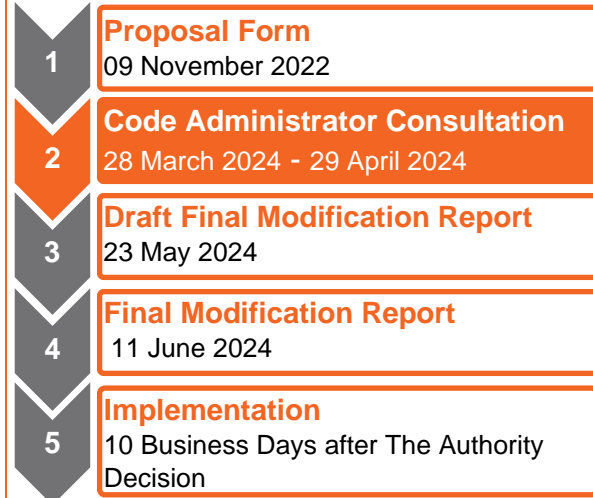


**Code Administrator Consultation**

# CMP404: Introducing Competitively Appointed Transmission Owners & Transmission Service Providers (Section 11)

**Overview:** This modification aims to introduce the concept of Competitively Appointed Transmission Owners and Transmission Service Providers for the purposes of introducing Early Competition for the design, build and ownership of Onshore Transmission assets

**Modification process & timetable**



**Have 20 minutes?** Read the full [Code Administrator Consultation](#)

**Have 30 minutes?** Read the full Code Administrator Consultation and Annexes.

**Status summary:** We are now consulting on this proposed change.

**This modification is expected to have a: Low impact** ESO, Transmission Owners, CATOs, Generators, Transmission System Operators and The Authority

<b>Governance route</b>	Self-Governance modification to proceed to Code Administrator Consultation	
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<b>How do I respond?</b>	Send your response proforma to <a href="mailto:cusc.team@nationalgrideso.com">cusc.team@nationalgrideso.com</a> by 5pm on 29 April 2024	

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## What is the issue?

On 28 March 2022 Ofgem published its decision<sup>1</sup> to proceed with implementation of the Early Competition model. This has been underpinned by the publication of the Energy Security Bill<sup>2</sup>, introduced to Parliament on 6 July 2022 (The Energy Bill was given Royal Assent on 26 October 2023) makes provision to enable competitive tenders for delivery of onshore electricity network assets. The Bill will introduce powers to enable the Secretary of State to appoint a body to run tenders and to set criteria to determine a network project's eligibility to be competed. It will also extend Ofgem's power to make regulations which will set out the process by which tenders will be run.

To allow Early Competition to be implemented effectively, the competition processes, obligations, technical requirements, charges, and remuneration principles need to be embedded within the relevant codes. The introduction of Early Competition affects the Grid Code, SQSS, CUSC and STC among others. The ESO are proposing this modification in association with the modifications that will be progressed to the other GB Codes and frameworks during the period between Autumn 2022 and Spring 2024.

## Why change?

Ofgem's decision to introduce Early Competition by means of Competitively Appointed Transmission Owners (CATO's) requires CUSC changes in the following ways;

- Introduce the concept of Competitively Appointed Transmission Owners CATOs and associated interpretations and definitions (Section 11, the subject of this CUSC modification proposal).

For the UK to reach net zero by 2050 and achieve independence from fossil fuels the UK needs an extensive programme of development and investment in the electricity transmission network. As part of this green energy transition, it is expected that there will be a doubling in electricity demand driven in part by the electrification of heat and transport. This will require significant reinforcement for the National Electricity Transmission System, and introduction of CATO's will contribute to facilitating this.

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy indicate that, through the introduction of competition, consumers could see savings of up to £1 billion by 2050 on projects tendered over the next ten years. Ofgem requested for ESO to plan how competition could be included within the process of designing, building and owning onshore transmission assets in the early stages of the project lifecycle, known as 'Early Competition'. ESO's Early Competition Plan (ECP) was published in April 2021.

Introducing the concept of CATOs to the relevant industry codes ensures the safe, secure and coordinated operation of the Transmission System by establishing both the obligations on CATOs and those entities interacting with CATO assets. The first phase of the Early Competition procurement process (the pre-tender) is set to commence in the first quarter of 2024, necessitating that the proposed modifications be raised and progressed in line with the Code Administrator proposed timetable.

Following the completion of a competitive tender, a CATO will be awarded a Transmission Licence and categorised as an Onshore Transmission Owner. CATOs will differ from incumbent TOs insofar as, for instance, they will consist of project companies funded

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications/decision-early-competition-onshore-electricity-transmissionnetworks>

<sup>2</sup> [Energy Security Bill - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/bills/2022/energy-security-bill)

through a Tender Revenue Stream (TRS) to deliver a specific project based on network requirements. As a Licensed TO, CATOs will be subject to broadly the same obligations and frameworks.

## What is the solution?

### Proposer's solution

The following changes (in red text) are proposed to CUSC Section 11- Interpretations & Definitions

<b>“Competitively Appointed Transmission Owner (CATO)”</b>	means such person who has been awarded a Transmission Licence on the basis of an Onshore Tender Process and in relation to whose Transmission Licence the Standard Conditions in Section D (transmission owner standard conditions) have been given effect
<b>“Delivery Body”</b>	the person designated as the delivery body pursuant to regulations made under section 6BB of the <b>Act</b>
<b>“Onshore Tender Process”</b>	the process followed by the <b>Delivery Body</b> to make, in prescribed cases, a determination on a competitive basis of the person to whom an onshore transmission licence is recommended to be granted by the <b>Authority</b> or a <b>Relevant Contract</b> is recommended to be awarded, as more particularly described in the Onshore Tender <b>Regulations</b> ;
<b>“Onshore Tender Regulations”</b>	those regulations made by the <b>Authority</b> in accordance with section 6C of the <b>Act</b> to facilitate the determination on a competitive basis of the person to whom an onshore transmission licence is to be granted;
<b>“Onshore Transmission Licensee”</b>	means-NGET, Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc, SP Transmission plc, a <b>Competitively Appointed Transmission Owner</b> or such other person in relation to whose transmission licence the Standard Conditions in Section D (transmission owner standard conditions) have been given effect;
<b>“Relevant Contract”</b>	has the meaning given to that term in section 6BA of the <b>Act</b>
<b>“Transmission Licences”</b>	the transmission licences granted to <b>The Company</b> , <b>NGET</b> , SP Transmission Limited, Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission Limited, any <b>Competitively Appointed Transmission Owner</b> and any <b>Offshore Transmission Licensee</b> under the Act and references to “transmission licensee” and “transmission licensees” will be construed in the CUSC accordingly;

**Legal text**

The legal text for this change can be found in full in Annex 2.

**What is the impact of this change?**

**Proposer’s assessment against the Applicable Objectives**

<b>Proposer’s assessment against CUSC Non-Charging Objectives</b>	
<b>Relevant Objective</b>	<b>Identified impact</b>
(a) The efficient discharge by the Licensee of the obligations imposed on it by the Act and the Transmission Licence;	<b>Positive</b> Ofgem will be licensing new CATOs. It is assumed that there will be new licence conditions for the existing TOs to co-operate with CATOs, unless this is done via change to the STC. The Energy Bill, approved 26 October 2023, provides for tendering of onshore transmission projects and their delivery by competitively appointed transmission owners (CATOs).
(b) Facilitating effective competition in the generation and supply of electricity, and (so far as consistent therewith) facilitating such competition in the sale, distribution and purchase of electricity;	<b>Neutral</b> Whilst a CATO type regime could facilitate competition in the distribution of electricity, this mod relates to the application of a CATO type regime only in transmission space. CUSC Main Objective (b) does not relate to the facilitation of competition in the transmission of electricity.
(c) Compliance with the Electricity Regulation and any relevant legally binding decision of the European Commission and/or the Agency *; and	<b>Neutral</b>
(d) Promoting efficiency in the implementation and administration of the CUSC arrangements.	<b>Positive</b> The CATO regime is to be enacted via changes to the Electricity Act plus supporting secondary legislation from the Secretary of State, and new licence conditions from Ofgem. The CUSC non-charging content has to be changed to reflect the forthcoming CATO regime.
*The Electricity Regulation referred to in objective (c) is Regulation (EU) 2019/943 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 June 2019 on the internal market for electricity (recast) as it has effect immediately before IP completion day as read with the modifications set out in the SI 2020/1006.	

Proposer’s assessment of the impact of the modification on the stakeholder / consumer benefit categories	
Stakeholder / consumer benefit categories	Identified impact
Improved safety and reliability of the system	<b>Neutral</b>
Lower bills than would otherwise be the case	<b>Positive</b> The CATO regime is expected to reduce costs in cases where a non-incumbent TO or non-TO alternative solution is appointed for new NETS
Benefits for society as a whole	<b>Neutral</b>
Reduced environmental damage	<b>Positive</b> Better and more innovative solutions to network boundary capacity constraints could be identified as a result of the CATO competitive process, allowing the earlier connection of more nuclear and renewable zero carbon generation, pure green hydrogen electrolysers, EV Charger arrays, and other environmentally beneficial new users
Improved quality of service	<b>Positive</b> Better and more secure solutions to network boundary capacity constraints or with more security for a given total cost could be identified as a result of the CATO competitive process, allowing the earlier connection of more secure affordable low carbon generation

**When will this change take place?**

**Implementation date**

10 Business Days after The Authority decision

**Date decision required by**

Q2 2024 – aligned with the other CATO modifications

**Implementation approach**

No systems or processes will be required to change as a result of this modification.

**Interactions**

- Grid Code                       BSC                                       STC                                       SQSS
- European                       EBR Article 18                       Other                                       Other
- Network Codes                      T&Cs<sup>3</sup>                                      modifications

There are further modifications for the other electricity industry codes such as [Grid Code \(GC0159\)](#), [CUSC \(CMP403 – charging\)](#), [SQSS \(GSR031\)](#), and STC [\(CM086 and CM087\)](#) but no direct interactions are expected.

<sup>3</sup> If the modification has an impact on Article 18 T&Cs, it will need to follow the process set out in Article 18 of the Electricity Balancing Guideline (EBR – EU Regulation 2017/2195) – the main aspect of this is that the modification will need to be consulted on for 1 month in the Code Administrator Consultation phase. N.B. This will also satisfy the requirements of the NCER process.

## How to respond

### **Code Administrator consultation questions**

- Please provide your assessment for the proposed solution against the Applicable Objectives?
- Do you have a preferred proposed solution?
- Do you support the proposed implementation approach?
- Do you have any other comments?

Views are invited on the proposals outlined in this consultation, which should be received by 5pm on **29 April 2024**. Please send your response to [cusc.team@nationalgrideso.com](mailto:cusc.team@nationalgrideso.com) using the response pro-forma which can be found on the [CMP404 modification page](#).

*If you wish to submit a confidential response, mark the relevant box on your consultation proforma. Confidential responses will be disclosed to the Authority in full but, unless agreed otherwise, will not be shared with the Panel or the industry and may therefore not influence the debate to the same extent as a non-confidential response.*

## Acronyms, key terms and reference material

Acronym / key term	Meaning
BEIS	Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy
BETTA	British Electricity Trading and Transmission Arrangements
BSC	Balancing and Settlement Code
BSUoS	Balancing Services Use of System
CATO	Competitively Appointed Transmission Owners
CMP	CUSC Modification Proposal
CUSC	Connection and Use of System Code
EBR	Electricity Balancing Regulation
ECP	Early Competition Plan
ESO	Electricity System Operator
EV	Electric Vehicle
NETS	National Electricity Transmission System
SQSS	Security and Quality of Supply Standards
STC	System Operator Transmission Owner Code
T&Cs	Terms and Conditions
TNUoS	Transmission Network Use of System
TRS	Tender Revenue Stream

### Reference material

- [CMP403 and CMP404: Introducing Competitively Appointed Transmission Owners & Transmission Service Providers \(Section 14 and 11\)](#)
- [GSR031: Introducing Competitively Appointed Transmission Owners](#)
- [GC0159: Introducing Competitively Appointed Transmission Owners](#)
- [CM086: Introducing Competitively Appointed Transmission Owners & Transmission Service Providers](#)
- [CM087: Introducing Connections Process to facilitate Competitively Appointed Transmission Owners](#)

**Annexes**

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Annex 2	Legal Text
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