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STC Panel Minutes 24 June 2026

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Participants

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Amanda Rooney	AR	NESO Presenter – PM0158
Catia Gomes	CG	NESO Presenter – SDS Prioritisation
Katie Clarke	KC	NESO Presenter – PM0158
Robert Hughes	RH	NESO Presenter – CM093
Richard Woodward	RW	NGET Presenter – PM0147

1. Introductions, Apologies for Absence

- 1.1 FM welcomed Panel members to the meeting and confirmed that the meeting would be quorate as soon as an additional Panel member (ML) had joined.
- 1.2 Apologies were received from Alice Siri, Joel Matthews, Alan Love and noted that Mike Lee would join the meeting from 11.15.

2. Minutes From Previous Meeting

- 2.1 The Panel reviewed the minutes of the 20 May 2026 meeting. The Chair confirmed that approval was subject to confirmation that the amendments and feedback from CN had been reviewed and captured in the minutes.

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3. Review of Actions Log

- 3.1 FM provided an update on the four open actions from the previous meeting, confirming that the actions relating to the April minutes, SDS guidance and the modification list had been completed and could be closed. There were no further open actions for discussion.

4. Chair's Update

Horizon Scanning

- 4.1 FM presented the horizon scan of upcoming modifications, including PM0158 and PM0157, and noted that several items, including dynamic line rating and ESRS updates, did not yet have confirmed timelines. The Panel also noted that the final sums issue, originally linked to connections reform, had been resolved through trilateral discussions between TOs and NESO and would no longer require a modification. A Panel member requested that NESO provide a further update to the Panel, either in writing or at the next meeting. The Chair confirmed this as an action.

5. Authority Decisions

- 5.1 There were no authority decisions or formal updates since the previous panel meeting. The Ofgem Representative confirmed this.

6. Draft STC/STCP Modifications

PM0159: Impacts from CMP471

- 6.1 RW presented PM0159 and highlighted that the modification had strong cross-code dependency on CMP471, which is expected to progress in tandem so that Ofgem can assess the full impact across CUSC, STC and STCP arrangements. The Panel supported aligning PM0159's timeline, milestones and decision points with CMP471, while noting concerns about the deliverability of tight timescales.
- 6.2 The Panel agreed that PM0159 is material, and that Ofgem involvement will be needed to confirm the appropriate approval route.
- 6.3 The proposer noted that the STCP solution and legal text are still under development, with further work required to clarify the process scope, key elements and alignment with CMP471 workstreams. The Panel were content with the proposal, noting that CN had requested for consideration of the revised proposal document, which she agreed to share in writing with RW post-meeting.

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- 6.4 A Panel Member highlighted that STC impacts from urgent CUSC modifications may not always be captured early enough, and therefore improved visibility of potential impacts within CUSC proposals and stronger ongoing cross-code coordination were suggested. The Chair noted that Code Governance will consider potential ways of working.
- 6.5 The Panel agreed that PM0159 should progress in alignment with CMP471, with further development of the STCP proposal and legal text. The Panel noted that potential special Panel meetings may be required to meet the required timelines.
- 6.6 The Chair noted an action for Code Governance to provide the updated timelines of CMP471 to the proposer, following the June CUSC Panel.

7. New Modifications

PM0147: Modification process & timetable RMS and EMTModel Sharing Process (STCP 12-2 Issue 002)

- 7.1 FM summarised the status of PM0147, noting it had already been presented at the April 2026 Panel.
- 7.2 Panel members confirmed their agreement for PM0147, which addresses coordination between NESO and TOs on model submission and validation, to proceed to authority for final approval and agreed the implementation next steps.
- 7.3 The Panel agreed to proceed with both modifications to the authority for final approval, with no objections raised and implementation steps outlined.

PM0158: Changes to TNUoS Timings Protocol

- 7.4 AR and KC presented PM0158 to the Panel members, the proposed amendments to STCP 14-1 and STCP 24-1 are to improve the process for receiving revenue forecasts from Transmission Owners (TOs) and Offshore Transmission Owners (OFTOs), which are used to calculate and forecast TNUoS charges.
- 7.5 The modification seeks to address process challenges, particularly the short window between final OFTO revenue submissions and NESO's publication of final TNUoS tariffs by 31 January. As OFTO numbers have grown, validation has become more complex and error risk has increased.
- 7.6 The proposal would bring most final OFTO revenue submission deadlines forward from 25 January to 15 January, retaining 25 January where a December price index is needed. It would also allow NESO, with 60 days' notice, to request additional forecasts beyond Year +6 and high/low sensitivities.

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- 7.7 The modification would further support transparency by enabling TOs to provide oral commentary on forecast revenues to industry participants, helping to improve visibility of the assumptions underpinning TNUoS forecasts. NESO would also be permitted to use substitute data where submitted data is unavailable or disputed, provided it explains how that data was derived and informs the relevant TO.
- 7.8 The proposer highlighted that PM0158 would improve the accuracy and timeliness of TNUoS forecasts, reduce operational risk during final tariff production, allow additional assurance and validation checks, and improve transparency for suppliers and generators when modelling future costs. The change is also expected to support better long-term planning and forecasting.
- 7.9 The proposal has been classified as a material modification requiring an Authority decision because it would require changes to party processes and systems. The proposer has assessed the modification as having positive impacts on the efficient performance of NESO's obligations, competition and market transparency, and industry administration and process efficiency.
- 7.10 The Panel agreed the change is material and that the modification should proceed to Ofgem for consideration on approval route.

8. In Flight Modification Updates

- 8.1 There were no inflight modifications.

9. Workgroup Reports

- 9.1 There were no Workgroup Reports

10. Draft Final Modification Reports (DFMR)

CM093: Extending the principles of the User Commitment Methodology to Final Sums methodology as a consequence of CUSC Modification – CMP417

- 10.1 RH presented CM093, which is directly linked to CMP417 and seeks to ensure technical alignment between the relevant codes, supporting a level playing field for demand connections.
- 10.2 The proposal received strong support from the Workgroup and Industry, with two supportive consultation responses and a clear preference to avoid further delay due to consultation fatigue.

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- 10.3 A key concern remains the deliverability of the implementation timeline. This was raised with Ofgem, and it was confirmed that Ofgem is aware of the urgency and involved in ongoing discussions.

POST PANEL UPDATE FOLLOWING TP DISCUSSION WITH BS

- 10.4 Following the Panel meeting it was noted that there was some inconsistency with the NGET vote initially provided and the vote on the day. Clarity was sought on this and the NGET vote was updated accordingly to reflect their view.

CM097: EMT and RMS Model Submission for TOs

- 10.5 FM presented CM097 to the Panel, which proposes requiring Transmission Owners to provide RMS and EMT models to NESO to support system analysis and operation.
- 10.6 The proposal is intended to improve system modelling capability, particularly in relation to system oscillations, inverter-based resources and transient over-voltage issues.
- 10.7 The Panel discussion recognised the change as important for system security, optimisation and future operability.
- 10.8 Consultation feedback was strongly supportive, with all respondents supporting the implementation approach and no legal or drafting issues identified.
- 10.9 Related modifications: CM097 is linked to wider modelling improvements, particularly PM0147 and related Grid Code changes, so it was noted that coordinated implementation will be important.
- 10.10 The Panel supported the proposal and agreed it should progress through the standard governance route, with the Final Modification Report to be submitted to Ofgem for decision.
- 10.11 Overall outcome: No substantive concerns or objections were raised, and the modification was viewed as well supported and low risk from an industry perspective.
- 10.12 The Panel majority recommended implementation of CM093, with the decision to be aligned with CMP417 and a recommended Authority decision date of September 2026.

10. Code Administrator Update

- 11.1 There were no Code Administrator Updates

11. Update on other Industry Codes

- 12.1 The Chair noted recent other Code panel meetings.

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12. Any Other Business

SDS Prioritisation Framework

- 13.1 CG explained the new prioritisation spreadsheet and process, which will be used to assess live STC modifications with workgroups against criteria such as alignment with the SDS, importance and complexity. Each modification will be categorised as either high or standard priority.
- 13.2 The framework will apply only to STC modifications with workgroups, not STCPs, and prioritisation will take place quarterly. New modifications will be prioritised when first presented to the Panel.
- 13.3 Panel members were requested to review the individual modifications, recording their rationale, and submitting their feedback to the Panel Secretary ahead of the next Panel meeting. The Panel Secretary will collate responses, maintain the tracker and prepare a summary for group discussion and final prioritisation at the July Panel meeting.
- 13.4 For this initial exercise, only Panel views will be considered, although future versions of the process are expected to include proposer input. Panel members should submit their rationale by 15–16 July.

Next step

New Actions:

Action 08 (Open) Review and consider CN suggestions on May Panel minutes and recirculate the updated minutes to all panel members for visibility ahead of the next meeting.

Action 09 (Open) Final Sums Modification Update: NESO to 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, to be discussed at the next panel meeting.

Action 10 (Open) STC Prioritisation Framework Circulation: Circulate the updated STC prioritisation framework and homework to Panel members after the special CUSC panel,

Action 11 (Open) Panel members to submit individual evaluations and rationale for STC prioritisation work to the Panel Secretary by July 15th, to be tallied and included in papers for the July panel meeting.

Action 12 (Open) Proposal Forms Update: Share the updated proposal forms for STC and STCP modifications reflecting the new prioritisation requirements and links to SDS guidance with panel members.

Action 13 (Open) Code Governance to engage with PM0159 Proposer on any amends to the CMP471 timetable.

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Dates of next Panel meeting

The next STC Panel meeting will be held on 29 July 2026.

New Modification Proposals are to be submitted by 14 July 2026.

STC Panel Papers Day is 21 July 2026.