

Headline Report – 27 January 2023

Connection and Use of System Code (CUSC) Panel

The CUSC Panel Headline Report is produced after every Panel and aims to provide an overview of the key decisions made. Minutes for this meeting will be published separately.

Approval of Panel Minutes

The meeting minutes from the Panel on 16 December 2022 will be presented for approval at the Panel meeting on 24 February 2023.

The meeting minutes from the Panels on 23 November 2022 and 25 November 2022 were approved (subject to minor comments from the Panel being incorporated on the minutes for 23 November 2022) and these will be uploaded to our website.

New Modifications

The following new Modification Proposals were presented to the Panel:

CMP408 ‘Allowing consideration of a different notice period for BSUoS tariff settings’

Following the approval of CMP361 WACM3, of an ex ante fixed BSUoS tariff with a 9 month notice and 6 month fix. Ofgem have stated that there is a need to amend the notice periods and therefore, this modification seeks to amend the notice period to a 3 month notice period.

The Panel unanimously agreed that **CMP408** should follow the Standard governance route and proceed to a Workgroup. The Panel agreed the Terms of Reference for the Workgroup.

CMP408 documentation can be found [here](#)

CMP409 ‘Housekeeping Modification as a result of CMP363 Ofgem decision’

As part of their decision on CMP363, Ofgem identified 2 changes that need to be made ahead of CMP363 implementation on 1 April 2023.

The Panel unanimously agreed that **CMP409** should follow the Fast-Track Self Governance route and be implemented on 1 April 2023 (if no objections are received in the Appeals window between 3 February 2023 and 5pm on 24 February 2023)¹

CMP409 documentation can be found [here](#)

¹ Was originally 30 January 2023 to 20 February 2023

New / Pending Authority Decisions

Ofgem provided an update on Modifications that have been decided upon and are currently awaiting their decision since the last CUSC Panel.

Decisions since last CUSC Panel

Modification	What this seeks to achieve	Decision
CMP401	Maintaining Non Half Hourly (NHH) charging arrangements for Measurement Classes F and G	Approved Original Proposal on 27 January 2023 – to be implemented 1 April 2023

Awaiting Decisions

Modification	What this seeks to achieve	Expected Decision Date
CMP286/CMP287	Seeks increased notice of the Target Revenue (CMP286) and inputs (CMP287) used in the TNUoS Tariff Setting Process	Final Modification Report received 7 December 2022. Expected decision date ~ end September 2023
CMP288	Explicit charging arrangements for customer delays and backfeeds into transmission connections	Expected decision date was 31 January 2023 but now 28 February 2023
CMP292	Introduces a cut-off date for changes to the Charging Methodologies	31 October 2023
CMP298	Process for aggregated assessment of Distributed Generators that impact (or may impact) on the National Electricity Transmission System.	Expected decision date was 31 January 2023 but now 28 February 2023
CMP328	Establish the process when any connection triggers a Distribution impact assessment.	Expected decision date was 31 January 2023 but now 14 February 2023
CMP384	Apply adjustments for inflation to manifest error thresholds using Indexation	Expected decision date was 31 January 2023 but will be delayed and Ofgem will confirm new expected decision date asap

Ofgem publish a table that provides the expected decision date, or date they intend to publish an impact assessment or consultation, for code modifications/proposals that are with them for decision. This was last updated on 24 November 2022 and is published [here](#).

Prioritisation Stack

For each Modification in the prioritisation stack, Panel have determined if the Priority is “High”, “Medium to High”, “Medium”, “Low to “Medium” or Low”. Panel continue to review the prioritisation stack on a monthly basis and every quarter hold a more in-depth review (ahead of this review, Proposers will be asked to provide updated justification against the prioritisation criteria). This next in-depth review was due to be carried out at our January 2023 Panel. However, there were no cases presented for changing the current prioritisation stack and there remain only 2 Modifications ([CMP291](#) and [CMP341](#)) in the current prioritisation stack that are not being progressed at this current time.

The CUSC Panel discussed the prioritisation of the following Modifications:

Modification	What this seeks to achieve	Panel Comments	Position in Prioritisation Stack
CMP408	Following the approval of CMP361 WACM3, of an ex ante fixed BSUoS tariff with a 9 month notice and 6 month fix. Ofgem have stated that there is a need to amend the notice periods and therefore, this modification seeks to amend the notice period to a 3 month notice period.	Given the high materiality and industry interest, Panel believed a High priority was appropriate.	High

The latest prioritisation stack can be found [here](#)

In flight Modifications

The next Modification Tracker will be published on 7 February 2023.

Workgroup Reports

There were no Workgroup Reports presented to the Panel.

Draft Final Modification Reports

The following Draft Final Modification Report² was presented to the Panel:

CMP344 ‘Clarification of Transmission Licensee revenue recovery and the treatment of revenue adjustments in the Charging Methodology’

Clarifies that the allowed revenue for Transmission Owners recovered from Transmission Users under the Charging Methodologies is fixed for each onshore price control period for onshore transmission licensees and at the point of asset transfer for OFTOs.

The Panel by majority recommended that the Original solution is implemented. Final Modification Report will be issued to Ofgem on 8 February 2023.

CMP344 documentation can be found [here](#)

Other

² This is the 2nd Draft Final Modification Report

CMP394 'Removing Generation Charges from Electricity Storage Operators in Positive TNUoS Zones'

Seeks to exempt electricity storage assets in positive Transmission Network Use of System zones from payment of generation charges. Here, 'electricity storage' refers to all storage that has booked Transmission Entry Capacity (i.e. pumped and battery).

On 15 December 2022, the Proposer of **CMP394** withdrew as proposer of **CMP394** as they consider CMP393 to be a simpler solution to a defect identified in both code modifications i.e. that current TNUoS charges reflect only exports, and not imports. CUSC 8.16.10 defines the process for withdrawal and industry were notified on 15 December 2022 and had until 5pm on 22 December 2022 to express their wish to become the new Proposer. No-one expressed a wish to become the new Proposer by 5pm on 22 December 2022. Therefore, Panel were asked under CUSC 8.16.10(b) to agree to the withdrawal of **CMP394** - Panel agreed.

Request for a Standing Group to explore enduring fixed BSUoS solutions

The ESO sought Panel agreement to set up a Standing Group (in accordance with the provisions of CUSC 8.21) to explore enduring fixed BSUoS solutions. Panel did not agree there was a need to set up a formal Standing Group through the CUSC. However, Panel supported the intent but argued for a more informal process (via a TCMF sub group route to look at the issue of P levels and BSUoS industry fund). This will be discussed further at TCMF on 2 February 2023.

Questions or feedback?

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