

Headline Report – 27 March 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 28 February 2020 were approved at the CUSC Panel meeting on 27 March 2020 subject to minor comments from the Panel being incorporated. These will be uploaded to our website.

Prioritisation Stack

The November 2019 Panel agreed to split the prioritisation stack into 3 tranches which were:

- **Tranche 1 - TCR Modifications and High Priority Charging Modifications;**
- **Tranche 2 - Modifications to be progressed in Q1/Q2 2020 where gaps arise.** Modifications CMP311, CMP337/338*, CMP326, CMP316 and CMP304 inclusive were placed in this Tranche; and
- **Tranche 3 - Modifications to be progressed from Q2 2020.**

* Request for CMP337/338 to be treated as an Urgent CUSC Modification is currently with Ofgem for decision.

Given the urgency and numbers of TCR Modifications, we do not expect any Workgroups for the Modifications in Tranche 3 to be held until June 2020. We will keep this position under review and Proposers are entitled to ask Panel to consider moving their Modification Proposal up the prioritisation stack by first contacting the Code Administrator.

The latest version of the Workgroup Prioritisation Stack is set out in the “Prioritisation Stack March 2020” spreadsheet:

- CMP341 was the only New Modification that was assessed for prioritisation at March’s Panel – this was added to Tranche 3 as there are no timeline constraints for CMP341; and
- Panel noted that, on 25 March 2020, NGESO wrote to Ofgem seeking withdrawal of CMP332 for it to then be progressed in accordance with any further directions issued by Ofgem in this respect. In accordance with CUSC paragraph 8.17A.5 and paragraph 4 of the TCR SCR Direction, NGESO can only withdraw CMP332 with Ofgem’s consent. Ofgem indicated that they will issue a decision on this request w/c 30 March 2020. As a result of the uncertainty surrounding CMP332, no other changes were proposed to the prioritisation stack at this time.

New Modifications

One Modification Proposal was presented for consideration:

CMP341 - CUSC Sandbox: enabling derogation from certain obligations to support small-scale trials of innovative propositions

CMP341 seeks to enable parties to be derogated from specific CUSC obligations in order to conduct small-scale, time-limited live trials of innovative technologies, connections, products or services.

The CUSC Panel on 27 March 2020 recommended that CMP341 would follow standard governance and be progressed via a joint workgroup with the equivalent Grid Code Modification (GC0140) due to the level of crossover between the 2 Modifications. Terms of Reference were agreed for CMP341 and the Code Administrator will ensure that there is alignment (where needed) with the Terms of Reference agreed for GC0140.

CMP341 documentation can be located via the following link:

<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/industry-information/codes/connection-and-use-system-code-cusc/modifications/cusc-sandbox-enabling>

New / Pending Authority Decision

On 24 March 2020, Ofgem announced that they are reviewing their work plans for 2020 in light of the Coronavirus national emergency. They also announced that from Wednesday 25 March they will temporarily pause publishing new information on their website (with some specific exceptions) until this review has been completed. Link to this announcement can be found at <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/ofgem-s-work-programme>.

This impacts on the timing of the decisions for CMP306, CMP281 and CMP319, which were all expected at the end of March 2020. Ofgem advised that timing of such decisions is dependent on the aforementioned review.

Ofgem also confirmed that:

- CMP292 decision was expected 20 September 2019 but their decision will now be no earlier than summer 2020;
- CMP280 decision will be in Q2 2020 now as they believe this will be superseded by CMP334 (which defines Final Demand); and
- In their view, CMP303, CMP320 and CMP337 are all linked and propose to decide on them together in ~ June 2020. February Panel previously challenged why CMP303 and CMP320 (which are both already with Ofgem for decision) could not be decided upon first.

Ofgem also confirmed they had received requests for decision on urgent treatment of CMP337/338, CMP339 and CMP340 and would look to issue decisions on these Modifications (alongside CMP332) in w/c 30 March 2020.

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 will be published w/c 30 March 2020.

Draft Final Modification Reports

There were no Draft Final Modification Reports presented to the CUSC Panel.

Workgroup Reports

CMP333 ' BSUoS – charging Supplier Users on gross demand (TCR)'

The Authority has published a Direction requiring ESO to raise CUSC Modification Proposals to give effect to the TCR Decision. This Modification Proposal will give effect to their decision to levy BSUoS to Suppliers on a gross volumetric basis.

The CUSC Panel unanimously agreed that CMP333 had met its Terms of Reference and could proceed to Code Administrator Consultation (once the legal text had been finalised by Workgroup and the Panel had been given 5 Working Days to review the final legal text - this was issued to Panel 30

March 2020 for Panel review by close of play 6 April 2020). Code Administrator Consultation to be issued 20 April 2020.

CMP333 documentation can be found via the following link:

<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/codes/connection-and-use-system-code-cusc/modifications/cmp333-bsuos-charging-supplier-users-gross>

Questions or feedback?

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