

Headline Report – 31 January 2020

Connection and Use of System Code (CUSC) Panel

The CUSC Panel Headline Report is produced after every CUSC Panel and aims to provide an overview of the key decisions made. Minutes for this meeting will be published separately.

Approval of Panel Minutes

The meeting minutes from the Panel on 29 November 2019 and 13 December 2019 were approved at the CUSC Panel meeting on 31 January 2020 subject to minor comments from the Panel being incorporated. These will be uploaded to our website.

Prioritisation Stack

The latest version of the Prioritisation Stack is set out in the Modification Tracker, which was published on 3 February 2020.

- Following Ofgem's TCR SCR decision on 21 November 2019, CMP334, CMP335 and CMP336 were raised by National Grid ESO as Urgent proposals. Panel agreed to recommend urgency for both CMP334, CMP335 and CMP336 so they will both be progressed on an Urgent timetable subject to Ofgem approval. These Modifications were placed at the top of the prioritisation stack and will be worked on as a priority over the next 2-3 months alongside CMP332, CMP333, CMP327, CMP317, CMP324/CMP325 and CMP308.
- No further changes to the Prioritisation stack so:
 - CMP311, CMP326, CMP316 and CMP304 inclusive will be progressed where gaps present themselves in the next 2-3 months; and
 - The rest of the Modifications where Workgroups are needed would be paused to recommence from April 2020. The priority order for these Modifications needs to be refreshed and agreed at February 2020 Panel or a separate meeting in early March 2020. Nominations for CMP328, CMP330 and CMP331 would be requested in March 2020.

New Modifications

There were five new Modification Proposals for consideration:

CMP334 - Transmission Demand Residual – consequential definition changes (TCR)

CMP335 - Transmission Demand Residual, Billing and consequential changes to CUSC Section 3 and 11 (TCR)

CMP336 - Transmission Demand Residual - Billing and consequential changes to CUSC Section 14 (TCR)

CMP332 is developing a methodology for the Transmission Demand Residual to be applied only to 'Final Demand' on a 'Site' basis. CMP334 creates the definitions of "Final Demand" and "Site". CMP335 and CMP336 modifications aims to revise Section 3 & 11 and Section 14 of the CUSC respectively to set out how/when the Residual is recovered from parties once the Residual charges are determined.

Panel recommended that CMP334, CMP335 and CMP336 meet the Urgency criteria and should be treated as Urgent (subject to Ofgem approval).

Panel noted that CMP334 would be progressed in a joint workgroup with DCUSA Modification DCP359.

Panel agreed that CMP335 would be progressed in a joint workgroup with CMP336.

CMP334 documentation can be located via the following link:

<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/codes/connection-and-use-system-code-cusc/modifications/transmission-demand-residual-consequential>

CMP335 documentation can be located via the following link:

<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/codes/connection-and-use-system-code-cusc/modifications/transmission-demand-residual-billing-and>

CMP336 documentation can be located via the following link:

<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/codes/connection-and-use-system-code-cusc/modifications/transmission-demand-residual-billing-and-0>

CMP337 – Impact of DNO Contributions on Actual Project Costs and Expansion Factors and CMP338 - Impact of DNO Contributions on Actual Project Costs and Expansion Factors – New Definition of Cost Adjustment

CMP337 seeks to allow Distribution Network Operators to contribute to the cost of new transmission assets, and allow this contribution to be netted off from the Transmission Owner's actual project costs in a way which maintains the exact pro-rating of costs between local and wider TNUoS charge elements as is currently in place. CMP338 introduces a new definition of "Cost Adjustment" to give effect to CMP337.

Panel asked for clarity on a number of issues (notably the impact on wider TNUoS) before determining whether this should proceed to Workgroup or Code Administrator Consultation. Decision to be made at February 2020 Panel.

CMP337 documentation can be located via the following link:

<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/codes/connection-and-use-system-code-cusc/modifications/impact-dno-contributions-actual-project>

CMP338 documentation can be located via the following link:

<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/codes/connection-and-use-system-code-cusc/modifications/cmp338-impact-dno-contributions-actual>

New / Pending Authority Decision

CMP292 decision was expected 20 September 2019 but Ofgem decision will now be no earlier than summer 2020.

CMP303, CMP306, CMP280, CMP281 and CMP319 decisions were expected before the end of 2019.

- Ofgem indicated that decision on CMP306 was imminent;
- Decisions on CMP280, CMP281 and CMP319 would be later in Q1 2020; and
- Ofgem asked Panel if their decision on CMP303 should wait until CMP337 progressed; however, Panel believed decision should be made on CMP303 now rather than waiting.

Ofgem confirmed they are seeking to make a decision on CMP322 within their 25-working day SLA (i.e. by 7 February 2020).

Ofgem have now approved Panel's request for amalgamation of CMP317 and CMP327. Ofgem will imminently make their formal decision on Urgency for CMP317/CMP327, CMP332 and CMP333.

In flight Modifications

Please refer to latest Modification Tracker for an update on each in flight Modification. This is published monthly at <https://www.nationalgrideso.com/codes> and was last published on 3 February 2020.

Draft Final Modification Reports

CMP320 – Island MITs Radial Security Factor

Islands that have a MITS Node but are served by a single circuit radial link are exposed to non-cost reflective charging of a 1.8 Security Factor rather than the application of a 1.0 Security Factor. This proposal will apply a 1.0 Security Factor in that situation.

Draft Final Modification Report presented to January's Panel at which Panel recommended unanimously that the Original was better than Baseline and by majority that WACM1 and WACM2 were better than the Baseline. Final Modification Report to be sent to Ofgem 12 February 2020.

CMP320 documentation can be found via the following link:

<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/codes/connection-and-use-system-code-cusc/modifications/island-mits-radial-link-security-factor>

Workgroup Reports

There were no Workgroup Reports presented to the CUSC Panel.

Questions or feedback?

Code Administrator Representative: Paul Mullen, *Code Administrator*

Panel Secretary: Ren Walker, *Code Administrator*

Email: cusc.team@nationalgrideso.com
