

Code Administrator Meeting Summary

Meeting Name: CMP298 Workgroup 11

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Key areas of discussion

- CMP298 seeks to introduce a more efficient aggregated assessment of Distributed Generators (DG) that have or may have an impact on the National Electricity Transmission System (NETS). This process (known in the industry as the Appendix G process) has been trialled by Network Operators over the last few years and the learning from this will be applied to the CMP298 change. This new process will sit alongside the current process (the Statement of Works process) with a small change being applied to this existing process to clarify that multiple projects can now be applied for at the same time.
- The Workgroup talked through each of the next steps agreed at the meeting and noted the progress made.
- Re: Implementation, the ESO Workgroup Member presented 2 options for transitioning the contracts to the new arrangements within 24 months of Ofgem approval. The Workgroup favoured the splitting of these into tranches to avoid high peaks of workload and ensure the asks on DNOs are spread out. DNOs would also confirm their own priority Grid Supply Points so they can be picked up in the earlier tranches. Workgroup also agreed that they would favour this implementation plan being managed by the ENA.
- The key issue remains the timing and development of the consequential STC changes and the ESO Workgroup Member outlined the plan but will need to present further detail on the changes to be considered and any potential showstoppers.
- A Workgroup Member presented the following alternative proposals. These will be developed further (with legal text) for the next meeting on 12 November 2021.

- As per Original but DNO updates to Appendix G are deemed to be accepted unless ESO confirm otherwise rather than an ESO Approve/Reject process. This alternative proposes that a defined period (5 Working Days) is included for the ESO to dispute and then the ESO and DNO would agree a defined timescale to seek resolution. Further discussion needed on what would happen if the ESO and DNO can't agree a resolution.
- As per Original but to remove the need for an application fee to set up the Transmission Impact Assessment or a validation fee to be charged by the ESO to DNOs to confirm requirements of Transmission Impact Assessment are met. The Proposer believes that it is appropriate for the costs to be borne and absorbed by the ESO and DNO rather than charged to the connecting party especially as it is unclear who the triggering party for a Transmission Impact Assessment would be. This view is not shared by all Workgroup Members with some noting the principle that costs should be recovered from those triggering them and not socialised. Whilst there was majority support for removing the validation fee, there was minimal support for removing the need for an application fee although Workgroup Members did accept that it is difficult to determine which party or parties triggered the need for the Transmission Impact Assessment.
- Following these discussions, attention turned to agreeing a realistic timeline. The Workgroup agreed with the Chair's recommendation to target December 2021 Panel. At October 2021 Panel, Panel will be asked to agree to a delay to December 2021 for Workgroup Report to be presented to them.

Next Steps

Category	What?	Who?	When by?
STC	<p>STC changes needed to be understood and developed ahead of Workgroup Report being finalised</p> <p><i>Determination of the transmission system capability (Planning Limit(s)) will be central to the required STC processes</i></p>	Grahame Neale, Terry Baldwin, and the Onshore Transmission Owners	<p>STC proposal drafted and circulated by end October 2021 to the Onshore Transmission Owners (who would already have been consulted)</p> <p>Terry Baldwin to present findings to Workgroup 12 November 2021</p> <p>Raise STC Modification to November 2021</p>

			(or December 2021 Panel)
Implementation	Break down the 24 months implementation plan into key components/deliverables	Zivanayi Musanhi, Brian Hoy, Grahame Neale, Matthew Paige-Stimson	Plan based on 8 tranches to be presented at 12 November 2021 meeting
Planning Limit	What further clarity can we provide on Planning Limit – <i>i.e. make clear it is the capability of the network and only changes following reinforcement; and how the process works where the DNO continues to make offers up to the Planning Limit but there is a Transmission connectee at the same time that the DNO are not aware of</i>	Grahame Neale (further updates to the Product Document) Paul Mullen (Workgroup Report)	5 November 2021 – discuss at 12 November 2021 meeting
Validation Fee	Under what circumstances would the ESO charge a validation fee /reject DNO submission and what is a ballpark cost for such a validation fee and indeed the application fee to set up the Transmission Impact Assessment	Grahame Neale (with Connections team)	At 12 November 2021 meeting
Publication of Data	What data will be published and where and how frequently?	Paul Mullen (add to Workgroup Report)	At 12 November 2021 meeting
Workgroup Alternatives	Alternative 1 - As per Original but DNO updates to Appendix G are deemed to be accepted unless ESO confirm otherwise rather than ESO Approve/Reject process	Brian Hoy to draft – Complete but need to propose what would happen if the ESO and DNO can't agree a resolution Grahame Neale (Legal text)	At 12 November 2021 meeting
Workgroup Alternatives	Alternative 2 - As per Original but to remove the need for an application fee to set up the Transmission Impact Assessment or a validation fee to be charged by the ESO to DNOs to confirm requirements of	Brian Hoy to draft – Complete but may tweak Grahame Neale (Legal text)	At 12 November 2021 meeting

	Transmission Impact Assessment are met		
Workgroup Alternatives	Alternative 1 and 2 combined	TBC	To be written up after Alternative 1 and 2
Workgroup Report	1 st draft to be sent to Workgroup	Paul Mullen	5 November 2021

For further information, please contact Paul Mullen.