

CUSC Panel

Friday 30 October 2026

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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.

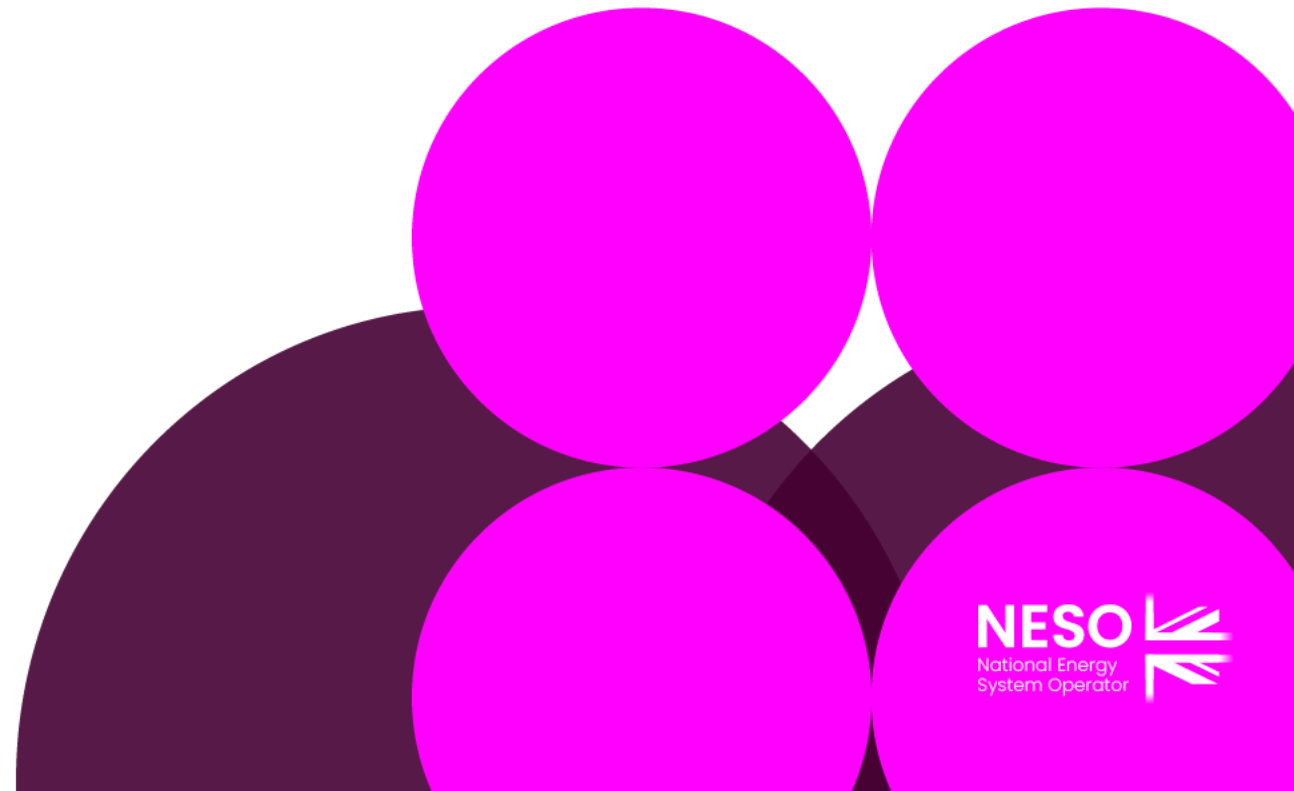
Approval of Panel Minutes

Approval of Panel Minutes from the meeting held on 25 September and 02 October 2026

Action Log

Chair's Update

Anthony Pygram



Authority Decisions and Update (as of 22 October 2026)

Decisions Received since last Panel Meeting

Modification	Decisions
<u>CMP330 & CMP374</u> 'Allowing new Transmission Connected parties to build Connection Assets greater than 2km in length & CMP374: Extending contestability for Transmission Connections'	On 07 October 2026, the Authority rejected the modification.

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>

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Decisions Pending

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
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	TBC (Previously 30 September 2026)
CMP469: 'GC0186 Cost Recovery mechanism for CUSC Parties'	07 July 2026	30 October 2026
CMP474 'Fixed BSUoS Price Revision Mechanism'	10 July 2026	TBC
CMP475 'Amendment to the BSUoS tariff reset process'	10 July 2026	TBC
CMP440: 'Re-introduction of Demand TNUoS locational signals by removal of the zero-price floor'	10 April 2026	TBC
CMP445: 'Pro-rating first year TNUoS for Generators	10 July 2026	TBC (previously 30 September 2026)
Connections Modifications		
CMP417 'Extending principles of CUSC Section 15 to all Users'	20 July 2026	TBC
CMP470 'Introducing an Oversubscribed Technologies Commitment Fee'	14 July 2026	12 November (Previously 14 October 2026)
CMP471 'Interim Contract Variation Process Ahead of CMP434 Gated Application Window'	07 October 2026	TBC

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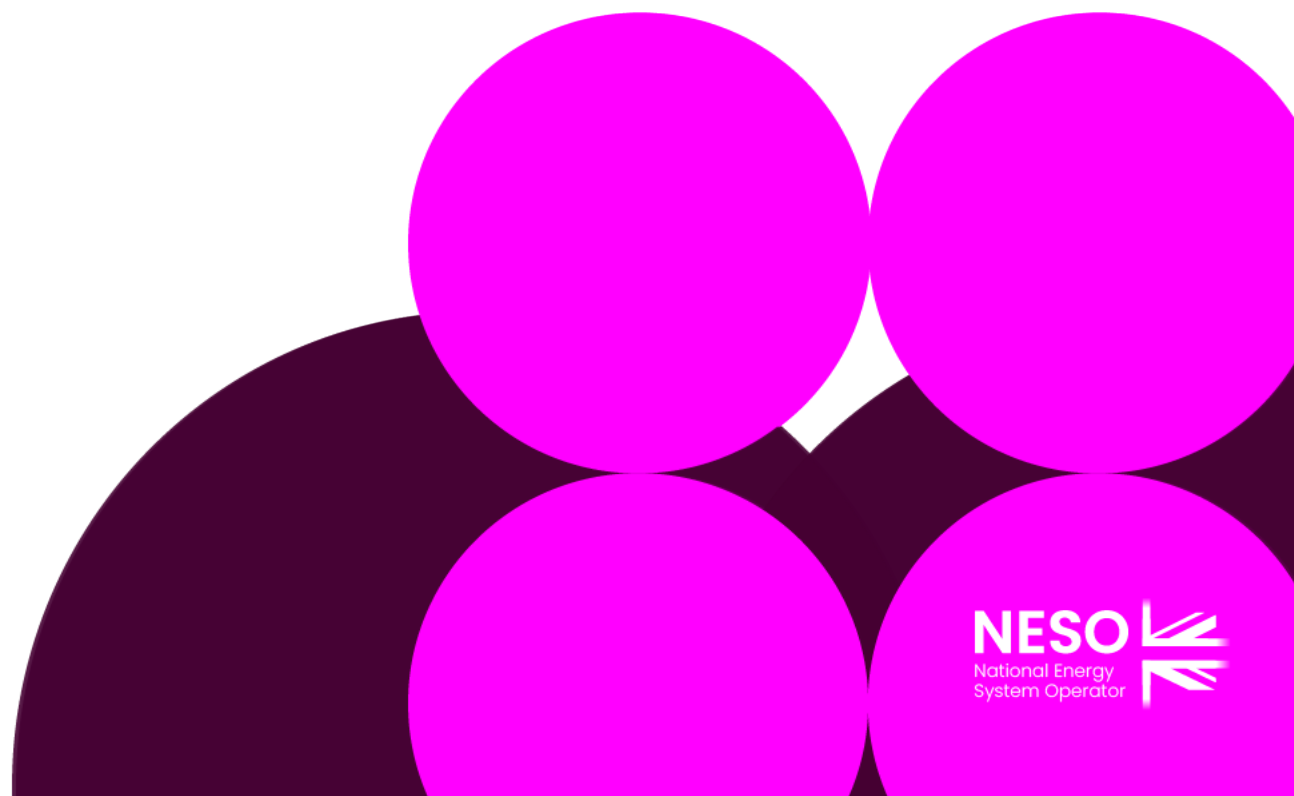
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CMP467 Critical Friend Feedback

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CMP467 and CMP468 – Overview

- The CUSC contains a number of references to the Electricity Ten Year Statement (ETYS). The last ETYS is expected to be published by 30th June 2026, with the first publication of a Centralised Strategic Network Plan (CSNP) due in December 2028, and then every three years. The TEC Register will continue to be published throughout. Planning data that was published via ETYS will continue to be published as necessary by NESO . References to ETYS need to be replaced, as ETYS will soon cease to be published. In most cases a new reference to “NESO published planning data” is appropriate.
- CUSC Sections 11, 13, 14 and 15 are affected. Section 14 needs a separate charging change proposal, which is CMP467, and the other sections need a non-charging change proposal, which is CMP468.

CMP467 and CMP468 Legal Text

- The legal text for the four affected Sections, 11,13,14 and 15 are complete and are annexed to the proposals.
- References to ETYS are proposed to be replaced in the legal text with published NESO planning data. The last few slides comprise a mapping table to illustrate this.
- However, 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”.

... reference to boundary B11 in i/c user commitment..

- This was introduced via CUSC change proposal CMP222
- The proposer of CMP222 had originally intended to use a different basis of identifying whether an interconnector is net exporting or net importing; it can be seen across paras 4.63 to 4.68 of volume 1 of the FMR (Final Modification Report) for CMP222, that the Workgroup decided instead to look at boundaries, with the proposer deciding to use boundary 11 as an identifying breakpoint.
- The 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.

... reference to boundary B11 continued

- 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 in the CMP468, section 11 legal text 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 existing definition of ETYS (Electricity Ten Year Statement”) is not deleted from Section 11.

Process

- There will be no impact on anyone's charges, or connection date/process, as a result of these change proposals, if approved. Therefore, self-governance with a Code Admin Consultation is suggested/requested as the process
- Supporting the above, these modifications wouldn't have a material effect on:
 - i) existing or future electricity consumers; or
 - ii) competition in the generation, distribution, or supply of electricity or any commercial activities connected with the generation, distribution, or supply of electricity; or
 - iii) the operation of the national electricity transmission system; or
 - iv) matters relating to sustainable development, safety or security of supply, or the management of market or network emergencies; or
 - v) The governance procedures or modification procedures of the CUSC itself
- Note that the modifications if passed, won't lead to discrimination between different classes of Parties.

When needed by

- At the June CUSC Panel, NESO was asked to ask Ofgem's CSNP department for views on this pair of modifications and when they would be needed by. They replied :

"Our view is as follows:

The purpose of the modification is to remove unnecessary dependencies on a publication that is being retired (ETYS) and ensure the CUSC and Grid Code can operate through the transition to the CSNP framework. The intention is that all information currently relied upon through ETYS references will continue to be available through successor NESO planning publications.

The rationale for "NESO published planning data" is that it provides flexibility. This deliberately avoids embedding the precise location, title and format of planning publications because those arrangements may evolve through the CSNP implementation programme. We want the code to specify the information required, not the name of the document containing it.

The NESO system requirements report, and associated appendices will be published as part of the CSNP programme with work commencing in Q4 2026 (providing the SSEP progresses as expected). The system requirements report (along with associated appendices) will provide the latest NESO published planning data based on the SSEP. The CUSC and Grid Code modifications must be in place by January 2027 to ensure they can operate within the CSNP framework and stakeholders have clarity on how and for what purpose their information will be used. This is why the changes are being proposed now alongside all other relevant code changes for the CSNP (STC, STCPs etc.)"

Mapping Table

Reference in CUSC	Data (was ETYS)	Where from	Note
14.15.6; also related section 11 def of “applicable value”	Contracted TECs and generation plant types	TEC Register	Updated within 5 working days of a new BCA, as per CUSC 6.30.3.2. NB for Panellists’ awareness, www.ofgem.gov.uk/consultation/transforming-connections-data is a consultation on connections data, open until 6 th November.
14.15.9	Nodal net demand data for the transport model will be based upon the GSP net demand that Users have forecast to occur at the time of Annual Average Cold Spell (ACS) Demand for year “t” for year t-1	the most recently published NESO planning data	Note that the external source to NESO is week24 submissions made to NESO. NESO NESO Revenue (the charging team) will continue to publish this on the NESO charging pages (Transport Model Inputs). It used to also be in ETYS’s appendix G.
14.15.10	Subject to paragraphs 14.15.15 to 14.15.22, Transmission circuits for Financial Year “t” will be defined as those with existing wayleaves for the year “t” with the associated lengths based on the circuit lengths indicated for year “t” in the most recently published NESO planning data.	the most recently published NESO planning data	This Planning data will be published by NESO with CSNP data (note will not be part of official “CSNP”)

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14.15.61	Paragraph explains the calculation of the expansion constant ahead of each price control period and that this relies (did rely prior to CMP353 – the calculation is presently defunct with the expansion constant only being inflated by TOPI each year) on circuit cost data given by TOs under STCP 14-1 para 4.65; the text adds this “also relies on a significant amount of transmission asset information, much of which is provided in NESO published planning data” – as the new circuit costs from the TOs are not published, the circuit lengths used (in 14.15.63’s table) are only useful to NESO	Calculation next due 2031 but defunct due to mod CMP353 and may ahead of the next price control, be overtaken by new approach under RNP	This former ETYS Appendix B information will continue to be provided on an annual basis – not necessarily through the official full “CSNP”.
14.15.23	The Company shall publish any adjusted transport model inputs that it intends to use in the calculation of TNUoS tariffs effective from the year commencing on the following 1 st April in NESO published planning data and The Company will notify any further adjustments to transport model inputs in the published final TNUoS tariffs for the year concerned		NESO Revenue (the charging team) always publish this in the detailed “tables” spreadsheet that is published alongside each tariff publication, and they will continue to do so.

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13.3	The Company will publish annually (the baseline text says within ETYS, but the ref to ETUS is now removed as part of CMP468) a map of the National Electricity Transmission System identifying the relevant MITS Substations for the purposes of the MITS Connection Works.		The MITS Map will not be part of CSNP as such, but NESO will publish it annually.
CUSC Section 15, set of paragraphs headed part “3.8 Wider Cancellation Charge”	Where the Boundaries are as detailed in (did say ETYS in baseline) NESO published planning data; Where Boundary (load-related, and non-load-related) Level is the depth of each Boundary over the forthcoming four year period, as set out in (did say ETYS in baseline) NESO published planning data	Section 8 of ETYS details the transmission network boundaries	Boundary capabilities will be detailed within the full CSNP, which is published every 3 years. We may publish boundary capability data in between each CSNP publication.
As above	Where Boundary Non Compliance Factors are the ratio between the available capability and required capability on each Boundary as detailed in NESO published planning data (baseline says Section 8 of ETYS), ... capped at 100%.		As above

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As above	Where Generation Zones are (a) as defined in NESO published planning data (was ETYS in baseline) for the Financial Year in which the termination or reduction in TEC or reduction in Developer Capacity or reduction in Interconnector User Commitment Capacity occurs prior to the Charging Date (or where not so defined as set out in the relevant Cancellation Charge Statement) or (b) as defined in NESO published planning data (was ETYS in baseline) for the Financial Year in which the notice of Disconnection or reduction in Transmission Entry Capacity occurs on or after the Charging Date.	Generation zones are used as the basis of the zones in the calculation and publication of the wider cancellation charges published annually in the wider cancellation charge statement. They are relatively stable, and the electrical make up of the zones will continue to be published.

CMP467 Proposed Timeline

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Modification presented to Panel	30 October 2026
Code Administrator Consultation (15 Business Days)	03 November – 24 November 2026
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CUSC Self-Governance Criteria

“Self-Governance Criteria”

a **CUSC Modification Proposal** that, if implemented,

(a) is unlikely to have a material effect on:

(i) existing or future electricity consumers; and

(ii) competition in the generation, distribution, or supply of electricity or any commercial activities connected with the generation, distribution or supply of electricity; and

(iii) the operation of the **National Electricity Transmission System**; and

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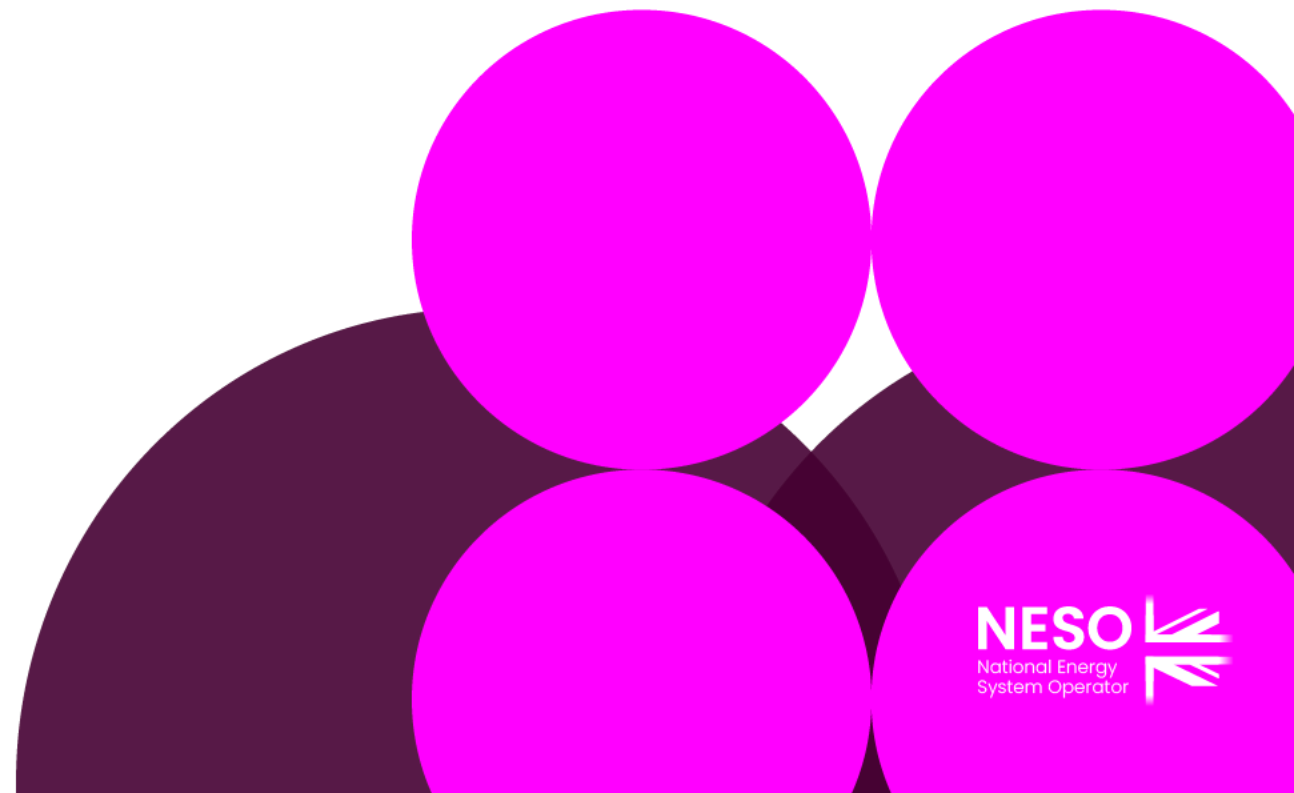
(v) the **CUSC**'s governance procedures or the **CUSC**'s modification procedures, and

(b) is unlikely to discriminate between different classes of **CUSC Parties**;

c) other than where the modification meets the **Fast Track Criteria** will not constitute an **EBGL Amendment**.

Inflight modifications update

Catia Gomes, Code Administrator



CMP405 'TNUoS Locational Demand Signals for Storage' Modification Update

Background

- CMP405 held six Workgroup meetings before entering an extended pause.
- Workgroup activity is now recommencing from **Workgroup 7**, with some new members joining.
- Ordinarily, an organisation must be represented **at least 50% of Workgroup meetings** to participate in the final Workgroup vote.
- Including WG1 to WG6 in the attendance calculation would disadvantage new members joining the reconvened Workgroup.

Code Administrator suggestion

For the purposes of determining eligibility to participate in the final Workgroup vote, the Code Administrator suggests: **Resetting the attendance calculation from Workgroup 7, with only meetings from WG7 onwards counting towards the 50% attendance requirement.**

This would:

- give existing and new members an equal opportunity to qualify;
- recognise the length of the pause and refreshed membership;
- support meaningful participation in the remaining assessment; and
- retain the existing 50% attendance requirement.

Panel ask: Is the Panel content for voting eligibility to be calculated from WG7 onwards?

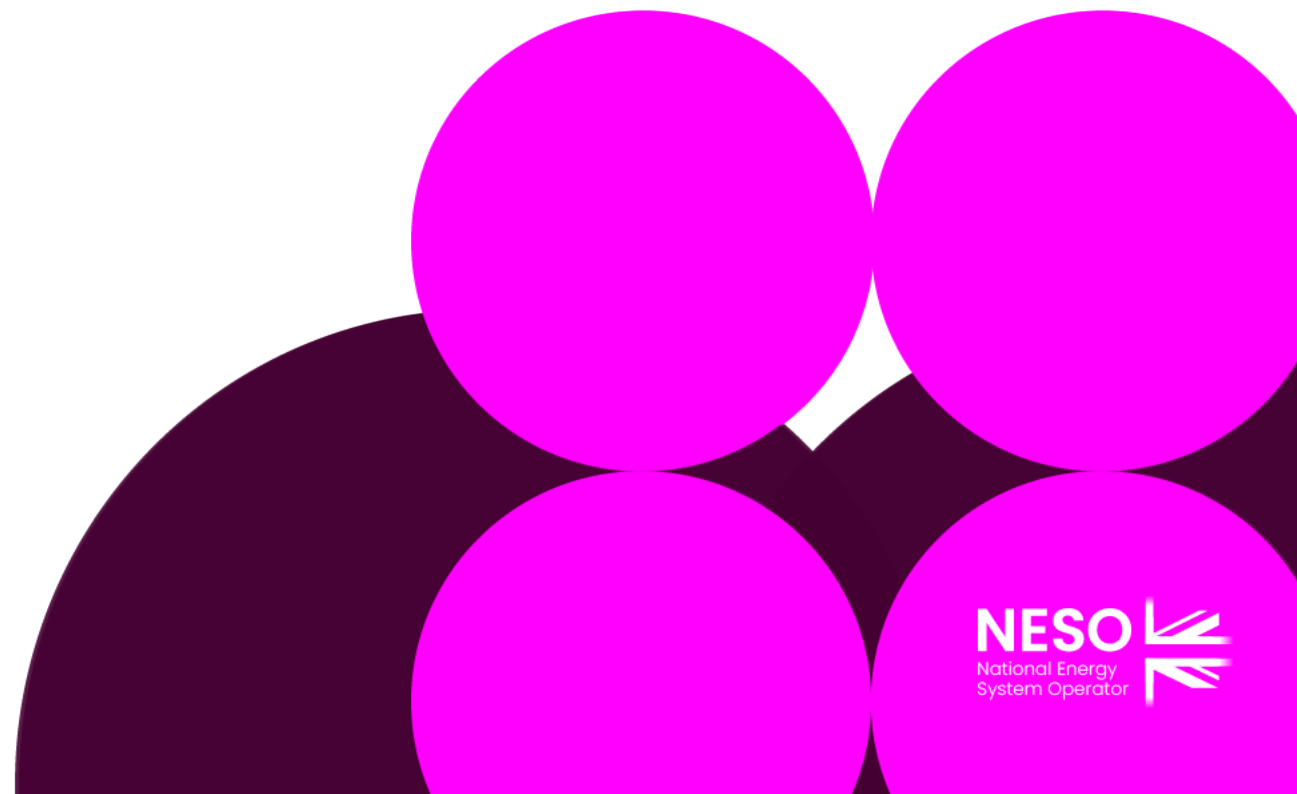
Panel Modification Tracker

Catia Gomes, Code Administrator

Draft Final Modification Report

CMP479: Milestone 8: inclusion of OFTO
construction

Catia Gomes, Panel Secretary



Solution

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Amend the definition of 'Project Construction' in CUSC Section 16 (Milestone 8) to include, in the case of offshore wind projects, the commencement of offshore transmission infrastructure that is:

- (i) integral to the User's connection project; and
- (ii) delivered (in due course) by the User prior to transfer to an Offshore Transmission Owner.

Code Administrator Consultation Responses

Summary of Code Administrator Consultation Responses:

Code Administrator Consultation was run from 03 September 2026 to 24 September 2026 and received 05 non-confidential responses and 01 confidential responses. Key points were:

- Four respondents believe that CMP479 Original Proposal better facilitates CUSC Applicable Objectives (i)(ii)(iv).
- One respondent believes that CMP479 Original Proposal better facilitates CUSC Applicable Objectives (ii) (iv).
- All respondents support the proposed implementation approach.
- Recognising Generator Build OFTO construction would better evidence offshore-project progress and readiness.
- The change should improve queue management and capacity allocation.
- Respondents expect fairer, more technology-neutral competition for offshore projects.
- Clearer drafting should reduce ambiguity and support consistent Milestone 8 administration.
- Only minor updates to NESO's Queue Management Guidance are expected; no system changes were identified.
- All respondents agreed with the Proposer's assessment that the modification does not impact EBR.
- 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?

CMP479 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

CMP479 Next Steps

Milestone	Date
Final Modification Report issued to Panel to check votes recorded correctly (5 Business Days)	03 November 2026
Submission of Final Modification Report to Ofgem	11 November 2026
Ofgem decision date	TBC
Implementation Date	10 Business Days after Authority Decision

Discussions on Prioritisation

- **AGREE** any movements in the current prioritisation stack

Governance Update

Catia Gomes, Code Administrator

Standing Groups

Updates on all standing groups relevant to CUSC Panel e.g. potential for future governance changes or modifications

TCMF – NESO Panel Member

- Previous meeting – 08 October 2026 [Meeting materials and Headline Report](#)
- Next meeting – 05 November 2026

European Updates

Updates on all European developments relevant to CUSC panel e.g. potential for future governance changes or modifications

- Joint European Stakeholder Group
- Previous meeting –13 October 2026 [Meeting materials and Headline Report](#)
 - Next meeting – 10 November 2026

Updates on other industry codes

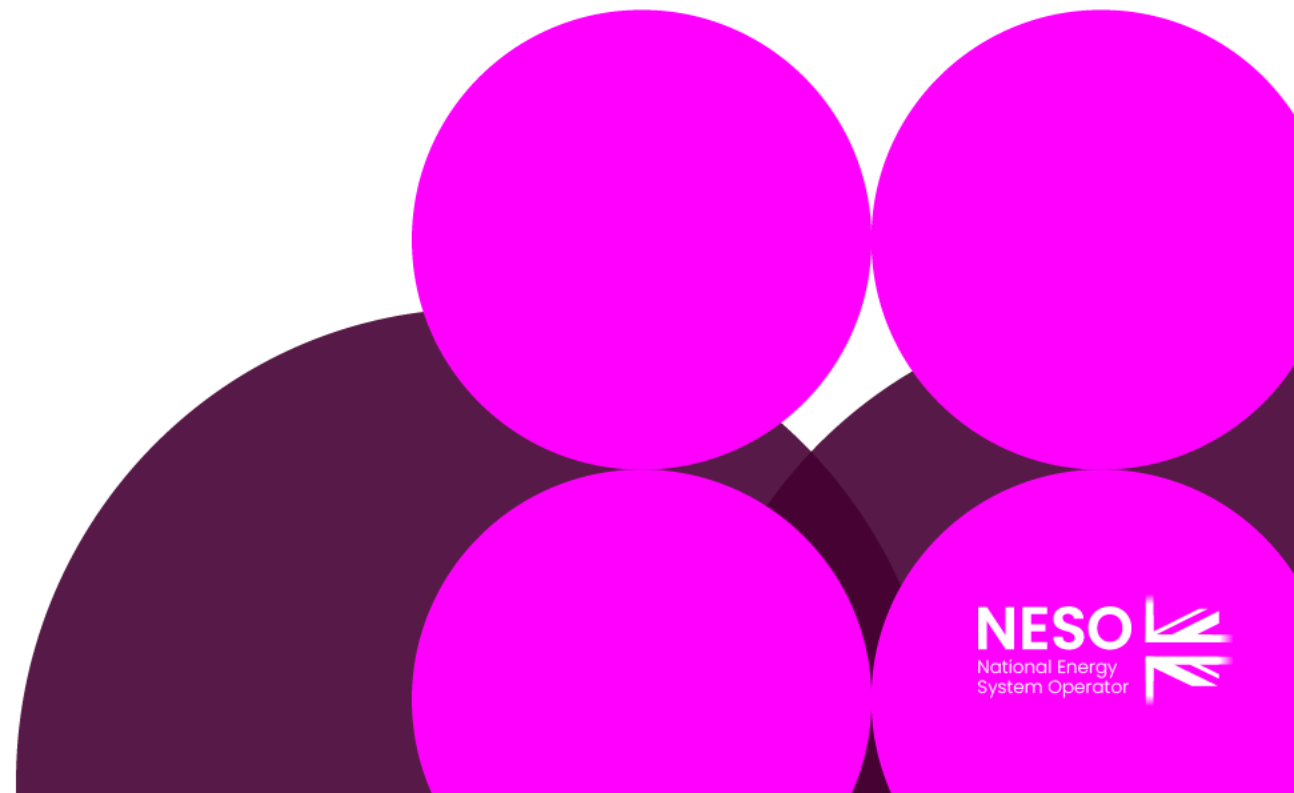
23 September 2026 STC [Panel Papers and Headline Report](#)

24 September 2026 Grid Code Review [Panel Papers and Headline Report](#)

25 September 2026 CUSC [Panel Papers and Headline Report](#)

Relevant Interruptions Claim Report

(January, April, July, October)



Any other business

Activities ahead of the next Panel Meeting

Transmission Charging Methodologies Forum	05 November 2026
Modification Proposal Deadline for November Panel	12 November 2026
December Transmission Charging Methodologies Forum	19 November 2026
Papers Day	19 November 2026
Modification Proposal Deadline for December Panel	26 November 2026
Panel Meeting	27 November 2026 Teams

Close

Anthony Pygram

Independent Chair, CUSC Panel