

Headline Report - 30 July 2021

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 CUSC Panel on 28 May 2021 and 25 June 2021 were approved at the CUSC Panel meeting on 30 July 2021. These will be uploaded to our website.

Prioritisation Stack

For each Modification in the prioritisation stack, Panel have determined if the Priority is "High", "Medium to High", "Medium", "Low" to "Medium or Low". Panel continue to review the prioritisation stack on a monthly basis and every quarter hold a more in-depth review (ahead of this review, Proposers will be asked to provide updated justification against the prioritisation criteria). This in-depth review will next be carried out at our October 2021 Panel.

At July 2021 Panel, the CUSC Panel discussed the prioritisation of the following Modifications:

Modification	Comments	Position in Prioritisation Stack
CM P376	July 2021 Panel placed this as "Medium to High" in the prioritisation stack. Panel noted the high materiality and there a number of unanswered questions, which a CUSC Workgroup will need to address. Given the extensive work already done on "Queue Management" and that the process will be used across industry imminently, the July 2021 Panel agreed that this should be progressed sooner rather than later.	Placed as "Medium to High"
CMP300	July 2021 Panel noted that Ofgem have requested the Final Modification Report to be updated and returned to them as soon as possible. Panel members noted that whilst there is a low materiality, it is better to address now rather than later and agreed that it should be prioritised the same as CMP344. Therefore, CMP300 has been prioritised as "Medium to High"	Placed as "Medium to High"
CM P288/CMP289	On 22 July 2021 the Proposer notified Code Admin that they wished to withdraw as Proposer of CMP288 and Code Admin advised industry	Moved from "Low to Medium" to "Medium"



that if they would like to support CMP288 and become the official Proposer, they needed to notify us at cusc.team@nationalgrideso.com by 5pm on 29 July 2021. 2 parties advised Code Admin that they would like to support CMP288 and become Proposer. In accordance with CUSC 8.16.10(a) where more than 1 notice is received, the 1st notice is utilised so therefore, ESO became the Proposer. Given the interest in this progressing (2 different parties wished to become Proposer), the July 2021 Panel agreed for the priority to move from "Low to Medium" to "Medium", which means Workgroups are likely to re-commence November 2021.

The full discussions on each Modification can be found here.

New Modifications

2 new Modification Proposals were presented for consideration.

CMP376 'Inclusion of Queue Management process within the CUSC'

CMP376 seeks to implement the queue management process into CUSC including introducing a right for the Electricity System Operator (ESO) to terminate contracted projects which are not progressing against agreed milestone.

July 2021 CUSC Panel agreed that CMP376 should follow standard governance route and be assessed by a Workgroup.

CM P376 documentation can be located via the following link:

https://www.nationalgrideso.com/industry-information/codes/connection-and-use-system-codecusc-old/modifications/cmp376-inclusion

CMP377 'Clarification of Section 14 BSUoS Charging Methodology'

CMP377 seeks to provide clarity on how the BSUoS charging methodology is described in Section 14 of the CUSC. The four areas being addressed are:

- Covid-19 cost recovery calculations;
- Capitalisation of defined terms in CMP373 legal text;
- Clarifying storage import terminology; and
- General housekeeping.

July 2021 CUSC Panel agreed that CMP377 should follow standard governance route and proceed straight to Code Administrator Consultation. The Code Administrator Consultation will be issued on 4 August 2021 and close 5pm on 2 September 2021.



CM P377 documentation can be located via the following link:

https://www.nationalgrideso.com/industry-information/codes/connection-and-use-system-code-cusc-old/modifications/cmp377

New / Pending Authority Decisions

Ofgem provided an update on Modifications that are currently awaiting their decision or have been decided upon since CUSC Panel on 25 June 2021:

Modification	
CM P280	Rejected 30 June 2021 given the high implementation costs, the short-term nature of the potential solution (implementation of CMP280 for the charging year 2022/23 could be superseded by any decision to implement CMP343) and the absence of evidence that the benefit would outweigh the costs
CMP300	Sent back 9 July 2021 asking to 1) Provide more evidence that demonstrates objective (b) would be better facilitated for CfD BMUs as a class of users, 2) Seek further feedback from industry and affected parties to improve the robustness of the assessment of the proposals and 3) Make best endeavours to secure further supporting evidence to demonstrate the economic impact of the Proposal against the class of users that would be affected
CMP365	Decision received 16 July 2021 approving the CMP365 Original – was implemented 30 July 2021

Awaiting Decisions

Ofgem did provide an update at Panel on the Modifications awaiting decision. However, since 4 May 2021 Ofgem have published a table that provides the expected decision date, or date they intend to publish an impact assessment or consultation, for code modifications/proposals that are with them for decision. This was last updated on 17 June 2021 and is published here. The CUSC position is summarised below:

Modification	Expected Decision Date
CM P335/336 and CM P343/340	Consultation on CMP343 to be published 10 May 2021. Expected decision dates for all these Modifications is 27 August 2021.
CMP292	30 September 2021 (previously 30 June 2021) as Ofgem consider this to be low priority
CMP326	Final Modification Report received 10 June 2021 – expected decision date 10 August 2021
CM P371	Final Modification Report received 7 July 2021 – expected decision date end September 2021

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/industry-information/codes and will be published on 7^{th} of the following month or the next working day thereafter.



Draft Final Modification Reports

CMP370 'Revision of the connection offer acceptance period for interactive connection offers'

A new Interactivity policy has been developed collaboratively with industry through the Energy Networks Association (ENA) Open Network Projects. CMP370 seeks to align the CUSC with this Interactivity policy.

Following the closure of the Code Administrator Consultation run from 14 May 2021 to 7 June 2021, the Proposer (after discussion with the respondent who raised concerns on the definition of "Interactivity" and a further Legal view for ESO), proposed changes to the definition of Interactivity. The June 2021 CUSC Panel considered these changes and agreed that these changes were not typographical. June 2021 CUSC Panel therefore agreed that a 2nd Code Administrator Consultation would be run (specifically re: the definition of Interactivity) for 5 working days. This 2nd Code Administrator Consultation was run from 13 July 2021 and closed 5pm on 20 July 2021. 1 non-confidential response was received and the respondent proposed the removal of some of the additional proposed legal text as in their view it creates ambiguity. July 2021 Panel assessed this and unanimously agreed that such removal was not required and therefore undertook their vote on whether or not to recommend implementation of CMP370. The July 2021 Panel unanimously recommended that this should be implemented. Final Modification Report will be issued to Ofgem on 12 August 2021.

CM P370 documentation can be located via the following link:

https://www.nationalgrideso.com/industry-information/codes/connection-and-use-system-code-cusc-old/modifications/cmp370-revision

Workgroup Reports

CMP308 'Removal of BSUoS charges from Generation'

CMP308 seeks to modify the CUSC to better align GB market arrangements with those prevalent within other EU member states by removing BSUoS charges from Generation.

July 2021 Panel agreed that the CMP308 Workgroup have met their Terms of Reference. Code Administrator Consultation was issued on 2 August 2021 and will close 5pm on 31 August 2021.

CM P308 documentation can be found via the following link:

 $\frac{https://www.nationalgrideso.com/industry-information/codes/connection-and-use-system-code-cusc-old/modifications/cmp308-removal}{}$

Questions or feedback?

Code Administrator Representative: Paul Mullen, Code Administrator

Panel Secretary: Ren Walker, Code Administrator

Email: cusc.team@nationalgrideso.com