

Code Administrator 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 by **5pm on 10 January 2022**. 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 or 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 Code Administrator Consultation questions		
1	Do you believe that the CMP381 Original Proposal and/or WACM1, WACM2, WACM3, WACM4, WACM5 better facilitates the Applicable Objectives?	<p>No, We do not believe that the Original proposal or any of the alternatives better facilitate the Applicable Objectives than the Baseline.</p> <p>We do not believe this proposal is good for consumers. This proposal transfers the cost of suppliers exposure to high BSUoS costs on to consumers at a time when the price of energy is already high.</p> <p>We do not believe a cap on BSUoS prices is the most effective mechanism to help avoid further supplier failures and believe that more targeted support would be better. This proposal provides relief to all suppliers at the expense of customers.</p> <p>We believe that a £10/MWh cap is too low and will cap settlement periods that are not 'exceptional'.</p> <p>We believe that a deferral of BSUoS payments for suppliers that are struggling would be a more effective solution.</p>
2	Do you support the proposed implementation approach?	We do not support retrospective implementation.
3	Do you have any other comments?	No