

Meeting Summary

Transmission Charging Methodologies Forum and CUSC Issues Steering Group 143

Date: 01/02/2024 **Location:** MS Teams

Start: 10:30am **End:** 12:25pm

Participants

Attendee	Company	Attendee	Company
Camille Gilsean (CG)	ESO (Chair)	Andrew Hemus (AH)	ESO (Tec Sec)
Garth Graham (GG)	SSE (Presenter)	Alex Curtis (AC)	ESO (Presenter)
Neil Dewar (ND)	ESO (Presenter)	Keren Kelly (KK)	ESO (Presenter)
Harriet Harmon (HH)	Ofgem (Presenter)	Tony Cotton (TC)	Energy Technical & Renewable Services Ltd (Presenter)
Neil Dewar (ND)	ESO (Presenter)	Milly Lewis (ML)	ESO (Presenter)
Andy Fradley (AF)	ESO	Alan Kelly (AK)	Corio Generation
Alex Howison (AH)	Low Carbon	Alex Ikonik (AI)	Orsted
Alice Cockshutt (AC)	Engie	Alice Taylor (ALT)	ESO
Alison Price (AP)	ESO	Arjan Geveke (AG)	Energy Intensive Users Group
Bailey Richards (BR)	OVO	Banke John (BJ)	ESO
Barney Cowin (BC)	Statkraft	Calum Duff (CD)	Thistle Wind Partners
Catia Gomes (CG)	ESO	Chiamaka Nwajagu (CN)	Orsted
Christian Parsons (CP)	Ofgem	Christopher Patrick (CHP)	Ofgem
Claire Goult (CG)	ESO	Claire Huxley (CH)	ESO
Damian Clough (DC)	SSE	Daniel Hickman (DH)	ESO
David Jones (DJ)	Ofgem	Dennis Gowland (DG)	Fairwind (Orkney) Ltd
Edda Dirks (ED)	SSE	George Douthwaite (GD)	ITP Energised
Ghulam Haider (GH)	Ofgem	Graeme Hickman (GH)	ESO
Hugh Boyle (HB)	EDF	Ishtyaq Hussain (IH)	ESO

Jacqueline Wilkie (JW)	SSE	James Stone (JS)	Ofgem
Jo Zhou (JZ)	ESO	Joe Colebrook (JC)	Innova
John Mclellan (JM)	Ofgem	Jonathan Bowes (JB)	Ofgem
Karl Maryon (KM)	Drax	Katie Clark (KC)	ESO
Kyran Hanks (KH)	Waters Wye Associates	Liam Cullen (LC)	Ofgem
Matthew Paige-Stimson (MP)	National Grid	Niall Coyle (NC)	EON Energy
Nicky White (NW)	ESO	Nicola Fitchett (NF)	RWE
Paul Mott (PM)	ESO	Paul Youngman (PY)	Drax
Peter Frampton (PF)	Vitol	Rachel McLeod (RM)	ESO
Rustam Ellis-Majainah (RE)	OVO	Ryan Ward (RW)	Scottish Power
Sally Musaka (SM)	SSE	Samuel Adekanle (SA)	REA
Sarah Chleboun (SC)	ESO	Sasha Chepelin (SAC)	SSE
Shannon Murray (SM)	Ofgem	Sinan Kufeoglu (SK)	Ofgem
Stephen Dale (SD)	ESO	Stephen Dale (SD)	ESO
Varun Mittal (VM)	Total Energies	William Maidment	Ventient Energy

Agenda, slides, and modifications appendices

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TCMF and CISG

These notes are produced as an accompaniment to the slide pack presented which can be found here [PowerPoint Presentation \(nationalgrideso.com\)](#)

Meeting Opening – Camille Gilsenan, ESO

CP opened the meeting, providing an overview of the agenda items for discussion.

Connections Process Advisory Group verbal update – Garth Graham - SSE

GG shared background and detailed the group is meeting on a fortnightly basis going forward.

- Group has 27 members (this includes 3 Transmission connected Generators, 2 onshore and 1 offshore plus embedded generators)
- Working to support the ESO Connection Reform Go-Live at the start of 2025.
- Plans on Code Modifications - ESO has brought forward minimal viable product to implement its Connection Reform with changes required in CUSC, STC and DCUSA.
- 6 topic areas for these Modifications as follows: The Process, User Commitment, Improvement to the Pre-App Stage, Letter of Authority (Part 2), Connection Design Methodology and Distribution Forecast Transmission Capacity Methodology.
- Currently discussing how many CUSC Modifications will be required to codify these 6 topics.
- ESO to raise Modification(s) and request Urgency in March/April with Authority submission in late summer/early Autumn allowing for a decision to be made for go live at the start of 2025.

Connections and 5 Point Plan update – Alex Curtis - ESO

AC shared a Connections and 5 Point Plan update. See slides for more details.

KH queried whether the increase in applications includes DNO (non-embedded) connections, which AC confirmed yes.

PY asked for the numbers of connection applications for onshore, offshore and DNO to be split out. AC agreed to take away and provide details at next TCMF. **ACTION 24-1**

JC commented that there should be better allocation of short term and expressions of interest to bring parties forward. AC clarified that it depends on when the capacity becomes available. The order will be TWR, QM and then TEC amnesty. Offers expected to go out mid to late summer. TC asked if the connections process was going to change from a first comes first basis. AC explained with the complexity and wide range of this question unable to answer during this meeting but agreed to take away and feedback at a future TCMF. **ACTION 24-2**

Market Wide Half Hourly Settlement (MHHS) – Neil Dewar and Keren Kelly – ESO

ND and KK shared an update on MHHS. See slides for more details.

GG shared advice contained in the Authority decision letter for [DCP328](#) which suggested separating components of a modification into separate modifications. ND thanked GG and stated not aware but would read.

PY highlighted the requirement for materiality impact to be demonstrated when requesting an Urgent Modification.

TNUoS Task Force update – Harriet Harmon - Ofgem

HH shared an update from the TNUoS Task Force. See slides for more details.

GG shared thoughts on the transparency of data and noted that the justification is now on the TO's and ESO to explain why data cannot be provided and not as in past on industry to justify why its required. HH shared broad agreement while sharing 3 instances when information would not be shared, National Security, System Security and Commercial Sensitivity. NF commented that visibility of data would have helped with a recent Modification regarding Expansion Constant data. HH shared that the two questions to think about when considering any STC modification are: Are the TO's providing the data the ESO has requested? ESO has data that it might not publish?

Arrangements for 29 February TCMF @ Faraday House – Camille Gilsean – ESO

CG asked everybody to complete the form below, either if planning to attend in person or via MS Teams.

Please complete this form

Potential CUSC Defect: Double Counting of Cancellation Liability and Security – Tony Cotton – Energy Technical & Renewable Services Ltd

TC shared an update on the potential CUSC defect of double counting of Cancellation Liability and Security. See slides for more details.

GG commented on the lack of transparency of Security costs. HH noted. JC again referenced transparency and security cancellations and the fact industry have no visibility of ESO cost for security and thus ensuring that the ESO is not over securing. AP shared that [CMP417](#) is planned to be submitted to the Authority in September and that any assessment on materiality depends on whether you could wait for the outcome [CMP417](#) and the timescale.

ESO to engage with TC to agree appropriate next steps. **ACTION 24-3**

PY shared that without the information available it was unfair to ask this question. GG suggested a simple comparison between how much the TO's are securing overall and the final sums of that.

Introduction to TCMF Storage Subgroup – Neil Dewar – ESO

ND shared an introduction to the TCMF Storage Subgroup. See slides for more details.

DC asked for clarification on coordination of various related workstreams for example requirements of [CMP393](#) and [CMP405](#) in respect of the NOA, [Long Duration Electricity Storage Consultation \(DESNZ\)](#), any SQSS review and the [TNUoS Taskforce](#). DJ echoed that a greater need for coordination is required. CG suggested this feedback is captured in the ToR of the TCMF Storage Subgroup.

Code Administrator update – Milly Lewis, Code Administrator ESO

ML gave the Code Administrator update, outlining the key activities upcoming and since the past TCMF meeting. See slides for more details.

HH shared observation on the delayed Ofgem decision dates, that Ofgem is likely to publish in next month on prioritisation and the buckets of work treating as a priority for industry transparency. HH also clarified this communication likely to be wider than decisions on Modifications and cover other team responsibilities for example REMA.

AOB

ML gave a follow up to last months agenda item on “Improving the quality of modification proposal’s” with a related CUSC modification check-in item. The key ask of parties raising modifications was to involve the Code Admin team as early in the process as possible and that there is a real benefit in submitting proposals ahead of the submission deadline. See slides for more details.

ML asked for any feedback to be shared here: [ESO Code Administrator Modification Proposals \(office.com\)](#)

Action Item Log

Action items: In progress

ID	Description	Owner	Notes	Target Date	Status
24-1 Feb 1	Provide numbers of connection applications split out by onshore, offshore and DNO.	AC		Feb 24	New
24-2 Feb 1	Is the basis of the Connection Process going to change from first come first served?	AC			New
24-3 Feb 1	Potential CUSC Defect: Double Counting of Cancellation Liability and Security – ESO to engage with TC to agree appropriate next steps	ESO			New

Action items: Completed

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