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Meeting Summary

Transmission Charging Methodologies Forum

Date:	08/10/2026	Location:	MS Teams
Start:	10:00am	End:	11:30am

#	Topics to be discussed	
1.	Introduction, meeting objectives and review of previous actions	Niall Coyle, NESO
2.	Connection Cost Changes	Kimbrah Hiorns, EDF power solutions
3.	Ofgem Charging Update	Bartosz Slota & Daniel Ffrench-Mullen, Ofgem
4.	Code Administrator Update	Catia Gomes, Code Administrator NESO
5.	AOB and Meeting Close	Niall Coyle, 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 - Niall Coyle, NESO Niall Coyle opened the meeting, providing an overview of the agenda items for discussion and led a review of the action log. - Niall Coyle (NC) provided an update on previous actions. For the first 3 actions NC 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 – Ofgem to provide clarification on infrastructure project exemptions under CMP447. David Jones (DJ) advised that Ofgem’s review of strategic transmission works under CMP447 is complete, with publication of the accepted works list expected in mid-October.
2.	Connection Cost Changes - Kimbrah Hiorns, EDF power solutions Kimbrah Hiorns (KH) of EDF power solutions presented slides for an early proposal to address substantial post-FID connection-cost increases. KH expressed the opinion that developers face increasingly significant connection-cost changes without an effective cap or recourse. In KH’s view,

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Ofgem's end-to-end connections review has not directly addressed these changes or their impact on project viability.

KH said EDF's initial proposal targets post-FID connection-cost changes, when transmission-owner costs should be better established. KH recognised that earlier stages may also require intervention and invited feedback on the post-FID focus.

KH presented potential solutions. Fix costs at the pre-FID statement level, share later increases between the transmission owner and developer using an agreed factor, or cap individual line items at the latest transmission charging statement level. She however cautioned that each option could lead to upfront risk premiums.

Kirsty Dawson (KD), Holly Thomas (HT) and Rob Smith (RS) supported a solution, citing substantial increases and impacts on project viability. Christie Sims (CS) was supportive however expressed the opinion that risk sharing would retain uncertainty despite potentially sharper initial pricing.

Andrew Dudkowsky (AD) questioned whether the proposal addressed the root causes or merely symptoms. KH acknowledged that developers lack sufficient detail to scrutinise project-specific cost changes and said the modification should examine the underlying causes.

Garth Graham (GG) suggested exploring links to Ofgem's self-build consultation by comparing transmission-owner and self-build pricing and assessing fixed pricing, risk sharing and indexed line-item caps.

Ruth Kemsley (RM) noted that self-build can limit exposure by allowing developers to construct connection elements, although transmission-owner approaches differ.

KH concluded the presentation with the next steps, advising that EDF would incorporate feedback into its proposal and response to Ofgem's current end-to-end review consultation. EDF will continue developing the modification and invited interested parties to follow up directly.

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

3. Ofgem Charging Update – Bartosz Slota & Daniel Ffrench-Mullen, Ofgem

Bartosz Slota (BS) updated the forum on Ofgem's RNP charging reforms process, Daniel Ffrench-Mullen (DFM) provided an update on legacy and transitional arrangements.

BS advised that Ofgem is progressing enduring transmission charging reforms based on its call-for-input options, refining them internally and through the Locational Charging Design Group. Meeting minutes and materials will be published online. BS stated that charging's detailed role and design depend on the wider RNP framework's strategic direction and mix of siting and investment levers. Ofgem is working in parallel but cannot publish a further refined update until that direction is provided.

RS asked about consultation timing. BS said the next publication depends on the strategic decision on siting and investment levers, not directly on the expected SSEP pathway consultation, although the processes are closely related.

Kyran Hanks asked whether the April 2029 implementation target still applied. BS could not commit to a year, as he advised the timing depends on the strategic direction and scale of charging reforms. Ofgem expects to outline timelines after the strategic decision.

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DFM updated TCMF on Ofgem's Legacy and Transitional Arrangements. Ofgem has completed its latest developer bilaterals on transmission charge pricing and forecasting for investment decisions and new generation assets. DFM shared that two CTAG meetings covered a parallel charging regime and individual fixed charges based on historical investment assumptions have taken place. The latter would fix eligible generation assets' charges at rates forecast or assumed at investment. Papers are in the public SharePoint folder; the latest minutes were due the following week. Future CTAG meetings would explore other fixing options.

DFM said Ofgem remains on track to decide on legacy and transitional arrangements by summer 2027. Implementation depends on whether arrangements are needed and which option is selected.

GG asked about historical assets, including those from pre-nationalisation, nationalisation and post-privatisation periods that may lack historical charging assumptions. DFM said missing forecasts or methodologies for older assets affect individual-asset fixing options. DFM responded that Ofgem is considering whether a floor year is needed.

RS asked whether Ofgem could identify ruled-out options before its final decision to reduce uncertainty for projects taking FID before target implementation. DFM could not commit but would ask the team to consider the request.

GG suggested Ofgem categorise RNP-linked code modifications in future updates as enduring reform, transitional arrangements or both.

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 - Niall Coyle, NESO

- Nick Everitt (NE) shared details of NESO's webinar on the 5-Year View of TNUoS Tariffs (2027/28 to 2031/32). This is taking place on Wednesday 14th October, to go through the key findings and answer any queries on this publication.
 - NE also informed TCMF of the registration details for NESO's 2026 Revenue and Charging Forum which is being held on the 15th of October.
 - The meeting was closed.
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