

Special CUSC Panel Minutes

09 February 2024

CUSC Panel Minutes

Date: 09/02/2024	Location: Microsoft Teams Meeting
Start: 10:00	End: 11:00

Participants

Attendee	Initials	Representing
Trisha McAuley	TM	Independent Panel Chair
Milly Lewis	ML	Panel Secretary, Code Administrator Representative
Claire Goult	CGo	Panel Technical Secretary, Code Administrator
Andrew Enzor	AE	Users' Panel Member
Andy Pace	AP	Consumers' Panel Member
Camille Gilsean	CGi	Panel Member, ESO
Catia Gomes	CG	CMP427 Presenter, Code Administrator
Cem Suleyman	CS	Users' Panel Member (Alternate)
Elana Byrne	EB	CMP427 Tec Sec, Code Administrator
Garth Graham	GG	Users' Panel Member
Grace March	GM	Users' Panel Member (Alternate)
Jamie Webb	JW	ESO Presenter
Kyran Hanks	KH	Users' Panel Member
Paul Jones	PJ	Users' Panel Member
Rashmi Radhakrishnan	RR	ELEXON (Observer)
Nadir Hafeez	NH	Authority Representative

Apologies

Attendee	Initials	Representing
Binoy Dharsi	BD	Users' Panel Member
Claire Huxley	CH	Panel Member, ESO

Joe Colebrook	JC	Users' Panel Member
Joe Dunn	JD	Users' Panel Member
Lauren Jauss	LJ	Users' Panel Member (Alternate)
Lurrentia Walker	LW	Code Administrator, ESO

1. Introductions and Apologies

12246. Apologies received from Binoy Dharsi, Claire Huxley, Joe Colebrook, Joe Dunn, Lurrentia Walker and Lauren Jauss. No declarations of interest were noted.

2. Workgroup Report

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

12247. CG presented the Workgroup Report for CMP427 to the Panel noting the key points and summary of solutions to Panel.
12248. The Chair commented that the report was extremely well written and really clear in highlighting what the key issues were and had found it personally very helpful coming in new to the topic.
12249. The Chair asked members if there were any questions regarding the report.
12250. CS queried if the Energy Land Density Table was the latest version available or required updating as it included a lot of 'TBC' and wondered if this had got any further.
12251. EB explained that any updates will be through the guidance note. EB went on to say the team involved in producing the guidance note are involving an external consultancy and will be taking into consideration the comments from both consultations as well as being regularly reviewed.
12252. The Chair asked if any Panel member disagrees the Workgroup have met the Terms of Reference.
12253. Panel members agreed the unanimously that the Workgroup have met the Terms of Reference for the modification, and that the modification can proceed to Code Administrator Consultation.
12254. ML discussed the CMP427 timeline and confirmed the Code Administrator Consultation will go out on Monday 12 February 2024 and close on Friday 16 February 2024. ML explained that following the approved urgent timeline the Draft Final Modification Report (DFMR) will be submitted to Panel members on 21 February to enable the Panel recommendation Vote to take place on Friday 23 February.
12255. ML requested that Panel members provide their voting statements, where possible, ahead of the Panel meeting to enable the Final Modification Report to be submitted to the Authority by 5pm.
12256. ML confirmed a decision date for CMP427 had been requested for 1 March 2024 and noted the request for the implementation to be 10 Business Days was to support facilitating the implementation of CMP427.

3. AOB

12257. ML notified Panel members that the February Panel would have a large agenda and although no new modifications had been raised yet this month, informed members to expect a Market Half Hourly Settlement modification seeking urgency.

4. Implementation Update

12258. The Chair reminded Panel of an email had been sent members regarding the implementation update and introduced JW to talk through the update.
12259. JW explained there was an implementation of a modification last year which highlighted an issue within Section 14 of the CUSC. JW explain concerns were discussed with the Authority and agreed an independent audit dating back to 2021 would be completed to ensure that the CUSC reflected decisions made already made by Ofgem.
12260. JW informed members the ESO is in the process of reviewing the entirety of the CUSC and Grid Code expressing the importance of the Baseline being accurate for new modifications. JW confirmed there is no firm timetable and acknowledged it is a complex task involving two years of decisions but has instructed the third party to complete.
12261. JW explained to the Panel ESO were in the process of talking through a root cause analysis to understand the failures in the process and how it can be improved.
12262. Panel Members thanked JW for the update and said it would be good to understand how to socialise this information and suggested giving an update at TCMF. JW explained the right thing was to first make Panel aware and the next step is to take to TCMF and make sure everyone is getting the right level of information when we can have it.
12263. Panel Members queried the interaction of modifications in the Workgroup stage and requested a clear understanding of how the CUSC is changing.
12264. The Chair stated that it was believed the changes were to align with the Authority decisions.
12265. ML explained that when legal text is submitted as part of the Workgroup Report the Workgroup will have agreed it reflects the intent for the modification. Re-baselining needed to be completed first to be determine if the updates had any material impacts.
12266. GG suggested using different colours for the proposed legal text changes and the legal text changes to align with previous Authority decisions to help stakeholders to differentiate at consultation.
12267. The Chair responded to say it was a good suggestion. ML agreed to ensure it was clear what is out for consultation and what is already approved.
12268. NH spoke from an Authority perspective and questioned when Ofgem receive legal text as part of the FMR will ESO highlight changes made as part of this exercise and expressed concern that Ofgem currently have several FMRs relating to section 14.
12269. JW responded to say ESO are working closely with Ofgem around FMR decisions and making sure the CUSC is up to date as soon as possible is the priority.
12270. RR questioned if modifications currently in the Workgroup stage would be baselined and how they would progress.
12271. ML explained that re-baselining legal text was a normal activity for modifications from Proposal to CAC and that the Code Administrator often had to implement legal text that has been sent to Ofgem on a much older, but correct at the time, baseline because of the time between the submission of a FMR and the decision/implementation date. ML clarified that modifications nearing the end of the Workgroup process ahead of the 01 April 2024 implementation were the priority for ensuring that the solutions are unaffected by the updates to the corrected baseline.
12272. JW encouraged Panel members to feedback if they have any concerns.

19. Close

12273. The Chair thanked the Panel for their time and contribution and brought the meeting to a close.

CUSC Panel Papers Day is 15 February 2024.

The next CUSC Panel meeting will be held on 23 February 2023 at Faraday House.