

## Workgroup Consultation Response Proforma

**CMP381: Defer exceptionally high Winter 2021/22 BSUoS costs to 2022/2023**

Industry parties are invited to respond to this consultation expressing their views and supplying the rationale for those views, particularly in respect of any specific questions detailed below.

Please send your responses to [cusc.team@nationalgrideso.com](mailto:cusc.team@nationalgrideso.com) by **5pm on 29 December 2021**. Please note that any responses received after the deadline or sent to a different email address may not receive due consideration.

If you have any queries on the content of this consultation, please contact Paul Mullen [paul.j.mullen@nationalgrideso.com](mailto:paul.j.mullen@nationalgrideso.com) or [cusc.team@nationalgrideso.com](mailto:cusc.team@nationalgrideso.com)

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I wish my response to be:

(Please mark the relevant box)  Non-Confidential  Confidential

*Note: A confidential response will be disclosed to the Authority in full but, unless agreed otherwise, will not be shared with the Panel or the industry and may therefore not influence the debate to the same extent as a non-confidential response.*

**For reference the Applicable CUSC (charging) Objectives are:**

- a. *That compliance with the use of system charging methodology facilitates effective competition in the generation and supply of electricity and (so far as is consistent therewith) facilitates competition in the sale, distribution, and purchase of electricity;*
- b. *That compliance with the use of system charging methodology results in charges which reflect, as far as is reasonably practicable, the costs (excluding any payments between transmission licensees which are made under and accordance with the STC) incurred by transmission licensees in their transmission businesses and which are compatible with standard licence condition C26 requirements of a connect and manage connection);*
- c. *That, so far as is consistent with sub-paragraphs (a) and (b), the use of system charging methodology, as far as is reasonably practicable, properly takes account of the developments in transmission licensees' transmission businesses;*
- d. *Compliance with the Electricity Regulation and any relevant legally binding decision of the European Commission and/or the Agency \*; and*

- e. *Promoting efficiency in the implementation and administration of the system charging methodology.*

*\*Objective (d) refers specifically to European Regulation 2009/714/EC. Reference to the Agency is to the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER).*

Please express your views in the right-hand side of the table below, including your rationale.

Standard Workgroup Consultation questions		
1	Do you believe that the Original Proposal or any of the potential alternative solutions better facilitates the Applicable Objectives?	Yes, we believe it meets CUSC Objective (a). The distortions to high BSUoS prices is adversely impacting competition.
2	Do you support the proposed implementation approach?	Yes.
3	Do you have any other comments?	Click or tap here to enter text.
4	Do you wish to raise a Workgroup Consultation Alternative Request for the Workgroup to consider?	No. Although we would support any alternative modification that seeks to reduce high unexpected BSUoS charges over Q1 2022.

Specific Workgroup Consultation questions		
5	The CMP381 Original proposes to set a £10/MWh cap on BSUoS. Do you think it is appropriate to set a BSUoS cap and if so to what value? Please provide the rationale for your response including any supporting analysis.	Yes. This is an appropriate level. We fully understand that BSUoS is a volatile cost however recent unprecedented high energy price is not something that could have been predicted so sharing some of the risk is warranted.
6	The CMP381 Original seeks to limit the additional BSUoS costs that would be deferred to £300m.	Yes. This provides us with a greater level of confidence that we will not be adversely impacted any further from the recent high BSUoS costs.  We have already faced higher costs in Q4 2021.

	<p>Do you think it is appropriate to introduce a limit and if so to what value? Please provide the rationale for your response.</p>	
7	<p>The CMP381 Original seeks to defer the additional BSUoS costs above the cap to the 2022/23 charging year. Recovery of the deferred costs is proposed to commence from 1 April 2022. Do you agree with this approach? Please provide rationale for your response.</p>	<p>Yes. This seems reasonable.</p>
8	<p>What reporting frequency and end of CMP381 BSUoS Support Scheme notification would be of most use to you? Please provide justification for your response.</p>	<p>We have no comment on this.</p>
9	<p>CMP381 Original would apply to BSUoS prices with effect from 1 January 2022. Do you have any concerns with this approach? Please provide rationale for your response.</p>	<p>No concerns. We think 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 is the right date to commence on. Any later and there is a danger that continued high BSUoS costs will impact us further.</p>

1 0	<p>Does the CMP381 Original Proposal or any of the potential alternative solutions impact your business and/or end consumers. If so, how?</p> <p><i>Confidential Information can be shared with Ofgem directly particularly where it relates to Ofgem's Urgency Criteria.</i></p>	<p>Yes. BSUoS is a direct cost to us. We forecast this cost. This unexpected rise has impacted our budgeting and therefore has been an unwelcome additional cost for us in the short-term.</p>
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