

## CUSC Panel Minutes: 30 August 2019

### CUSC Panel Minutes: Meeting Number 239

**Date:** 30/08/2019      **Location:** L1-15, Faraday House, Warwick and WebEx

**Start:** 10:00am      **End:** 2:00pm

### Participants

Attendee	Initials	Company
Trisha McAuley	TM	Independent Panel Chair
Paul Mullen	PMU	Code Administrator, National Grid Electricity System Operator
Ren Walker	RW	Technical Secretary, Code Administrator, National Grid Electricity System Operator
Harriet Harmon	HH	National Grid Electricity System Operator (Alternate)
Robert Longden	RL	Users' Panel Member
Paul Mott (Dial in)	PMO	Users' Panel Member
Paul Jones	PJ	Users' Panel Member
Nadir Hafeez (Dial in)	NH	Authority Representative
Andy Pace (Dial in)	AP	Users' Panel Member
Garth Graham (Dial in)	GG	Users' Panel Member

Jeremy Caplin (Dial in)	JC	ELEXON (Alternate)
Cem Suleyman	CS	Users' Panel Member
Apologies	Initials	Company
Simon Lord	SL	Users' Panel Member

### 1. Introductions and Apologies for Absence

9792. Apologies were received from Jon Wisdom, Simon Lord and Damian Clough.

### 2. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

9793. TM advised that further minor amendments were required to the minutes from the meeting held on 26 July 2019. One amendment incorporated GG's view on where CMP291 should be placed on the prioritisation stack and was agreed by the Panel. The Panel also agreed to incorporate the amendments made by PJ into the minutes.

9794. The Code Administrator will ensure that the approved minutes are uploaded to the National Grid ESO website.

### 3. Review of Actions

9795. The CUSC Panel reviewed the open actions from the meeting held on 26 July 2019 which can be found on the Actions Log.

9796. The Panel held a further discussion with regards to NGET's request to be approved as a materially affected party, specifically with regard to CMP288/289. TM advised the Panel that NGET have submitted their request to Ofgem and are currently waiting for a response. NH advised that Ofgem are still reviewing this request; however, this should not impede on the modification progressing. NH confirmed that the request was a) for NGET to be approved as a materially affected party status for CMP288/289 and b) NGET to have a materially affected party status indefinitely. NH confirmed that the latter is taking time to consider. Panel asked if a decision could be reached on a) ahead of the decision of b) and NH agreed to take this away.

9797. The overall Panel view was that the STC is the vehicle for NGET to pursue modifications; however there was sympathy expressed for the view that NGET are granted materially affected party status for CMP288/289 as long as it is very clear why this is a special case..

9798. TM questioned the Ofgem timeframe for a decision. NH stated that there is no timetable set to make a decision on this but will respond as soon as possible. PMU took an action to provide NGET with an update on this (Post meeting note: PMU has updated NGET (Richard Woodward)).

#### 4. Authority Decisions

9799. NH advised that CMP314 'Updating the CUSC to align Power Available with the Grid Code definition for Power Park Modules' was approved by the Authority on 22 August 2019. The decision letter and all CMP314 documentation can be found via the following link:

<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/codes/connection-and-use-system-code-cusc/modifications/cmp314-updating-cusc-align-power-available>

9800. NH confirmed that Ofgem have received the request for urgency for CMP320 'Island MITS Radial Link Security Factor'. NH stated that Ofgem have rejected the request for urgency as CMP320 does not meet the urgency criteria. The decision letter can be found on the National Grid ESO website via the following link:

<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/codes/connection-and-use-system-code-cusc/modifications/island-mits-radial-link-security-factor>

#### 5. In Flight Modifications

9801. PMU talked the Panel through the progression of the in-flight Modifications. The in-flight Modifications can be found within the CUSC Panel papers pack on the National Grid ESO website via the following link: <https://www.nationalgrideso.com/codes/connection-and-use-system-code-cusc/meetings/cusc-panel-meeting-30-August-2019>

9802. PMU advised the Panel that a Workgroup meeting for CMP303 'Improving local circuit charge cost-reflectivity' had been held on 29 August 2019. PM stated that the Workgroup reviewed the Ofgem send-back letter and addressed the points detailed within the letter. The Ofgem decision letter and all other CMP303 documents can be found via the following link: (<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/codes/connection-and-use-system-code-cusc/modifications/cmp303-improving-local-circuit-charge-cost>)

9803. The Panel discussed the next steps for CMP303 and if a second Code Administrator consultation was required. The majority of Panel members felt the CMP303 needed a second Code Admin consultation due to the changes to the legal text being more than just housekeeping but agreed that a 5-day Code Administrator Consultation would be appropriate. The Code Administrator took and action to circulate the revised Workgroup Report and legal text to the Panel and confirm via email correspondence if CMP303 should proceed to a 5-day Code Administrator Consultation (Post Meeting Note: Panel confirmed on 12 September that CMP303 should proceed to a 5-day Code Administrator Consultation).

#### **ACTION**

9804. PMU advised the Panel that the Code Administrator is trying to schedule a Workgroup for CMP291 'The open, transparent, non-discriminatory and timely publication of the harmonised rules for Grid connection (in accordance with the RfG, DCC and HVDC) and the harmonised rules on system operation set out within the bilateral agreements' (<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/codes/connection-and-use-system-code-cusc/modifications/opentransparentnon-discriminatory-and>) PMU stated that the Workgroup just meets quoracy which can be a problem when scheduling a Workgroup meeting. CS stated he would try to get a Drax representative on the Workgroup (Post

Meeting Note: CS noted that a Drax representative is already on Workgroup). The Panel took an action to seek further nominations for CMP291.

## ACTION

9805. PMU advised the Panel that a CMP320 'Island MITS Radial Link Security Factor' <https://www.nationalgrideso.com/codes/connection-and-use-system-code-cusc/modifications/island-mits-radial-link-security-factor> Workgroup meeting was held on 23 August 2019. PM confirmed that the Workgroup report has been circulated to Workgroup members for review before proceeding to Workgroup Consultation.
9806. RL questioned the progression of CMP304 'Improving the Enhanced Reactive Power Service by making it fit for purpose' (<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/codes/connection-and-use-system-code-cusc/modifications/improving-enhanced-reactive-power-service>) The Panel agreed that a Workgroup meeting should be scheduled for CMP304.

## 6. Discussions on Prioritisation

9807. The CUSC Panel reviewed the prioritisation stack. The CUSC Panel's rationale on the prioritisation stack is included to show transparency to industry members. The revised version of the stack can be found via the following link: <https://www.nationalgrideso.com/codes/connection-and-use-system-code-cusc/meetings/cusc-panel-meeting-30-August-2019>
9808. The Panel agreed to move CMP304 further up the stack as it has been confirmed that National Grid ESO are no longer producing a product road map and therefore the Workgroup should progress. It was also noted by Ofgem in their send-back letter for CMP305 'Removal of the Enhanced Power Reactive service (ERPs) (<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/codes/connection-and-use-system-code-cusc?mods>) that CMP304 and CMP305 should be submitted to the Authority together.
9809. HH advised the Panel that National Grid ESO is due to raise a modification in September/October in regards re-zoning for generation zones. HH stated that this modification is being raised in line with the current CUSC baseline. However, dependent on the outcome this could change the baseline and therefore a decision on CMP315 is needed by September 2020. HH stated that the timeline for CMP315 works at the moment but requested that this is reviewed at the Panel meeting in September as to where this modification should sit on the prioritisation stack.

## 7. Workgroup Reports

9810. PMU delivered a presentation on CMP306 'Align annual connection charge rate of return at CUSC 14.3.21 to price control cost of capital'. The Panel agreed with the Workgroup that the first term of reference was out of scope. The Panel also requested that the Code Administrator quality check the report before it is published as a Code Administrator Consultation as page numbering was incorrect and check the implementation date. (Post Meeting Note: Quality Checks completed, issued for Code Administrator Consultation 11 September 2019, closing 5pm on 2 October 2019)

## ACTION

9811. The CUSC Panel unanimously agreed that the CMP306 Workgroup had met its Terms of Reference and should therefore proceed to Code Administrator Consultation. The Panel agreed that this consultation should be open for 15 Working days.

9812. All CMP306 related documents can be found on the National Grid ESO website via the following link: <https://www.nationalgrideso.com/codes/connection-and-use-system-code-cusc/modifications/cmp306-align-annual-connection-charge-rate>

## 8. Draft Final Modification Report

9813. The Panel held their recommendation vote on CMP318 'Maintaining Non-Hourly (NHH) charging arrangements for measurements classes F and G'. (<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/codes/connection-and-use-system-code-cusc/modifications/maintaining-non-half-hourly-nhh-charging>). Panel members unanimously agreed that the Original was better than the baseline and recommended that it should be implemented.

9814. PMU advised Panel that CMP318 Final Modification report will be submitted to the Authority for a decision.

## 9. Break

## 10. Standing Groups

### **Governance Standing Group**

9815. No further updates.

### **Transmission Charging Methodology Forum (TCMF)**

9816. JW advised that no TCMF was held in August and the next meeting will be held on 11 September 2019.

## 11. European Updates

### **European Code Development**

9817. NH confirmed there was no further update.

### **Joint European Stakeholder Group (JESG)**

9818. GG advised that no JESG meeting was held in August and the next meeting is scheduled for 10 September 2019.

## 12. Update on other Industry Codes

9819. PMU advised the Panel there were no further updates on other Industry Codes.

## 13. Relevant Interruptions Claim Report

9820. PMU stated that an update will be provided at the September CUSC Panel meeting.

## 14. Other CUSC Panel Updates

### 15. Governance

9821. PM advised the Panel that the Code Administrator would aspire to hold 8 -12 workgroups per month (the variation depending on resource availability) across the codes. PM added that, from the September Panel, the numbers of workgroups (and confirmation of those arranged) the Code Administrator intends to hold for the following 3 months would be communicated at Panel, which would allow Panel to challenge any gaps. Given that the Code Administrator is now planning to these numbers, PM reiterated that it was important that the Panel prioritised effectively as the Code Administrator will be using the Prioritisation stacks to determine which workgroups it holds. The benefits of this approach will be increased visibility for industry and ensuring resources across Code Administrator, ESO and industry are not overstretched, resulting in better quality workgroup inputs and outputs.
9822. PM also presented a forward look at which items the Code Administrator would be presenting at future Panels. This will include guidance on Panel Ways of Working and Workgroup Ways of Working, which will include a streamlined, simpler to use, Workgroup Report template. PM clarified that these are documents owned by the Code Administrator but welcomed Panel views on these. He presented initial thoughts on what would be contained in the Panel Ways of Working and Workgroup Ways of Working documents.
9823. GG requested that the Code Administrator look at the diary for 2020 and start to plan in Workgroup days, this would also reduce the chances of meetings clashing. PMU took an action to look at this and also how the TCMF meeting date will work going forward due to the new modification submission date currently falling shortly after TCMF.

#### **ACTION**

9824. The Panel also discussed ways of working, in-particularly requests for urgency for CUSC modifications. The Code Administrator took an action to review the governance around urgency. **ACTION**
9825. The Panel also advised the Code Administrator that previously, when the Panel was elected, a presentation pack was presented which highlighted the roles and responsibilities of the Panel. The Panel requested that a similar presentation is delivered once the new Panel is elected.
9826. CS stated that the Code Administrator should further review the quality of Workgroup reports. PMU advised that this is currently been reviewed as part of streamlining all the documents that the Code Administrator produces.

### 16. CACoP Update

9827. PMU advised the Panel that a CACoP meeting was held in August 2019, the main agenda item at this meeting was reviewing feedback received from the event held on 16 July 2019. PM confirmed that a CACoP newsletter will be circulated accordingly.

## 17. Forward Plan Update

9828. PMU advised the Panel that there was no update on the forward plan and Code Administration improvement activities were covered as part of the Governance item.

## 18. AOB

### **CUSC Elections**

9829. PMU advised the Panel that the CUSC elections closed on the 27 August 2019 and the results would be published week commencing 9 September 2019. PMU confirmed that all queries received in regards the elections had been resolved. GG requested that if the queries have been resolved, for transparency, could the changes be shared or published if necessary. PMU confirmed the Code Administrator will ensure this is done (Post Meeting Note: Elections Report shared with Panel 16 September 2019).

### **ACTION**

9830. GG reminded the CUSC Panel, that following the 9 August event, this is now being reviewed by an investigation team and a report will be published early next week. GG stated that, although this issue is more relevant to the Grid Code, it is important to share with the industry.

9831. PMU confirmed that a Special CUSC Panel will be held on 12 September 2019 and this meeting is for the Panel vote on the Draft Final Modification Reports for CMP280, CMP281, CMP319 and CMP295.

9832. PMU reminded the Panel that the deadline for new modifications to be submitted is the 12 September 2019 and Panel Papers day is the 19 September 2019. GG stated that it would be useful if the Code Administrator could provide a timetable to TCMF to highlight the new modification submission date. PMU advised that the Code Administrator included it in their update at TCMF and advised that the dates for the remainder of 2019 are highlighted on the Codes calendar on the National Grid ESO website.

9833. NH advised the Panel that the Energy Codes Review consultation is open until 16 September 2019. NH confirmed that BEIS and Ofgem will be holding joint workshops in both London and Birmingham.

**The next CUSC Panel meeting will be held on Friday 25 September 2019 at Faraday House, Warwick.**