

CMP427: Update to the Transmission Connection Application Process for Onshore Applicants – Workgroup 1

09 January 2024

Online Meeting via Teams

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Agenda

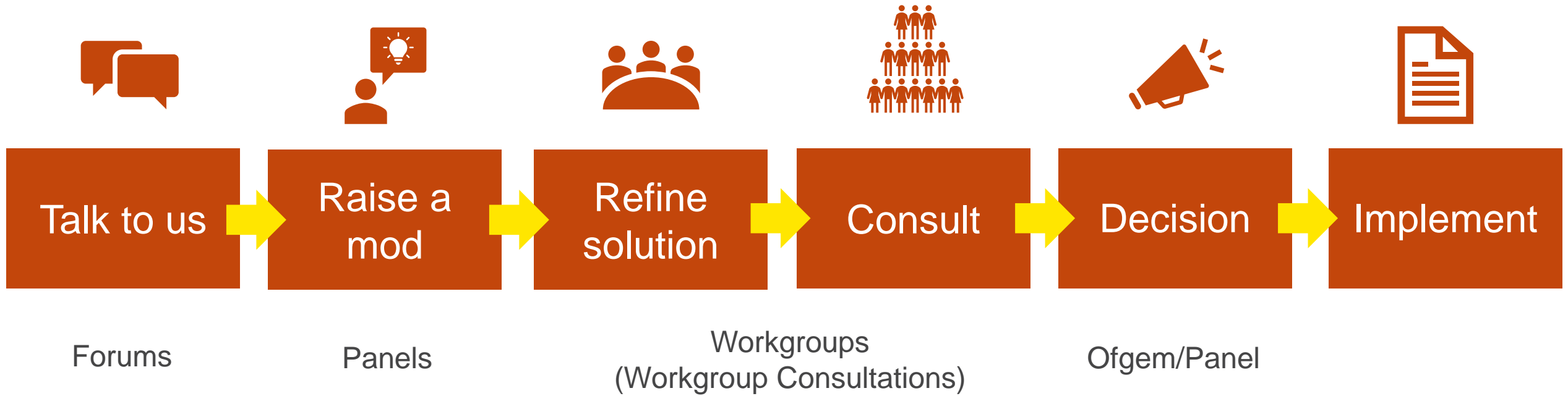
Topics to be discussed	Lead
Introductions	Chair
Code Modification Process Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Workgroup Responsibilities• Workgroup Alternatives and Workgroup Vote	Chair
Objectives and Timeline <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Walk-through of the timeline for the modification	Chair
Review and Agree Terms of Reference	All
Proposer presentation and Form Template	Proposer
Discussion and Questions	All
Any Other Business	Chair
Next Steps	Chair



Modification Process

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Code Modification Process Overview





Refine solution Workgroups



- If the proposed solution requires further input from industry in order to develop the solution, a Workgroup will be set up.
- The Workgroup will:
 - further refine the solution, in their discussions and by holding a **Workgroup Consultation**
 - Consider other solutions, and may raise **Alternative Modifications** to be considered alongside the Original Modification
 - Have a **Workgroup Vote** so views of the Workgroup members can be expressed in the Workgroup Report which is presented to Panel



Consult Code Administrator Consultation

- The Code Administrator runs a consultation on the **final solution(s)**, to gather final views from industry before a decision is made on the modification.
- After this, the modification report is voted on by Panel who also give their views on the solution.





Decision



- Dependent on the Governance Route that was decided by Panel when the modification was raised
- **Standard Governance:** Ofgem makes the decision on whether or not the modification is implemented
- **Self-Governance:** Panel makes the decision on whether or not the modification is implemented
 - an appeals window is opened for 15 days following the Final Self Governance Modification Report being published



Implement

- The Code Administrator implements the final change which was decided by the Panel / Ofgem on the agreed date.





Workgroup Responsibilities

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Expectations of a Workgroup Member

Contribute to the discussion

Be respectful of each other's opinions

Language and Conduct to be consistent with the values of equality and diversity

Do not share commercially sensitive information

Be prepared - Review Papers and Reports ahead of meetings

Complete actions in a timely manner

Keep to agreed scope

Email communications to/cc'ing the .box email

Your Roles

Help refine/develop the solution(s)

Bring forward alternatives as early as possible

Vote on whether or not to proceed with requests for Alternatives

Vote on whether the solution(s) better facilitate the Code Objectives



Workgroup Alternatives and Workgroup Vote

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Workgroup Membership

Joseph Henry	Proposer	ESO		Alternate	Folashade Poppola
Greg Stevenson	Workgroup member	SHET	TO	Alternate	Fiona Casey
Sam Aitchison	Workgroup member	Island Green Power	Generator	Alternate	Dave Elvin
Garth Graham	Workgroup member	SSE Generation	Generator	Alternate	Andrew Colley
Helen Stack	Workgroup member	Centrica	Generator	Alternate	N/A
Deborah MacPherson	Workgroup member	Scottish Power Renewables	Generator	Alternate	Ciaran Fitzgerald
Claire Hynes	Workgroup member	RWE Renewables	Generator	Alternate	Tim Ellingham
Alex Ikonik	Workgroup member	Orsted	Generator	Alternate	James Jackson
Andrew Yates	Workgroup member	Statkraft	Generator	Alternate	Barney Cowin
Ed Birkett	Workgroup member	Low Carbon	Generator	Alternate	Alex Howison
Richard Woodward	Workgroup member	NGET	TO	Alternate	Jade Ison
Bill Scott	Workgroup member	Eclipse Power Network	Network Operator	Alternate	Charles Deacon
Hooman Andami	Workgroup member	Elmya Energy	Generator	Alternate	N/A
Dennis Gowland	Workgroup member	Research Relay Ltd	Generator	Alternate	John Morgan
Joe Colebrook	Workgroup member	Innova Renewables	Generator	Alternate	John Brereton
Ben Clarke	Observer	Bute Energy Ltd	Generator	Alternate	Douglas Allan
Kyran Hanks	Observer	Waters Wye Associates	Consultant	Alternate	Graz Macdonald
Dhaval Parmar	Observer /Waiting Nomination	BP Exploration	Generator	Alternate	Darshak Shah
Lee Wilkinson	Authority Representative	Ofgem			

Can I vote? and What is the Alternative Vote?

To participate in any votes, Workgroup members need to have attended at least 50% of meetings

Stage 1 – Alternative Vote

- Vote on whether Workgroup Alternative Requests should become Workgroup Alternative Code Modifications.
- The Alternative vote is carried out to identify the level of Workgroup support there is for any potential alternative options that have been brought forward by either any member of the Workgroup OR an Industry Participant as part of the Workgroup Consultation.
- **Should the majority of the Workgroup OR the Chair believe that the potential alternative solution may better facilitate the CUSC objectives than the Original then the potential alternative will be fully developed by the Workgroup with legal text to form a Workgroup Alternative Code modification (WACM) and submitted to the Panel and Authority alongside the Original solution for the Panel Recommendation vote and the Authority decision.**

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Stage 2 – Workgroup Vote

- 2a) Assess the original and Workgroup Alternative (if there are any) against the relevant Applicable Objectives compared to the baseline (the current code)
- 2b) Vote on which of the options is best.



Objectives and Timeline

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Timeline for CMP419

Milestone	Date	Milestone	Date
Modification presented to Panel	15 December 2023	Code Administrator Consultation (5 working days)	12 February 2024 to 16 February 2024
Workgroup Nominations (12 Working Days)	15 December 2023 to 05 January 2024	Draft Final Modification Report (DFMR) issued to Panel (2 working days)	21 February 2024
Ofgem grant Urgency	21 December 2023 (5pm)	Panel undertake DFMR recommendation vote	23 February 2024
Workgroups 1-4 (assuming Ofgem have granted Urgency)	09 January 2024 15 January 2024 17 January 2024 19 January 2024	Final Modification Report issued to Panel to check votes recorded correctly	23 February 2024 2pm to 4pm
Workgroup Consultation (5 working days)	22 January 2024 to 26 January 2024	Final Modification Report issued to Ofgem	23 February 2024 by 5pm
Workgroups 5-6 - Assess Workgroup Consultation Responses and Workgroup Vote	31 January 2024 05 February 2024	Ofgem decision (5 working days)	01 March 2024
Workgroup report issued to Panel (2 working days)	07 February 2024	Implementation Date	15 March 2024 (10 WD after Authority Decision)
Panel sign off that Workgroup Report has met its Terms of Reference	09 February 2024 (Special Panel)		



Terms of Reference

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Terms of Reference

Workgroup Term of Reference	Location in Workgroup Report (to be completed at Workgroup Report stage)
a) Consider EBR implications	
b) Consider the scope of work identified and whether this is achievable within the timeframe outlined in the Ofgem Urgency decision letter	
c) Consider how the solution meets the asks within the Connection Action Plan; re: letter of authority can be robust and efficient.	



Proposer's Solution

Joe Henry - ESO



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Workgroup 1, 09 January 2024

CMP427 Context



The Connections Action Plan (DESNZ and Ofgem) put an action on the ESO to raise a modification to codify the Landowner LoA (Letter of Authority) requirement for new Onshore Transmission Connection Applications, in order to raise entry requirements.

The action plan asked for this modification to be raised by “Q1 2024 or sooner”, and Ofgem expect the FMR to be with them by March.

The ESO raised this modification to the CUSC (CMP427) at CUSC Panel on 15 December 2023

Ofgem approved the request for the ESO to raise this modification on an Urgent Basis to expedite the process

What does the modification propose (1)?

- The LoA will provide confirmation that either: a) the project developer has formally* engaged in discussions with the landowner(s) in respect of the rights needed to enable the construction of the project on their land (it will not require evidence at that stage that the rights have been granted though this will be required as part of the evidence for milestone M3 “Secure Land Rights” within the Queue Management process introduced under CMP376). b) demonstrate that the project developer is the landowner(s).
- This evidence is in addition to the current criteria required for the ESO to treat an Onshore Transmission Connection Application as effective (referred to as “clock start”). The current criteria for an application to become effective is noted in Exhibit B of the CUSC and includes the completion and submission of the following: (i) an application form (ii) the Data Registration Code template and (iii) payment of an application fee.

**The Workgroup are to agree the meaning of the project developer formally engaging with the landowner*

What does the modification propose (2)?

- This modification proposes that a template is produced by the ESO, which will be attached to the connection application proforma for the Onshore Transmission Connections Applicants to specify the type of engagement that has occurred in relation to (a) or (b), as mentioned on previous slide.
- This will provide consistency in the documentation submitted and further assist applicants to provide the relevant details to satisfy this requirement. It will also mitigate against potential delays to project developers' applications clock start dates due to insufficient or unclear information being provided and the need to revisit the application. The application will not be declared effective until the LoA has been confirmed to be satisfactory by the ESO.

What does the modification propose (3)?

- Further consideration of strengthening the scope of the LoA approach will be considered at a later date. This may include feasibility and suitability of applying the LoA to Offshore Transmission Connection Applications, Modification Applications and a process for duplication checks.



Discussion and Questions

All



Any Other Business
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Next Steps

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