifying breakpoint.

The way to most reliably leave the workings of CMP222 undisturbed is to leave the reference to ETYS in, but ground it in the 2024 ETYS, the most recently published at this time.

So, the definition now says : “....B11 boundary as set out in the 2024 edition of the annual Electricity Ten Year Statement”. That makes sure B11 always has meaning.

The legal text reflects this, and for this reason the definition of ETYS is not deleted from Section 11.

Draft legal text

The following Sections of the CUSC will require updating:

- Section 11
- Section 13
- Section 15.

The proposed legal text changes can be found in **Annex 01**.

What is the impact of this change?

There will be no material impact on connection processes, connect and manage, user commitment or other aspects of the CUSC as they affect users as a result of this update to non-charging parts of the CUSC.

Proposer’s assessment against CUSC Non-Charging Objectives

Relevant Objective	Identified impact
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(i) The efficient discharge by the Licensee of the obligations imposed on it by the Act and by this licence*;	Neutral
(ii) Facilitating effective competition in the generation and supply of electricity, and (so far as consistent therewith) facilitating such competition in the sale, distribution and purchase of electricity;	Neutral
(iii) Compliance with the Electricity Regulation and any relevant legally binding decision of the European Commission and/or the Agency **; and	Neutral
(iv) Promoting efficiency in the implementation and administration of the CUSC arrangements.	Positive The CUSC is kept up to date with the changes to NESO licence conditions such that ETYS is no longer published.

* See *Electricity System Operator Licence*

**The Electricity Regulation referred to in objective (iii) is Regulation (EU) 2019/943 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 June 2019 on the internal market for electricity (recast) as it has effect immediately before IP completion day as read with the modifications set out in the SI 2020/1006.

Proposer's assessment of the impact of the modification on the stakeholder / consumer benefit categories

Stakeholder / consumer benefit categories	Identified impact
Improved safety and reliability of the system	Neutral

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Lower bills than would otherwise be the case	Neutral
Benefits for society as a whole	Neutral
Reduced environmental damage	Neutral
Improved quality of service	Neutral

When will this change take place?

Implementation date:

29 January 2027.

Date decision required by

11 December 2026.

Implementation approach

No systems changes are required.

Proposer's justification for governance route

Governance route: Self-Governance modification to proceed to Code Administrator Consultation

The reason why this modification is recommended as suitable for Self-Governance and doesn't need a Workgroup is that this modification, if passed, would update the CUSC by replacing outdated references to ETYS; it wouldn't have a material effect on any of the following: i) existing or future electricity consumers; ii) competition in the generation, distribution, or supply of electricity or any commercial activities connected with the generation, distribution, or supply of electricity; iii) the operation of the National Electricity Transmission System; iv) matters relating to sustainable development, safety or security of supply, or the management of market or network emergencies; and v) The governance procedures or modification

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procedures of the CUSC itself – and this modification also won't lead to discrimination between different classes of Parties.

Interactions

☒ Grid Code	☐ BSC	☒ STC	☐ SQSS
☐ European	☐ EBR Article 18	☒ Other	☐ Other
Network Codes	T&Cs ¹	modifications	

The following modifications have been raised to reflect the same changes across the Codes. The modifications are as follows:

- CM0107: Update for Centralised Strategic Network Plan, which was implemented on 01 September 2026.
- GC0188: Update for Centralised Strategic Network Plan which is being presented at the Grid Code Review Panel on 29 October 2026.
- CMP467: Removal of outdated references in CUSC (charging)

Acronyms, key terms and reference material

Acronym / key term	Meaning
BSC	Balancing and Settlement Code
CMP	CUSC Modification Proposal
CSNP	Centralised Strategic Network Plan
CUSC	Connection and Use of System Code
EBR	Electricity Balancing Regulation
ETYS	Electricity Ten Year Statement
EU	European Union
FMR	Final Modification Report

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GC	Grid Code
IP	Implementation Period
N/A	Not applicable
NESO	National Energy System Operator
SI	Statutory Instrument
SQSS	Security and Quality of Supply Standard
STC	System Operator–Transmission Owner Code
T&Cs	Terms and Conditions

Annexes

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Annex 01	CMP468 Legal Text