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**By email**  
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Dear Abid

**CUSC Modifications Panel Views on Urgency for CMP260 ‘TNUoS Demand charges for 2016/17 during the implementation of P272 following approval of P322 and CMP247’**

On 21<sup>st</sup> January 2016, RWE Npower raised CMP260, with a request for the proposal to be treated as an Urgent CUSC Modification Proposal. The CUSC Modifications Panel ("the Panel") considered CMP260 and the associated request for urgency at the CUSC Modifications Panel meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2016. This letter sets out the views of the Panel on the request for urgent treatment and the procedure and timetable that the Panel recommends.

**Request for Urgency**

The Panel considered the request for urgency with reference to Ofgem's Guidance on Code Modification Urgency Criteria. The majority view of the Panel is that CMP260 should NOT be treated as an Urgent CUSC Modification Proposal.

- There are questions and issues that need to be considered by a Workgroup

In the discussion, members of the Panel also noted concerns over granting urgency, set out below;

- Using an urgent process holds an inherent risk of unintended consequences, which may arise due to there being insufficient time for all aspects of a Modification Proposal to be considered;
- The benefit gained from taking time to develop the modification is greater than that of delivering it before 1st April 2016.

**Procedure and Timetable**

Having decided not to recommend urgency to Ofgem, the Panel discussed an appropriate process for CMP260. The Panel agreed that CMP260 would require a Workgroup. They also agreed by majority that whilst the proposal does not strictly meet Ofgem's urgency criteria, there is a benefit of implementing the modification as soon as possible. Therefore, subject to Ofgem's decision on Urgency, they decided that the modification process should follow a reduced timetable as set out below;

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions on this letter or the proposed process and timetable. I look forward to receiving your response.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M Toms". The signature is stylized with a large "M" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Michael Toms  
CUSC Panel Chair

## Appendix: Proposed timetable

21 <sup>st</sup> January 2016	CUSC Modification Proposal and request for Urgency submitted
29 <sup>th</sup> January 2016	CUSC Panel considers Proposal and request for Urgency
29 <sup>th</sup> January 2016	Request for Workgroup members (5 Working days)
29 <sup>th</sup> January 2016	Panel's view on urgency submitted to Ofgem for consideration
3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2016	Ofgem view on urgency provided
W/C 8 <sup>th</sup> February 2016	Workgroup meeting 1
W/C 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2016	Workgroup meeting 2
4 <sup>th</sup> March 2016	Workgroup Consultation issued (10 Working days)
18 <sup>th</sup> March 2016	Deadline for responses
W/C 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2016	Workgroup meeting 3
21 <sup>st</sup> April 2016	Workgroup report issued to CUSC Panel
29 <sup>th</sup> April 2016	Workgroup report presented to CUSC Panel
4 <sup>th</sup> May 2016	Code Administrator Consultation issued (10 Working days)
18 <sup>th</sup> May 2016	Consultation closes
19 <sup>th</sup> May 2016	Draft FMR published for industry comment (1 Working day)
20 <sup>th</sup> May 2016	Deadline for comments
23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2016	Draft FMR issued to Panel
27 <sup>th</sup> May 2016	Panel Recommendation Vote
31 <sup>st</sup> May 2016	Final FMR circulated for Panel comment
2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2016	Deadline for Panel comment
3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2016	Final report sent to Authority for decision
8 <sup>th</sup> July 2016	Indicative Authority Decision due
22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2016	Implementation Date