

Special CUSC Panel

Friday 18 September 2026

Online Meeting via Teams

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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)

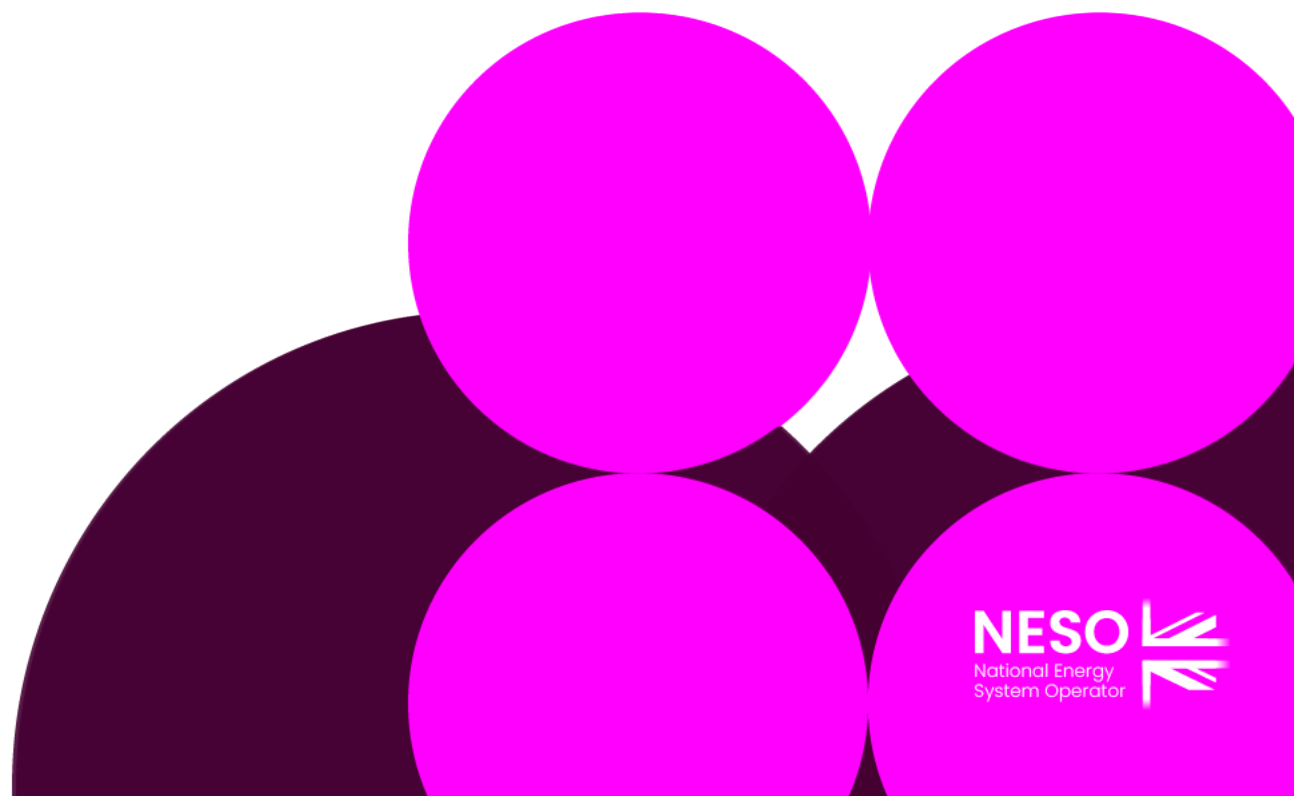
1. Shall act **impartially** and in accordance with the requirements of the **CUSC**; and
2. Shall not have any **conflicts of interest**.

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.

Workgroup Report

CMP471: Interim Contract Variation Process
Ahead of CMP434 Gated Application
Window

Robert Hughes (Workgroup Chair)



Key points to note

- It's an urgent mod – but short delay due to very late alternative requests, 2 extra Workgroup meetings needed, worked hard to catch up with a new timeline
- Considerable debate involving different stakeholder groups: Developers, TOs and NESO
- Detailed Workgroup consultation (10 Workgroup specific questions) with strong responses and discussion on them
- 3 alternative requests raised and all became WACMs
- Legal text created a new Section 19 for the CUSC on NESO legal advice

Solution(s) and Workgroup Vote

Summary of solutions:

The Original solution proposes the establishment of a Completion Date Delay Request process, with the defect being the current absence of such a bespoke mechanism. If such a request is agreed, this will have a knock-on effect for other processes. e.g. Joint Industry Programme (JIP) and may have a knock-on effect on some systems e.g. Queue Management milestones

WACM 1 varies slightly in saying that the solution *will* impact Queue Management milestones

WACM 2 varies from the Original by restricting those projects which are eligible to apply to just those which meet the criteria for the existing NESO Exceptions process

WACM 3 is similar to WACM 1 but adds time restrictions as to when a request may be made.

Summary of Workgroup Vote:

The Workgroup concluded by majority (9 out of 14 votes) that the Original better facilitated the Applicable Code Objectives than the Baseline.

Terms of Reference

The Workgroup conclude that they have met their Terms of Reference, and the references can be located below:

Workgroup Term of Reference	Location in Workgroup Report
a) Consider EBR implications	Page 55
b) Consider a solution that provides both a short-term solution for applications within the Gate 2 to Whole Queue (G2TWQ) process i.e. CMP435 and allows for non-gated applications to delay connection dates as part of the enduring (CMP434) connections process'	Pages 10-12, 17, 18, 20-21, 22, 29-30, 45-46
c) Consider if there should be a limit on who can take advantage of a non-gated modification to delay connection dates. E.g. limit based on existing connection date	Pages 10-11, 19, 24, 33-36, 43-44, 46
d) Consider the need for revised network studies within the solution	Pages 19-21, 44-45, 46

CMP471 Asks of Panel

- **AGREE** that the Workgroup have met their Terms of Reference
- **AGREE** that this Modification can proceed to Code Administrator Consultation
- **NOTE** that this Modification does not impact the Electricity Balancing Regulation (EBR) Article 18 terms and conditions held within the CUSC
- **NOTE** the ongoing timeline

CMP471 Next Steps

Milestone	Date
Code Administrator Consultation (5 Business Days)	18 September 2026 to 5pm on 25 September 2026
Draft Final Modification Report issued to Panel	30 September 2026
Draft Final Modification Report presented to Panel	02 October 2026
Final Modification Report issued to Panel to check votes recorded correctly (5 Business Days)	02 October 2026
Submission of Final Modification Report to Ofgem	05 October 2026
Ofgem decision date	TBC
Implementation Date	10 Business Days after Authority Decision

Discussions on Prioritisation

- **CARRY OUT** deep-dive assessment of all modifications

Any other business

- Strategic Direction Statement (SDS-2)
- CACoP Survey

Any other business

CACoP 2026 Stakeholder Survey Open

The 2026 CACoP Stakeholder Survey opens on 4 September 2026 until 2 October 2026.

The survey provides all code users and industry stakeholders with the opportunity to share feedback on the performance of Code Administrators and the services they provide across the GB energy industry.

The results will be reviewed by the CACoP forum and individual Code administrators to inform future improvements and enhance the support provided to stakeholders.

Please complete the survey using this [link](#).

Activities ahead of the next Panel Meeting

Panel Meeting

25 September 2026
Teams

Close

Anthony Pygram

Independent Chair, CUSCPanel