

CMP427: Update to the Transmission Connection Application Process for Onshore Applicants – Workgroup 2

15 January 2024

Online Meeting via Teams

WELCOME



Agenda

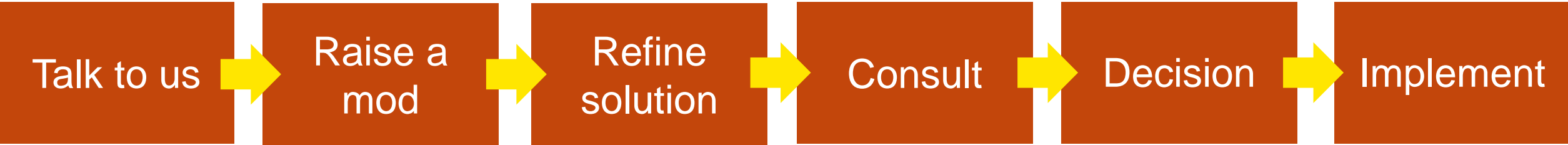
#	Topics to be discussed	Lead
1.	Workgroup Meeting Objectives	Chair
2.	Review of Draft LOA and considering the key topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Legal status of the LOA, additional validation checks by ESO and LOA's relationship to M3 milestone obligations and queue management.• Inclusion of a site plan with LOA (not including cabling routes for consistency with M3 milestone)• Guidance on minimum acreage for different technology types (to feature in the Workgroup Report/guidance note, not codified within the CUSC)• Clarity LOAs on projects involving multiple landowners, challenges from other developers, and the relevance of a landowner withdrawing agreement.• Wording of the draft LOA, standardisation of the LOA and the need for disclaimers to avoid obligations on landowners.• Suggestions to review distribution LOA examples for guidance on a transmission LOA.• Whether the LOA should be a standard template or allow variations	Chair
3.	Any Other Business	Chair
4.	Next Steps	Chair



Modification Process

Catia Gomes– ESO Code Administrator

Code Modification Process Overview



Forums

Panels

Workgroups
(Workgroup Consultations)

Ofgem/Panel



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 Distribution List

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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 Ikonic	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
Dhaval Parmar	Workgroup member	BP Exploration	Generator	Alternate	Darshak Shah
Ben Clarke	Observer	Bute Energy Ltd	Generator	Alternate	Douglas Allan
Kyran Hanks	Observer	Waters Wye Associates	Consultant	Alternate	Graz Macdonald
Lee Wilkinson	Authority Representative	Ofgem			



Key Discussion

Joe Henry - ESO

For reference:

This modification proposes that project developers should submit a LoA with a new Onshore Transmission Connection Application in addition to the existing requirements for that application to be effective.

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) confirm that the project developer is the landowner(s).

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Review of Draft LOA

Joe Henry - ESO



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.	



Timeline

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Timeline for CMP427

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)		



Any Other Business

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Next Steps

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