

CUSC Panel Minutes: 28 June 2019

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Date: 28/06/2019	Location: L1-17, Faraday House, Warwick and WebEx
Start: 10:00am	End: 3:00pm

Participants

Attendee	Initials	Company
Trisha McAuley	TM	Independent Panel Chair
Rachel Hinsley	RH	Code Administrator, National Grid Electricity System Operator
Ren Walker	RW	Technical Secretary, Code Administrator, National Grid Electricity System Operator
Jon Wisdom	JW	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)
Cem Suleyman	CS	Users' Panel Member
Laurence Barrett	LB	Users' Panel Member
Paul Mott	PM	Users' Panel Member
Garth Graham	GG	Users' Panel Member
Paul Jones	PJ	Users' Panel Member
Nadir Hafeez	NH	Authority Representative
Andy Pace (Dial in)	AP	Users' Panel Member
Simon Lord (Dial in)	SL	Users' Panel Member
Robert Longden (Dial in)	RL	Users' Panel Member
Grace Smith	GS	Sembcorp - Observer

Paul Mullen	PMU	Code Administrator, National Grid Electricity System Operator
Apologies	Initials	Company

1. Introductions and Apologies for Absence

9691. No apologies were received from Panel members. Grace Smith (Sembcorp) and Paul Mullen (National Grid Electricity System Operator) attended the CUSC Panel as observers.

2. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

9692. TM advised that the minutes from the meeting held on 31 May 2019 were approved. GG requested further clarification on the CUSC Elections process. GG questioned which baseline of the CUSC would be used for the elections as CMP285 is still pending a decision and the elections begin on 1 July 2019.

9693. RH advised that the election documents, as per the current baseline, need to be issued to industry on 1 July 2019, however section 8a 1.2.2 stated that the election timetable can be changed if a decision on CMP285 is published and a change to the timetable is required. NH confirmed that the elections are to proceed based on the baseline and a decision from Ofgem is expected imminently. NH confirmed Ofgem agreed with the interpretation of 8a 1.2.2 and the flexibility for the approach. RH confirmed that there is up to three weeks of flexibility within the process whereby CMP285 could be implemented and the elections still be concluded this year.

9694. The Code Administrator will ensure that the approved minutes are uploaded to the National Grid ESO website.

3. Review of Actions

9695. The CUSC Panel reviewed the open actions from the meeting held on 31 May 2019 which can be found on the Actions Log.

4. Authority Decisions

9696. NH advised that a decision on Modifications CMP301 'Clarification on the treatment of project costs associated with HDVC and subsea circuits' was approved by the Authority. The decision letter can be found via the following link:

<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/codes/connection-and-use-system-code-cusc/modifications/cmp301-clarification-treatment-project>

9697. CMP303 'Improving local circuit charge cost- reflectivity' was sent-back by the Authority. The decision letter can be found via the following link:

<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/codes/connection-and-use-system-code-cusc/modifications/cmp303-improving-local-circuit-charge-cost>. NH clarified that CMP303 was sent-back due to the further work that the Workgroup needed to consider, this was not in relation to CMP317 impacts.

9698. CMP285 ‘CUSC Governance Reform – Levelling the Playing Field’

<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/codes/connection-and-use-system-code-cusc/modifications/cusc-governance-reform-leveling-playing>

NH advised the Panel that a decision is expected imminently.

5. New non- urgent Modification Request

9699. There were no new CUSC Modifications raised at the Panel meeting. The Panel discussed holding a Special CUSC Panel meeting to discuss **CMP319 ‘Consequential changes to Section 11 of the CUSC as a result of CMP280 and or CMP281’**.

6. In Flight Modifications

9700. RH talked the Panel through the progression of the in-flight Modifications. The in-flight Modifications can be found within the CUSC Panel papers pack on the National Grid ESO website via the following link: <https://www.nationalgrideso.com/codes/connection-and-use-system-code-cusc/meetings/cusc-panel-meeting-28-june-2019>

9701. CS questioned if the Terms of Reference for CMP317 had been approved following the first Workgroup meeting. PJ advised that the Workgroup made further amendments to the Terms of Reference, TM suggested that these be approved by Panel via correspondence.

ACTION

9702. RH confirmed an additional Workgroup member had been sourced for CMP295, therefore this Modification can continue through the Modification process. GG questioned if the derogation letter had been submitted to Ofgem. JW confirmed that the derogation letter was submitted to Ofgem on 18 June 2019.

9703. The Panel discussed the value of an Ofgem representative attending CUSC Workgroup meetings. Panel members felt that by having an Ofgem representative attend Workgroup meetings this would help progress Modifications and also reduce a Modification being sent-back. NH advised that due to Ofgem’s resource constraints there will not be an Ofgem representative at the CMP315 Workgroup meetings. GG questioned if, instead of an Ofgem representative attending each Workgroup meeting, that there could be an Ofgem contact on each CUSC Workgroup distribution list as a way of acknowledging the work that is being carried out by the Workgroup. The Code Administrator took an action to ensure an Ofgem contact was on each CUSC Workgroup distribution list.

ACTION

9704. The Panel discussed CMP315 and the next steps for the progression of the Modification. Panel members agreed that CMP315 was not in scope of the SCR. PJ advised the Panel that the Proposer of CMP315 had informed him of some concerns with the delay. PJ stated that the proposer, prior to raising CMP315 had been in contact with Ofgem to discuss if this Modification would fall in scope of the SCR. Ofgem gave a clear statement

that CMP315 wasn't in scope, therefore the Modification could be raised, however subsequently when asked the CUSC Panel had a different view. Following discussion, it was agreed for CMP315 to proceed to workgroup. The Panel agreed that if Ofgem feel the workgroup starts to impact on the scope of the SCRs they are able to take action as necessary under existing governance rules.

- 9705. TM advised that there are lessons learnt as a result of the letter issued to Ofgem for CMP315. The Code Administrator need to review how the Panel's governance view on a new CUSC Modification can be incorporated into the minutes or a written statement to Ofgem. JW suggested that the Code Administrator use the BSC Panel as best practice.
- 9706. RH advised that CMP288 & CMP289 are still progressing, however National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET) is currently waiting for a response from Ofgem to confirm if they are a materially affected party. NH advised the Panel that Ofgem have received this letter and are currently assessing the materially affected status.
- 9707. RH advised that there is no progression with CMP304 due to the Workgroup waiting for National Grid ESO to provide further details on their reactive power road map. JW took an action to liaise with internal colleagues and provide an update at the July Panel.

ACTION

- 9708. The Panel agreed for CMP318 to progress to Code Administrator Consultation as Ofgem confirmed that although this Modification may have some overlap with the current SCR they are minded to let it continue. The Code Administrator took an action to publish the CMP318 Code Administrator Consultation.

ACTION

- 9709. The Panel held a vote on CMP314 'Updating the CUSC to align Power available with the Grid Code definition for Power park modules' (<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/codes/connection-and-use-system-code-cusc/modifications/cmp314-updating-cusc-align-power-available>). The Panel members agreed unanimously that the Original was better than the baseline and recommended that it should be implemented.
- 9710. RH advised Panel that CMP314 Final Modification report will be submitted to the Authority for a decision.

7. Discussions on Prioritisation

- 9711. The CUSC Panel reviewed the prioritisation stack and made several amendments to this. TM suggested that Panel's rationale on the prioritisation stack be included to show transparency to industry members. The revised version of the stack can be found via the following link: <https://www.nationalgrideso.com/codes/connection-and-use-system-code-cusc/meetings/cusc-panel-meeting-28-june-2019>

8. Chair Update

- 9712. TM advised the Panel that a meeting had been held between Ofgem and it was suggested that all code chairs should have regular meetings with Ofgem as a collective. TM stated

that it was also suggested that all the Code Chairs should meet with Ofgem during the Codes Review period.

9. Standing Groups

Governance Standing Group

9713. No further updates.

Transmission Charging Methodology Forum (TCMF)

9714. JW advised that TCMF was held on 12 June 2019. JW confirmed that updates were provided on Code Modifications and the BSUoS task force. JW stated that Ofgem had published a letter to industry on the timing and next steps for the Future Charging and Access reforms, this can be found via the following link:

https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/system/files/docs/2019/05/may_charging_open_letter_final_21-may.pdf

9715. JW advised that a potential CUSC Modification was discussed ('Reconciling generic Annual load factors (ALF's) with actual data) The presentation for this potential modification can be found via the following link: <https://www.nationalgrideso.com/codes/transmission-charging-methodology-forum-tcmf>

9716. An update was provided by National Grid ESO on Electricity Balancing Guidelines (EBGL) Article 18 and the new timescales following Ofgem's decision letter. GG stated it would be useful to understand when the associated CUSC Modification around Article 18 will be raised due to the derogation. JW advised that National Grid ESO is still considering their position. JW offered to contact GG to discuss further.

10. European Updates

European Code Development

9717. NH confirmed there was no further update.

Joint European Stakeholder Group (JESG)

9718. GG advised that no JESG meeting was held in June. GG stated that no derogation letter has been submitted by National Grid ESO. JW confirmed that the derogation letter has been submitted to Ofgem on 18 June 2019. GG questioned why this has not be shared with Industry as a derogation is a public consultation process. JW and GG agreed to further discuss this offline.

9719. GG had further questions in relation to Article 16 and when this should have been submitted. JW stated that these questions will be passed onto internal colleagues to confirm but that it was not CUSC panel business to discuss Article 16 and any derogations.

9720. GG confirmed that the next JESG meeting will be held on 9 July 2019.

11. Update on other Industry Codes

9721. The Panel had no further updates on other Industry Codes.

12. Relevant Interruptions Claim Report

9722. RH stated the status of this agenda item has been discussed under the review of actions log. GG had further questions in relation to claims 60 and 61. GG questioned if claim 60 had been paid and also questioned the status of claim 61.

9723. RH took an action to seek further confirmation about these claims and report back to the Panel.

ACTION

13. Other CUSC Panel Updates

Customer Journey

9724. RH advised the Panel that a newsletter was published, this can be found via the following link: <https://mailchi.mp/ddfa17d49359/welcome-to-the-electricity-system-operator-code-administrator-newsletter-248793>.

CACoP

9725. RH advised the Panel that CACoP are hosting an engagement event on 16 July 2019 for all parties looking to better understand the role of CACoP and how they can benefit from the group. RH confirmed this will be held at ELEXON's offices.

14. Horizon Scan

Horizon Scanning

9726. RH stated there was no further update on the horizon scan.

15. AOB

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9727. TM advised the Panel that this would be the final Panel meeting for LB. TM and the Panel thanked LB for his contributions and stated he was a very valuable Panel member.

9728. TM also stated that this would be the final Panel meeting for RH. TM thanked RH for her help and hard work as the Code Admin Representative on the Panel. TM advised that PM would be taking over from RH going forward.

The next CUSC Panel meeting will be held on Friday 26 July 2019 at Faraday House, Warwick.

