



Workgroup Terms of Reference and Membership

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR CMP308 WORKGROUP

CMP308 seeks to modify the CUSC to better align GB market arrangements with those prevalent within other EU member states. This will deliver more effective competition and trade across the EU and so deliver benefits to all end consumers.

It is proposed that liability to pay Balancing Services Use of System (BSUoS) charges, which are currently charged to all liable CUSC parties on a non-locational MWh basis, is removed from GB Generators. This will effectively better align the GB 'generation cost stack' with those in other EU markets where generators do not pay the equivalent of BSUoS charges, thus better facilitating competition between GB generators and generation in those markets which are not subject to such charges.

There should be no adverse effects for GB end consumers, subject to implementation taking account of existing contractual commitments. Aligning the GB market arrangements with our European trading partners and other interconnected countries better facilitates an efficient functioning internal market in electricity. To that end, GB consumers will benefit from more competitive arrangements delivered through a wider fully functioning competitive market in generation.

Whilst the EU Third Package arrangements recognise that different types of market organisation will exist within the wider internal market in electricity, they also acknowledge the need to reduce market distortions to deliver the full benefits of a competitive internal market in electricity.

This is critical in the context of growth in GB interconnection capacity which is set to significantly increase (4GW today, 8GW by 2021 and, with Ofgem's approved pipeline, potentially up to 18GW by the early 2020s), which represents almost a third of peak GB demand.

Responsibilities

1. The Workgroup is responsible for assisting the CUSC Modifications Panel in the evaluation of CUSC Modification Proposal **CMP308 Remove BSUoS charges from Generation**
2. The proposal must be evaluated to consider whether it better facilitates achievement of the Applicable CUSC Objectives. These can be summarised as follows:

Non-Standard (Charging) Objectives

- (a) That compliance with the use of system charging methodology facilitates effective competition in the generation and supply of electricity and (so far as is consistent therewith) facilitates competition in the sale, distribution and purchase of electricity;
 - (b) That compliance with the use of system charging methodology results in charges which reflect, as far as is reasonably practicable, the costs (excluding any payments between transmission licensees which are made under and accordance with the STC) incurred by transmission licensees in their transmission businesses and which are compatible with standard licence condition C26 requirements of a connect and manage connection);
 - (c) That, so far as is consistent with sub-paragraphs (a) and (b), the use of system charging methodology, as far as is reasonably practicable, properly takes account of the developments in transmission licensees' transmission businesses;
 - (d) Compliance with the Electricity Regulation and any relevant legally binding decision of the European Commission and/or the Agency. These are defined within the National Grid Electricity Transmission plc Licence under Standard Condition C10, paragraph 1 *; and
 - (e) Promoting efficiency in the implementation and administration of the CUSC arrangements.
3. It should be noted that additional provisions apply where it is proposed to modify the CUSC Modification provisions, and generally reference should be made to the Transmission Licence for the full definition of the term.

Scope of work

4. The Workgroup must consider the issues raised by the Modification Proposal and consider if the proposal identified better facilitates achievement of the Applicable CUSC Objectives.
5. In addition to the overriding requirement of paragraph 4, the Workgroup shall consider and report on the following specific issues:
 - **Impacts on wider aspects of demand and generation**
 - **Identifying the impacts on Storage**
 - **Identifying the impact on distribution connected parties**
 - **Identifying the potential changes to the shape and distributional impacts of BSUoS**
 - **Take into account work undertaken on CMP281, CMP333 and Targeted Charging Review**
 - **Cross Code Interactions, in particular interactions with the Balancing and Settlement Code driven by data requirements**
 - **Consideration of definition of final demand in reference to CMP36X and BSUoS billing**
 - **Consideration of Ofgem's view on the Second Balancing Services Charges Task Force recommendation of 1st April 2023 implementation and any further views expressed by Ofgem on the future of BSUoS Charging**
6. The Workgroup is responsible for the formulation and evaluation of any Workgroup Alternative CUSC Modifications (WACMs) arising from Group discussions which would, as compared with the Modification Proposal or the current version of the CUSC, better facilitate achieving the Applicable CUSC Objectives in relation to the issue or defect identified.
7. The Workgroup should become conversant with the definition of Workgroup Alternative CUSC Modification which appears in Section 11 (Interpretation and Definitions) of the CUSC. The definition entitles the Group and/or an individual member of the Workgroup to put forward a WACM if the member(s) genuinely believes the WACM would better facilitate the achievement of the Applicable CUSC Objectives, as compared with the Modification Proposal or the current version of the CUSC. The extent of the support for the Modification Proposal or any WACM arising from the Workgroup's discussions should be clearly described in the final Workgroup Report to the CUSC Modifications Panel.
8. Workgroup members should be mindful of efficiency and propose the fewest number of WACMs possible.
9. All proposed WACMs should include the Proposer(s)'s details within the final Workgroup report, for the avoidance of doubt this includes WACMs which are proposed by the entire Workgroup or subset of members.

10. There is an obligation on the Workgroup to undertake a period of Consultation in accordance with CUSC 8.20. The Workgroup Consultation period shall be for a period of **15 working days** as determined by the Modifications Panel.
11. Following the Consultation period the Workgroup is required to consider all responses including any WG Consultation Alternative Requests. In undertaking an assessment of any WG Consultation Alternative Request, the Workgroup should consider whether it better facilitates the Applicable CUSC Objectives than the current version of the CUSC.

As appropriate, the Workgroup will be required to undertake any further analysis and update the original Modification Proposal and/or WACMs. All responses including any WG Consultation Alternative Requests shall be included within the final report including a summary of the Workgroup's deliberations and conclusions. The report should make it clear where and why the Workgroup chairman has exercised his right under the CUSC to progress a WG Consultation Alternative Request or a WACM against the majority views of Workgroup members. It should also be explicitly stated where, under these circumstances, the Workgroup chairman is employed by the same organisation who submitted the WG Consultation Alternative Request.

12. The Workgroup is to submit its final report to the Modifications Panel Secretary on **TBC** for circulation to Panel Members. The final report conclusions will be presented to the CUSC Modifications Panel meeting on **TBC**.

Membership

13. It is recommended that the Workgroup has the following members:

Role	Name	Representing
Chairman	NAME	National Grid
National Grid Representative	NAME	National Grid
Industry Representatives	NAME NAME	Company (Proposer) Company
Authority Representatives	NAME	OFGEM
Technical secretary	NAME	National Grid
Observers	NAME	Company

NB: A Workgroup must comprise at least 5 members (who may be Panel Members). The roles identified with an asterisk in the table above contribute toward the required quorum, determined in accordance with paragraph 14 below.

14. The chairman of the Workgroup and the Modifications Panel Chairman must agree a number that will be quorum for each Workgroup meeting. The agreed figure for CMP302 is that at least 5 Workgroup members must participate in a meeting for quorum to be met.

15. A vote is to take place by all eligible Workgroup members on the Modification Proposal and each WACM. The vote shall be decided by simple majority of those present at the meeting at which the vote takes place (whether in person or by teleconference). The Workgroup chairman shall not have a vote, casting or otherwise]. There may be up to three rounds of voting, as follows:
 - Vote 1: whether each proposal better facilitates the Applicable CUSC Objectives;
 - Vote 2: where one or more WACMs exist, whether each WACM better facilitates the Applicable CUSC Objectives than the original Modification Proposal;
 - Vote 3: which option is considered to BEST facilitate achievement of the Applicable CUSC Objectives. For the avoidance of doubt, this vote should include the existing CUSC baseline as an option.

The results from the vote and the reasons for such voting shall be recorded in the Workgroup report in as much detail as practicable.
16. It is expected that Workgroup members would only abstain from voting under limited circumstances, for example where a member feels that a proposal has been insufficiently developed. Where a member has such concerns, they should raise these with the Workgroup chairman at the earliest possible opportunity and certainly before the Workgroup vote takes place. Where abstention occurs, the reason should be recorded in the Workgroup report.
17. Workgroup members or their appointed alternate are required to attend a minimum of 50% of the Workgroup meetings to be eligible to participate in the Workgroup vote.
18. The Technical Secretary shall keep an Attendance Record for the Workgroup meetings and circulate the Attendance Record with the Action Notes after each meeting. This will be attached to the final Workgroup report.
19. The Workgroup membership can be amended from time to time by the CUSC Modifications Panel.

Appendix 1

Proposed CMP302 Timetable

The Code Administrator recommends the following timetable:	
Initial consideration by Workgroup	TBC
Workgroup Consultation issued to the Industry	TBC
Modification concluded by Workgroup	TBC
Workgroup Report presented to Panel	TBC
Code Administration Consultation Report issued to the Industry	TBC
Draft Final Modification Report presented to Panel	TBC
Modification Panel decision	TBC
Final Modification Report issued the Authority	TBC
Decision implemented in CUSC	TBC