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STC Panel

Wednesday 25 November 2026

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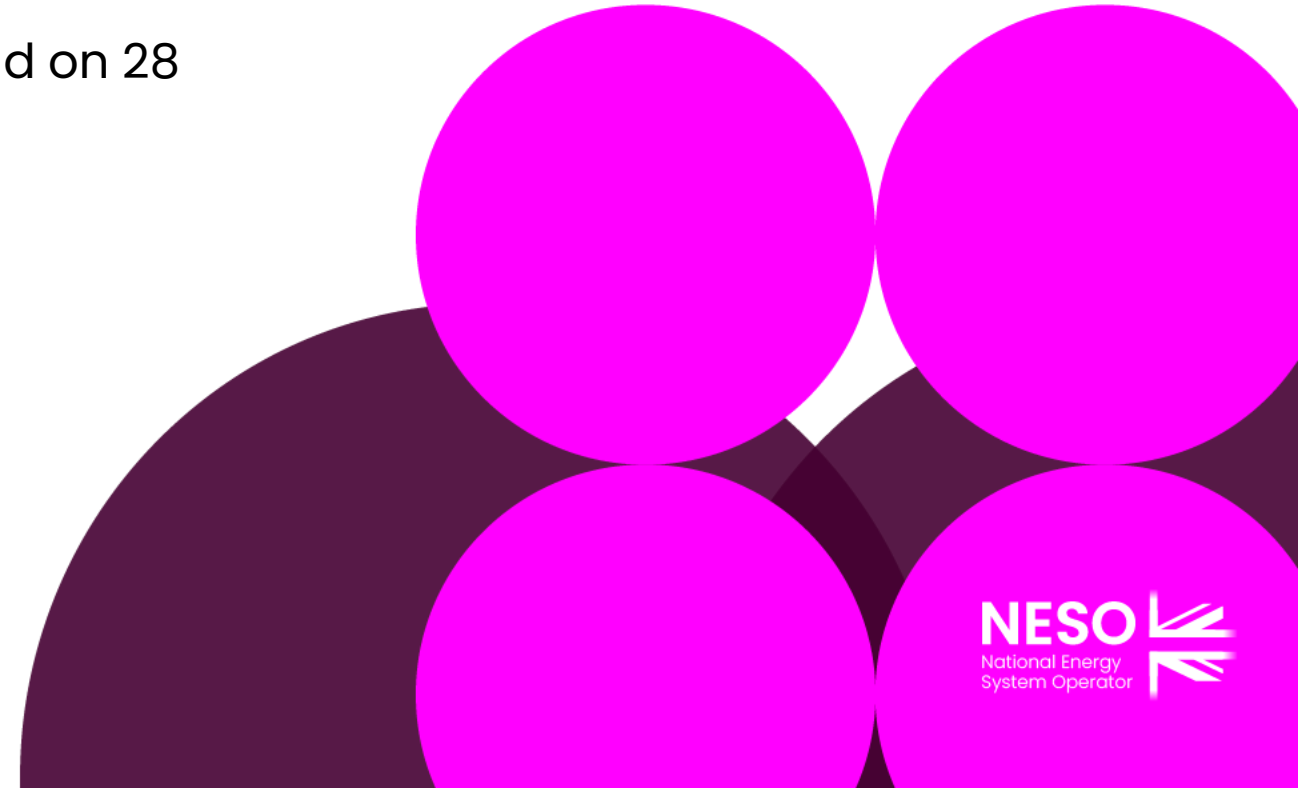
Approval of Panel Minutes

Approval of Panel Minutes from the meeting held on 28 October 2026



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Chair's Update

- Action Log
- Horizon Scanning

Actions

Action number	Panel raised	Action	Owner	Comments	Due by	Status
09	June 26	Speak with the connections team to provide an update (written or verbal) on the resolution of the final sums issue and why a modification is no longer needed, ideally at the next panel meeting.	CN	28.10.26 On hold. The Panel received an update, a dedicated Ofgem representative had been appointed, and the matter would be progressed outside STC or STCP code changes. Ofgem would draft a preliminary letter covering 2027 amounts, with a possible follow-up letter for 2028. The Panel agreed to place the action on hold, rather than close it. Members would consider the update internally following circulation of the minutes and summary, with closure to be considered at the November Panel, subject to no objections.	November	On hold
14	August 26	NESO to arrange further engagement with impacted parties on PM0158.	AR/KC	28.10.26 RB advised that broader engagement with impacted parties remained under consideration. The Authority confirmed that PM0158 was with Ofgem for decision, with a decision expected shortly, although further engagement might still be needed afterwards. CN highlighted the operational benefit to NESO and offered further support if required.	November	Open
16	September 26	RW to circulate the draft PM0159 legal text and proposed solution before any Ofgem decision, and additionally how modification fees, delay charges and other additional costs would be treated.	RW	Ongoing until CMP471 has decision. 30.09.26 RW to circulate the draft PM0159 legal text and proposed solution before any Ofgem decision, and additionally confirm how modification fees, delay charges and other additional costs would be treated.	October	Open

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17	October 26	RB agreed to seek an update on the modification CMP471 decision from the CUSC Panel Chair and aimed to circulate it to the Panel within the following week. Claire would also seek updates through NESO's CUSC representative.	RB	Awaiting Ofgem decision on CMP471	November	Open
18	October 26	Check whether the proposed SPN template update is still required and inform the Chair so the Horizon Scan can be updated.	CN		November	Open
19	October 26	NESO to liaise with contact at Ofgem to explore which previous CATO code changes may need reconsideration for the Independent Transmission Operator (ITO) regime. No specific deadline agreed. CATO / ITO follow-up, keeping the Code Administrator informed of progress so a discussion slot can be arranged for November if needed.	CN/BS		November	Open

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Expected Panel	Mod reference	Title	Proposer	Company	Type	Governance Route	Associated Mods	Description	Status
November	PM0160	CNDM 7.22-7.25 Procedure "Capacity Reallocation"	Dovydas Dyson	NESO	STCP	STCP - Material		New STCP - Draft to come to November Panel	Raised
TBC	TBC	Dynamic Line Rating	TBC	NESO	STCP	STCP	None	STCP 4-4 will be looked at to make sure that upcoming Dynamic Line Rating changes are compatible with STCP	To be raised
TBC	TBC	Further connections reform mods	TBC	NESO	Not yet known	TBC	Not yet known	We are confirming the forward programme of work, and will keep STC Panel updated on future mods.	To be raised
TBC	TBC	ESRS	Tony Johnson	NESO	STC	TBC	GC0156	Consequential STC Mod to GC0186. STC to be raised Dec 2026/Jan 2027 when GC0186 reaches Workgroup vote stage.	To be raised
TBC	TBC	Update to the SBN Template	Biniam Haddish	NESO	STCP			STCP 18 -1 Update to the SBN Template to facilitate efficient communication with TOs (ongoing work taking place with TOs)	To be raised
TBC	TBC	Consistancy update	Maria Lopez	NESO	STCP	STCP - Not Material		STCP11-1 - aims to update minor inconsistancies STCP 11-1, Section 6.4	To be raised
TBC	TBC	SAR	Dozie Nnabuife	NESO	STCP	STCP - Material		May come to December	To be raised

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TBC	TBC	STC Fax Removal	Tom Goss	NESO	STC			May come to December	To be raised
TBC	TBC	STCP Fax Removal	Tom Goss	NESO	STCP	TBC		May come to December	To be raised
TBC	TBC	CMP460 – potential consequential STC/STCP changes	Steve Baker	NESO	STC/STCP	TBC	CMP460	Likely to be raised 2027	To be raised

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Authority Decisions

- Authority Decisions
- Updates

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Authority Decisions and Updates as of 20 October 2026

Decisions Pending:

Modification	Final Modification Report submitted	Expected Decision Date
CM078: Connections Triggering Distribution Impact Assessment	07 June 2022	TBC subject to CMP328 send back (paused)
CM093: Extending the principles of the User Commitment Methodology to Final Sums Methodology as a consequence of CUSC Modification – CMP417	16 July 2026	TBC (Awaiting decision on CMP417?)
CM097: Electromagnetic Transient (EMT) and Root Mean Square (RMS) Model Submission for Transmission Owners (TOs)	16 July 2026	Expected next year
PM0147: RMS and EMT Model Sharing Process (STCP 12-2 Issue 01)	16 July 2026	TBC
PM0158: Changes to TNUoS Timing Protocols	26 August 2026	Rejected

The Authority's publication on decisions can be found on their website below:
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Future/Draft STCP Modifications

- Establishment of the Enduring Outage Clash Escalation Framework (STC and STCP)
- PM0160 - CNDM 7.22-7.25 Procedure “Capacity Reallocation”
- PM0161 - Changes to TNUoS Revenue Submission Timings

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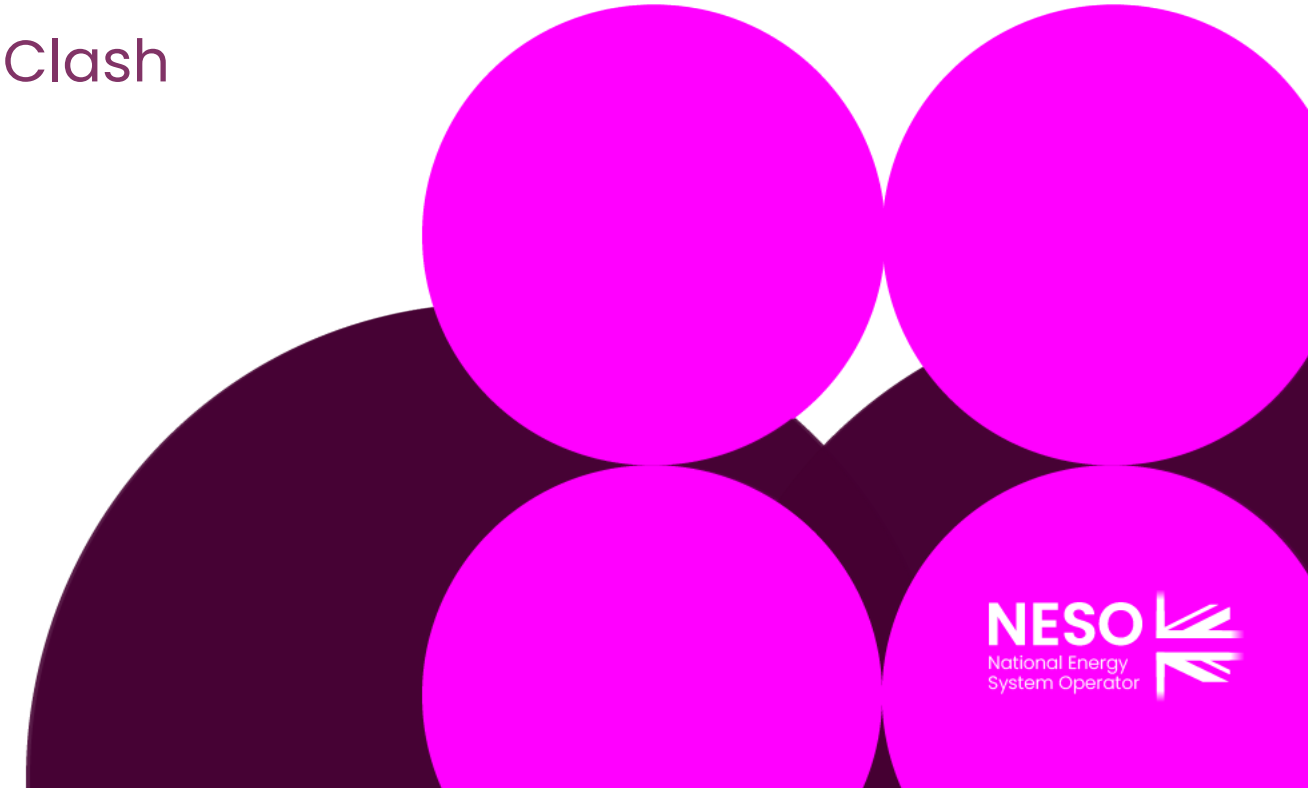
Draft STC Procedure

Establishment of the Enduring Outage Clash Escalation Framework (STC and STCP)

Emma Smart, Baringa



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What is the Escalation Framework (EF)?

The Escalation Framework provides a defined route for resolving qualifying outage clashes where normal planning and coordination routes have been exhausted.

1 Plan and coordinate

TOs and NESO use existing outage planning routes to identify and resolve clashes.

2 Escalate qualifying clash

A TO raises a request only when defined criteria are met and reasonable routes are exhausted.

3 Assess options and impacts

NESO coordinates evidence, options, stakeholder input and the recommended route.

4 Make and implement decision

NESO provides a recommendation/decision or refers defined cases to DESNZ; parties implement the outcome.

How it fits within SAR (System Access Reform)

Wider SAR planning

Improve earlier identification and resolution of clashes.

Enduring EF

Provide the governed exception and binding decision route.

E2E alignment

Embed EF into future outage planning processes, systems and governance in Enduring Phase 2.

What is the Interim & Enduring Escalation Framework?

The Interim Escalation Framework is the process we are looking to operationalise while the necessary **licence, STC, STCP and policy changes** are progressed to enable the enduring decision-making authority (which forms part of the Enduring EF Process). Our aim is having this implemented by December 2026.

Enduring Escalation Framework: Builds on the interim process by introducing the required regulatory basis for **NESO, or DESNZ for defined cases, to make a binding decision** that relevant parties are required to implement.

Source: Enduring EF implementation plan and modification proposals

How will we move from the Interim to the Enduring EF?

We are taking a phased approach: first establishing the regulatory authority and minimum operating capability required for the Enduring Escalation Framework and then embedding it within the wider outage planning model.

November 2026 to April 2027

Phase 1: Establish & Operationalise the Enduring Escalation Framework

Objective: Build on the Interim Escalation Framework by implementing the minimum regulatory, governance and operational changes required to enable the Enduring EF and the associated NESO (and DESNZ) decision-making authority.

Key Outcomes:

- Enduring EF approved and **V.1 Implemented**
- **Enable NESO & DESNZ decision-making authority** through the implementation of changes to:
  - **System Operator – Transmission Owner Code (STC)**
  - **System Operator – Transmission Owner Code Procedures (STCPs)**
  - Network Access Policy NAP
  - Relevant licenses and associated policy arrangements
- **NESO capability and capacity assessment** to inform resourcing options for NESO Secretariat and additional supporting roles
- **Baseline governance and reporting** arrangements established
- **Transition and hypercare** for V.1

February 2027 to (TBC)

Phase 2: Align, Embed & Optimise

Objective: Integrate the Escalation Framework into the wider End-to-End (E2E) Outage Planning process and supporting NESO & NAP operating model.

Key Outcomes:

- Enduring **EF V.2 Implemented**
- **Alignment with** approved **E2E Outage Planning process, system and governance** design and implementation, including:
  - **CPT (Central Planning Tool) and Optimiser** impacts assessed and embedded into V.2 process and ways of working
  - **Enduring governance** and **performance management** framework established
  - **Enduring reporting and data** requirements defined and implemented
- Lessons learned from initial operation incorporated, supporting final transition and hyper for V.2

Source: Enduring EF implementation plan and modification proposals

What does this mean for existing STC/STCPs?

The existing provisions support outage placement and coordination at defined stages of the planning process. They do not provide a single, dedicated escalation route that applies consistently across all outage planning timescales.

*What exists today in STCP 11-1

1.6.5 **Outage Placement:** NESO determines the final placement of outages through the applicable outage planning process and timescales.

1.6.8 **Week 49 Unplaced Outages:** NESO assesses the priority and impact of outage change requests when resolving outages remaining unplaced at the Week 49 stage. This provision is specific to that planning point and should not be interpreted as the equivalent decision route for current year outage changes.

2.1.4 **Collaborative Resolution:** NESO and TOs seek to resolve outage placement conflicts collaboratively through the relevant planning and coordination arrangements.

3.1.4–3.1.5 **Alternative Options:** Where an outage is not viable, the issue is discussed and alternative options are considered through the applicable outage planning process.

Current Gap: The existing provisions apply at different stages of the outage planning cycle. They do not establish a dedicated, timescale-independent route for escalating and resolving qualifying clashes that remain unresolved after the applicable planning and coordination routes have been exhausted.

**Timescale Clarification: The provisions above should be read within their specific STCP 11-1 planning context. In particular, clause 1.6.8 relates to the treatment of Week 49 unplaced outages and is materially different from the arrangements for current-year outage changes.*

What we propose to introduce

STC change

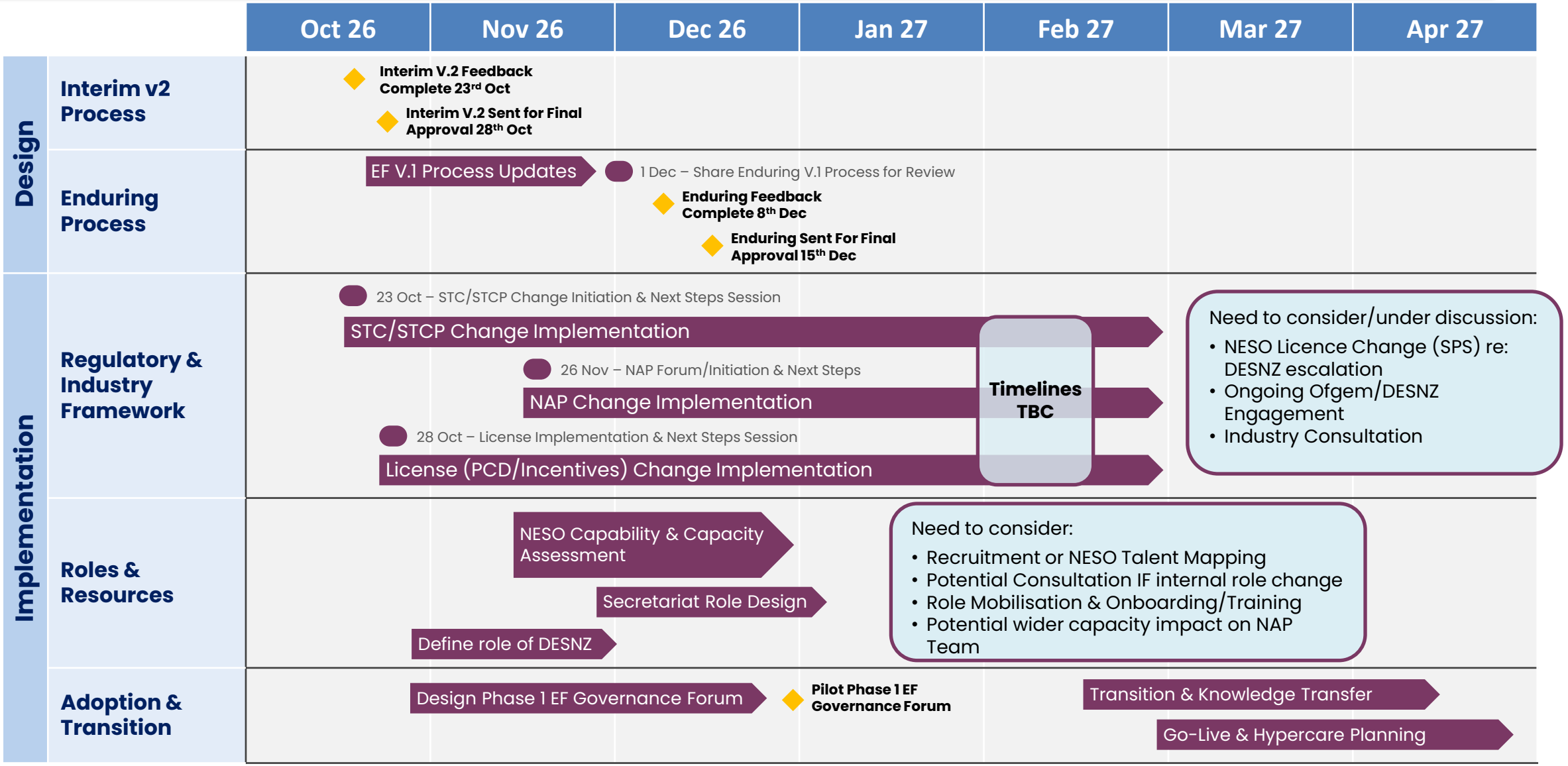
- Establish Code basis for the EF
- Reference the new EF procedure
- Define the relevant roles, authority and obligations
- Update applicable definitions and the list of Code Procedures

STCP change

- Establish dedicated procedure for EF
- Define entry criteria, prerequisites and interaction with existing planning routes
- Set out a request, evidence and stakeholder input requirements
- Define assessment, option development and recommendation requirements
- Establish the NESO and DESNZ decision routes
- Set out timescales, records, communications and implementation obligations
- Clarify how the procedure applies across relevant outage planning horizons

What are out timelines for Phase 1 Implementation?

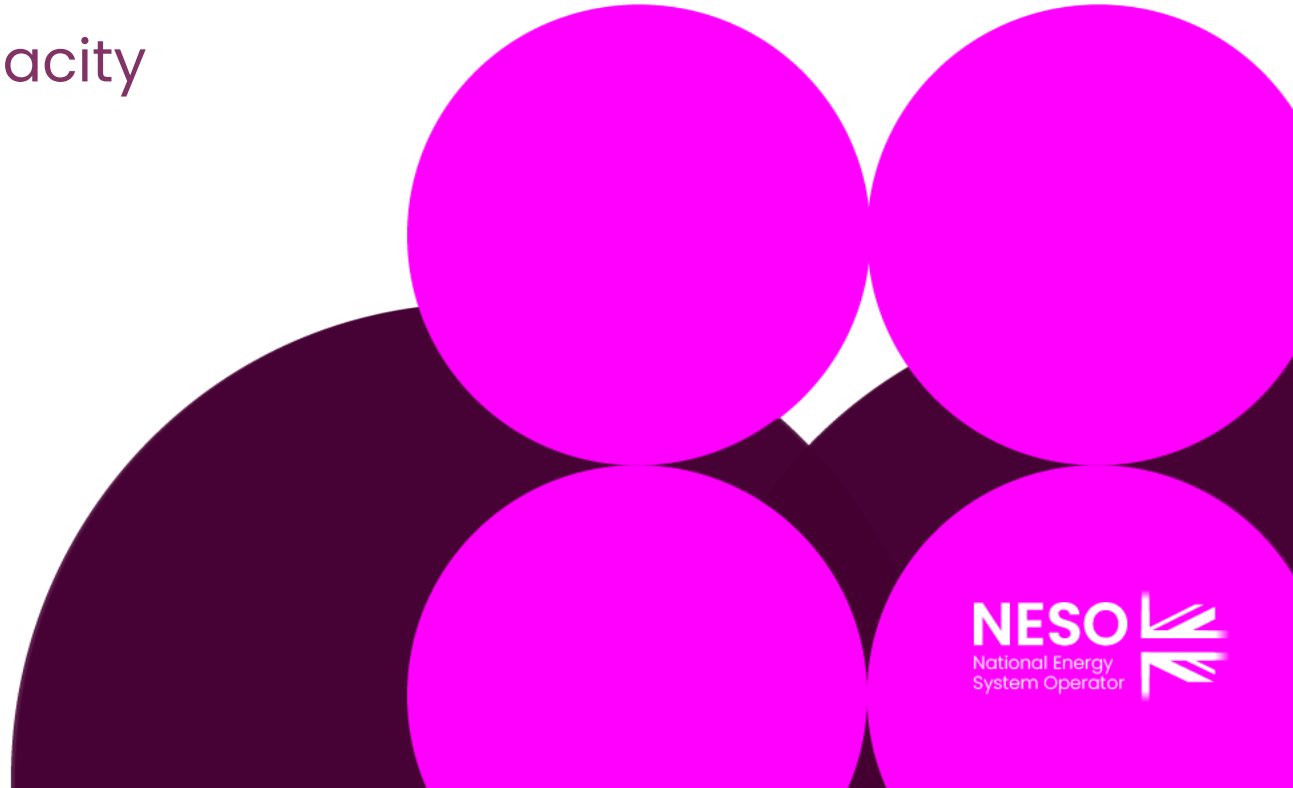
Important to note, we are including a Go/No-Go Gate in early December, which will be informed by the progress of all license and policy conversations, which will need to align for April 2027 implementation.



New STC Procedure

PM160: CNDM 7.22-7.25 Procedure “Capacity Reallocation”

Dovydas Dyson, NESO



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PM0160 Critical Friend Feedback

Code Administrator comments	Amendments made by the Proposer
• Add new mod number • Update to text, spelling, proposer and code admin details • Identified Impact selection • Proposers' assessment against STCP Change requirements • Reading material link added • Request for additional information on implementation approach and interactions. • Format of document • Acronyms updated	Proposer accepted all amendments made by the Code Administrator

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Capacity Reallocation

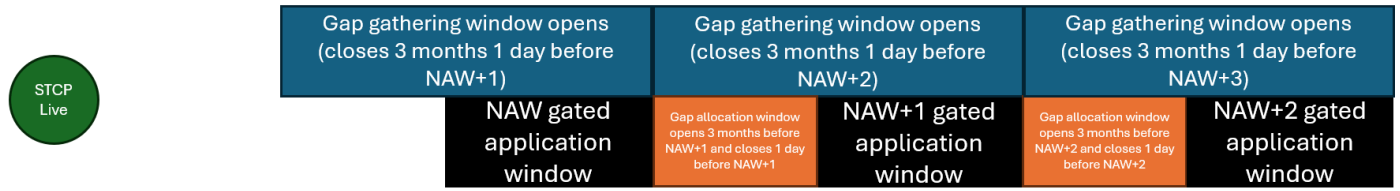
Connections Network Design Methodology (CNDM) introduces the concept and policy of Capacity Reallocation and sets out the high-level criteria and its intention (7.22-7.24 for Transmission and 7.25 for Distribution).

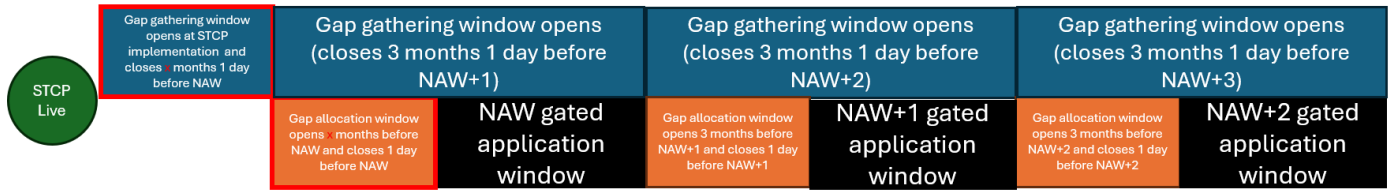
The proposed STCP is introducing the process and defining the interactions between the TOs and NESO to help enable this policy, specifically at Transmission but thought will need to be given how the TO-NESO interaction will work for Distribution as well.

There will be policy decisions and certain guidance / information that may sit outside of the STCP but is needed for the effective implementation of it. These are highlighted in the STCP and there is a section at the end of the proposal listing additional considerations.

Summary of Proposal

- A gap gathering window that runs until a set point in time to allow for gap reallocation window.
- A gap reallocation window that runs once the gathering window is closed to determine how the identified gaps are going to be reallocated and closes before a gated application window opens.
- Originally intended to start from the closure of the application window (NAW) it may be that a mini window is run, in time for NAW, i.e.





STCP Governance

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The Panel voting members should first determine whether the proposed change is material:

- **If it is not material**, the Panel can approve or reject the change under the existing process.
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Ofgem can then either:

- Confirm that the Panel can approve or reject the change under the existing process.
- Decide whether to approve or reject the change itself.

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PM0160 Asks of Panel

- **AGREE** whether the STCP has a material impact.
- **AGREE** the implementation next steps
- **NOTE** that Implementation Date will be end of Q7 2027 if Panel agree to implement this change and Panel identify no material impacts.

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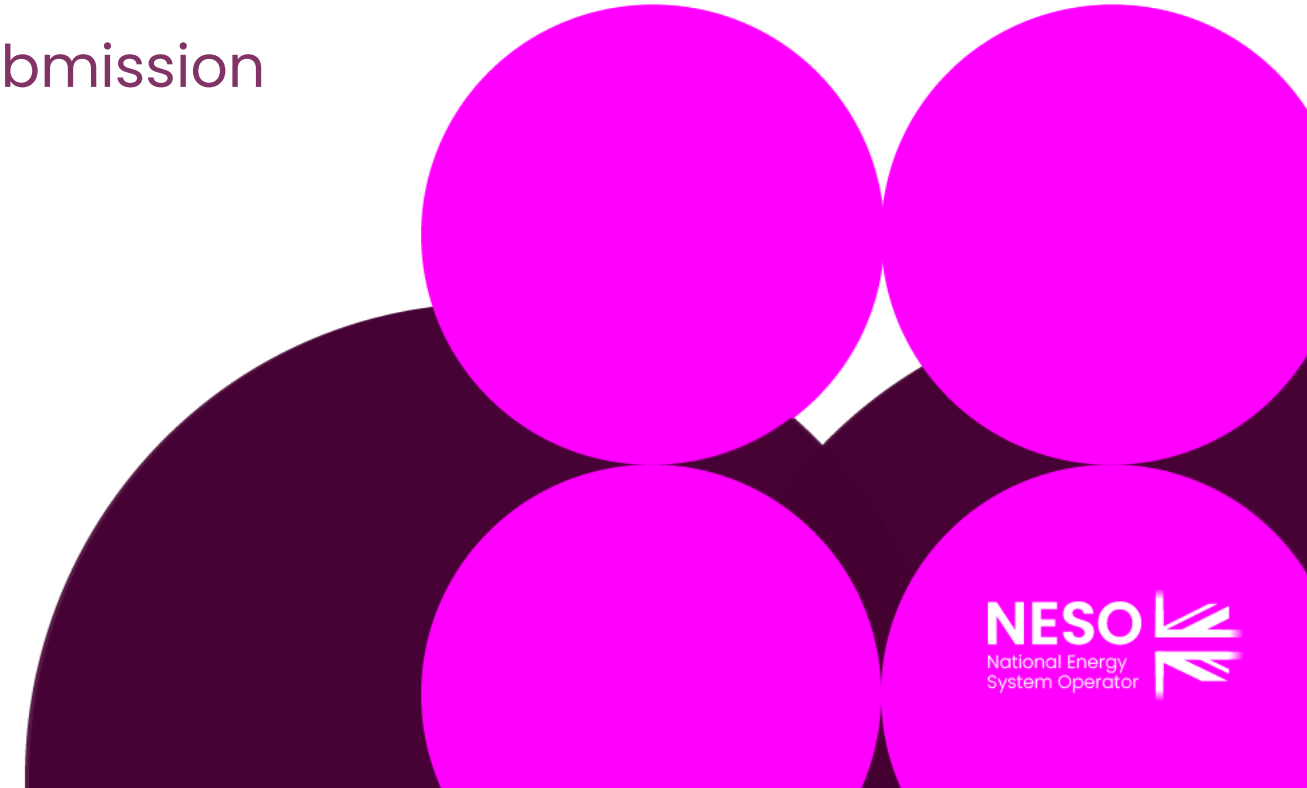
New STC Procedure

PM0161: Changes to TNUoS Revenue Submission Timings

Sarah Chleboun, NESO



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PM0161 Critical Friend Feedback

Code Administrator comments	Amendments made by the Proposer
Legal Text Legal text title with previous modification – change to PM0161 **Proposal Form** Timetable reformatted Acronym Table updated and put in alphabetical order Minor updates made to text	Proposer accepted all amendments made by the Code Administrator

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Summary of Change Proposals

Offshore TOs

1. Timing of Submission

Please note this change was 1 part of PM0158, which was rejected by Ofgem

Timing of OFTO Submission

Background

- STCP24-1 submission deadline for Final Y+1 revenues is the 25 January (or next Business Day).

Issue

- The late deadline for submission (latest being 27 January) increases time pressure for Final Tariffs and increases the risk of error due to last minute changes to the inputs.

Proposal

- Update STCP24-1 and STCP 14-1 to amend the submission deadline dependent on the price index required

3.4.2 The Company shall be entitled to request, and each TO is required to provide, the forecast revenue data and narrative by e-mail according to the timetable below and in accordance with paragraph 3.1.1 of STCP13-1 and paragraph 3.4 of STCP14-1. Where dates shown do not fall on a Business Day, the action shall be completed by the next Business Day.

Date By	5th Business Day in August	5th Business Day in October	12th November	30th November	7th January	14th January	25th January	31st January
Action	The Company send data request to onshore TOs	TOs submit a forecast of revenue for FY+1, FY+2, FY+3, FY+4, FY+5 FY+6	The Company share draft tariffs for Y+1 with onshore TOs	The Company publish draft tariffs for FY+1	Onshore TOs confirm final revenue for FY+1, and updated forecast for FY+2, FY+3, FY+4, FY+5 FY+6	The Company shares indicative final tariffs with onshore TOs	Offshore TOs confirm final revenue for FY+1 and updated forecast for FY+2, FY+3, FY+4, FY+5 FY+6	The Company publishes FY+1 final tariffs

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PM0161 Asks of Panel

- **AGREE** the materiality of the STCP change
- **AGREE** the implementation next steps
- **NOTE** that the Proposer would like the Implementation Date to be 15 January if possible.

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Any other business

None

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Updates on other industry codes

28 October 2026 STC Panel Papers and Headline Report

29 October 2026 Grid Code Review Panel Papers and Headline Report

30 October CUSC Panel Papers and Headline Report

Activities ahead of the next Panel Meeting

Modification Proposal Deadline for STC November Panel	24 November 2026
Papers Day	01 December 2026
Panel Meeting	09 December 2026

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Teri Puddefoot

Chair, STC Panel