

Headline Report – 26 November 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 29 October 2021 were approved at the CUSC Panel meeting on 26 November 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 next in-depth review will be carried out at our January 2022 Panel.

At November 2021 Panel, there were no discussions on the current Prioritisation Stack; however **CMP361/362** (as Workgroup phase has concluded) and **CMP358/359** (as now Withdrawn) were removed from the Prioritisation Stack.

The full discussions on each Modification can be found here.

New Modifications

1 new Modification Proposal was presented for consideration.

CMP380 'Making the CUSC Gender Neutral'

CMP380 seeks to remove any gender specific references or terminology within the CUSC.

Panel agreed that **CMP380** should follow self-governance route and proceed to Code Administrator Consultation subject to consideration of amendments to the legal text proposed by Panel Members. Code Administrator Consultation is expected to be issued on 3 December 2021.

CMP380 documentation can be located via the following link:

https://www.nationalgrideso.com/industry-information/codes/connection-and-use-system-codecusc-old/modifications/cmp380-making-cusc



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 29 October 2021.

Decisions since last CUSC Panel

None

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 15 October 2021 and is published here. The CUSC position is summarised below:

Modification	What this seeks to achieve	Expected Decision Date
CMP335/336 and CMP343/340	Proposes the methodology for Transmission Demand Residual charges to be applied only to 'Final Demand' on a 'Site' basis, as well as how to treat negative locational charges and the application of any charging bands.; CMP335/336 looks at the Transmission Demand Residual billing and consequential changes	Expected final decision date for CMP343, CMP340, CMP335 and CMP336 Modifications was 27 August 2021; however Ofgem confirmed at CUSC Panel on 27 August 2021 that this date would not be met. At CUSC Panel on 26 November 2021, Ofgem confirmed they have no firm date for a decision.
CMP292	Introduces a cut-off date for changes to the Charging Methodologies	TBC in 2021 (previously 30 June 2021 and latterly 30 September 2021) as Ofgem consider this to be low priority.
CMP371	Seeks to update CUSC Section 8 such that it is possible, under one CUSC Modification Proposal, to change CUSC provisions relating to Connection Charges, and Use of System Charging Methodologies alongside non-charging provision.	Ofgem decision was anticipated 29 September 2021 and then 19 November 2021; however this date has now passed and we are seeking clarity from Ofgem on new anticipated decision date. No update on new anticipated decision date provided at November 2021 Panel.
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.	At CUSC Panel on 29 October 2021, Ofgem advised that they intend to consult of a minded-to position but cannot confirm yet when this will be issued. Ofgem reaffirmed this at CUSC Panel on 26 November 2021 but added that it will be issued "soon".
CMP368/369	CMP368 seeks to give effect to the Authority determination within the CMP317/327 decision published on the 17 December 2020 to amend the	On 24 November 2021, Ofgem sent a letter (which was sent to Panel Members, industry and published on 25 November 2021). This formally confirms that Ofgem intend to wait



	definition of Assets Required for Connection, create new definitions of 'GB Generation Output' and define Generator charges for use in the Limiting Regulation range calculation. To facilitate the change, CMP369 proposes to update the legal text relating to 'Generation Output' detailed in the tariff setting methodology within Section 14.14.5 and the Ex-Post Reconciliation within Section 14.17.37 of the CUSC to align with the updated definitions introduced by CMP368.	until judgment has been issued in the Judicial Review before reaching a decision in respect of CMP368 and CMP369, even if judgment is not available before the end of the calendar year.
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.	Final Modification Report was sent to Ofgem 6 October 2021 but no decision date has yet to be confirmed. No update on anticipated decision date provided at November 2021 Panel.
CMP328	Seeks to put in place an appropriate process to be utilised when any connection triggers a Distribution impact assessment.	The Final Modification Report was sent to Ofgem on 10 November 2021 and Ofgem confirmed at November 2021 Panel that no decision would made on this until they have received the equivalent STC Modification.

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 7th of the following month or the next working day thereafter.

Draft Final Modification Reports

No Draft Final Modification Reports presented to Panel this month.



Workgroup Reports

CMP361/CMP362 'BSUoS Reform: Introduction of an ex ante fixed BSUoS tariff (CMP361) and Consequential Definition Updates (CMP362)'

CMP361 seeks to introduce an ex ante fixed volumetric BSUoS tariff set over a total fix and notice period of 14 months. This tariff would be split with a different price for the summer and winter periods. This will deliver the recommendations of the Second BSUoS Task Force Modification. CMP362 introduces and updates required definitions into CUSC section 11 from CMP308 and CMP361.

November 2021 Panel unanimously agreed that the CMP361/CMP362 Workgroup have met their Terms of Reference. Code Administrator Consultation will be issued on 3 December 2021 and will close 5pm on 7 January 2022.

CMP361/CMP362 documentation can be found via the following link:

 $\underline{https://www.nationalgrideso.com/industry-information/codes/connection-and-use-system-code-cusc-old/modifications/cmp361-cmp362}$

Other

On 2 November 2021, the Proposer of **CMP358 & CMP359** withdrew as Proposer of these modifications and no-one expressed support to become the new Proposer by 5pm on 10 November 2021. Therefore, CUSC Panel on 26 November 2021, were asked under 8.16.10(b) to agree to the withdrawal of CMP358 and CMP359 - Panel agreed to this.

Questions or feedback?

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