Connections strategic change & impact to CUSC Meeting #6

14th November 2023

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Agenda

Timing	Subject	Presenter
10:00 – 10:10	Introduction and Welcome	Camille Gilsenan
10:10 – 10:20	Actions Log	Secretariat
10:20 – 10:40	Five Point Plan	Kav Patel
10:40 – 10:45	Connections Reform	Paul Mullen
10:45 – 10:55	Next Steps Recap	Secretariat
10:55 – 11:00	AOB	Camille Gilsenan

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Introduction & ways of working

Camille Gilsenan, ESO

Scope of sub-group - as agreed at CUSC Panel

Taken from ToR, the scope of the sub-group is as follows:

- Provide clarity on the horizon of strategic connection change.

- Signposting to more medium-term change such as Connections Reform.

- Focusing immediate discussion on connections five-point plan initiatives including the ESO's new policy for battery storage connections.

- Breaking down the ESO's line of thinking regards to implementation of these initiatives and addressing concerns raised by stakeholders both in terms of governance and post implementation impacts.

- Provide opportunity to deep dive on those change initiatives of interest. This will ensure the industry can understand how this change will manifest and work in practice or understand the current remit of ESO exploratory work

- Aim is therefore to help identify any CUSC code governance gaps or downstream impacts and ensure these gaps or impacts are addressed appropriately and stakeholder are engaged on this journey.

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Actions

ID	Description	Owner	Notes	Update	Target Date	Status
022	Queue Management guidance document	JH	Set up session with QM workgroup members to review guidance document	Session in place for 14th November propose to close	Oct	CF
025	Connection applications	KP	To split out applications into new and mod apps		14 Nov	CF
027	Terms of Reference	JH	Take to CUSC panel for review	CISG ToR is an agenda item for the October CUSC panel. Panel approved.	14 Nov	CF
029	Constraint notifications	ESO	Investigate if the ESO does or should publish constraints in real time.		14 Nov	CF
030	Queue Management guidance document	KP	To check if guidance document will include what isn't changing as part of CMP376	Guidance document will cover the Queue Management process as a whole.	14 Nov	NEW
031	Data quality	CG	To feed back into the business, that the information to be shared as part of the network design needs to be of good quality – cited in meeting was the level of quality in the TEC register		14 Nov	NEW
032	Non-firm Markets	WKW	Update sub-group on DESNZ position regarding BESS non-firm participating in the Capacity Market and ESO position on Frequency and Stability Markets		14 Nov	NEW

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033	DNO firm not being treated as 100% firm – not clear what this means for frequency markets	CG	Take back to ESO Frequency Response team for awareness that there are many questions that sit with the ESO frequency response team that they may need to be aware if – such as the recent UKPN update on DNO non-firm	Fed back to relevant FR teams within ESO.	14/11/23	New
034	Long Term Actions	AP	Create a list of actions which will be handed over to the ESO project team looking at the BESS non-firm process in detail	Slide created in November slide deck	14/11/23	New
035	Recirculate pack	JH	Update wording on CUSC mod slide and recirculate	Slide has been updated and circulated to sub-group attendees 27th October.	14/11/23	New

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5 Point Plan

Our 5 Point Plan

Our 5-Point Plan is a set of Tactical Initiatives ahead of the wider connections reform

1. TEC Amnesty

2. Construction Planning Assumptions Review

3. Treatment of Storage

4. Queue Management

5. Non-firm Offer Development

Connections Reform

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External Governance Groups

Consultation Phase up to and including Final Recommendations

- **Delivery Partners Executive Group (DPEG)**
  - Help inform and support efficient delivery of changes to the connections process.
  - Propose and agree practical and deliverable actions necessary to support the implementation of connections reform.
- **Steering Group**
  - Ensure our key stakeholders and consumers have a formal voice as we developed options for connections reform.

Implementation Phase (from January 2024). Proposed governance structure is:

- **Connections Delivery Board (CDB)**
  - Replaces DPEG.
  - Expected to be run by Ofgem or DESNZ.
  - Sets overall direction and provides steer for connections initiatives, as well as holding organisations to account for delivery of changes.
- **Connections Process Advisory Group (CPAG)**
  - Replaces Steering Group.
  - Independent Chair and representatives from all impacted parties.
  - Provide steer on all parts of Connections Reform implementation and helps coordinate the suite of changes that need to be made across codes (prior to formal code Modifications being raised).

Next Steps

Making final recommendations in next few weeks and expect to run in person event and webinar shortly thereafter to run through final recommendations.

Implementation phase to start from January 2024.

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Next steps

- Focus topic for next meeting

- Proposed date of next meeting is 19. December

- AOB

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Long Term Actions

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007	Non-firm – Curtailment information	WK/DR	What information will the rest of market have on the quantum of curtailment behind T boundaries, both ahead of time and real time?	24/10/23 - The detailed process for notifying storage has not been developed yet and will be developed ahead of the first storage providers connecting under this initiative ~2026
008	Non-firm – Curtailment times	WK/DR	How long is the curtailment to be active– in market timeframes for the products being used by the ESO, such as settlement period(s) in BM?	24/10/23 - The detailed process for notifying storage has not been developed yet and will be developed ahead of the first storage providers connecting under this initiative ~2026
012	Non-firm and TNUoS task force	CG	TNUoS taskforce have non-firm as out of scope however the ESO is trying to encourage it. Reach out to TNUoS taskforce to discuss why it may not be in their scope of work	ESO has discussed this briefly with OFGEM and it's been raised at TNUoS taskforce. More thought needed on this before the appropriate forum for discussion is confirmed.
028	Constraint notifications	WKW/AQ	Review feedback received on constraint notifications from subgroup as a consideration throughout the development of the BESS non-firm product	The ESO has heard the concerns about notifications and this will be factored into the development of the notification process. See action 7.

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