Headline Report – 31 March 2023

Connection and Use of System Code (CUSC) Panel

The CUSC Panel Headline Report is produced after every 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 24 February 2023 will be presented for approval at the Panel meeting on 28 April 2023.

New Modifications

The following new Modification Proposals were presented to the Panel:

CMP413 'Rolling 10-year wider TNUoS generation tariffs'

Seeks to introduce an obligation on the ESO to publish generation tariffs for a rolling 10-year duration and provide the clarity to Users and developers on commercial decisions to support delivery of low carbon infrastructure (across generation and network) at least cost for consumers.

The Panel unanimously agreed that **CMP413** should follow the Standard governance route and proceed to a Workgroup. The Panel agreed the Terms of Reference for the Workgroup subject to final verification via circulation. Workgroup Nominations will be issued 3 April 2023 and close 5pm on 26 April 2023.

CMP413 documentation can be found here

New / Pending Authority Decisions

Ofgem provided an update on Modifications that have been decided upon and/or are currently awaiting their decision since the last CUSC Panel.

Decisions since last CUSC Panel

Modification	What this seeks to achieve	Decision
CMP384	Apply adjustments for inflation to manifest error thresholds using	CMP384 Original approved 31 March 2023 and implemented 1 April 2023.
	Indexation	

1

ESO

Awaiting Decisions

Modification	What this seeks to achieve	Expected Decision Date
CMP286/CMP287	Seeks increased notice of the Target Revenue (CMP286) and inputs (CMP287) used in the TNUoS Tariff Setting Process	30 September 2023
CMP288	Explicit charging arrangements for customer delays and backfeeds iro transmission connections	Expected decision date was 31 March 2023 but not yet received
CMP292	Introduces a cut-off date for changes to the Charging Methodologies	31 October 2023
CMP298	Process for aggregated assessment of Distributed Generators that impact (or may impact) on the National Electricity Transmission System.	26 April 2023
CMP344	Clarifies that the allowed revenue for Transmission Owners recovered from Transmission Users under the Charging Methodologies is fixed for each onshore price control period for onshore transmission licensees and at the point of asset transfer for OFTOs.	28 April 2023
CMP379	Seeks to clarify how TNUoS demand zones and therefore TNUoS demand tariffs and charges should be determined for transmission-connected demand users who connect at the boundaries of multiple DNO areas	Expected decision date TBC

Ofgem publish 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 March 2023 and is published here.

ESO

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 indepth review is planned to be carried out at our April 2023 Panel.

The CUSC Panel discussed the prioritisation of the following Modifications:

Modification	What this seeks to achieve	Panel Comments	Position in Prioritisation Stack
CMP413	publish generation tariffs for a rolling 10-year duration and provide the clarity to Users and developers on commercial decisions to support delivery of low carbon infrastructure	for TNUoS bill payers and complexity and the Proposer's desire for as early implementation date as possible (ideally 1 April	Medium to High

The latest prioritisation stack can be found here

In flight Modifications

The next Modification Tracker will be published on 6 April 2023.

Workgroup Reports

The following Workgroup Reports were presented to the Panel:

CMP376 'Inclusion of Queue Management process within the CUSC'

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 milestones.

The Panel agreed that the Terms of Reference have been met and agreed for **CMP376** to proceed to Code Administrator Consultation. The Code Administrator Consultation will be published on 3 April 2023 and this will close at 5pm on 4 May 2023.

CMP376 documentation can be found here

ESO

CMP398 'GC0156 Cost Recovery mechanism for CUSC Parties'

GC0156 will place new obligations, within the Grid Code, upon CUSC Parties who are not contracted with the ESO as Restoration Service Providers. **CMP398** proposes to introduce a codified cost recovery mechanism to prevent the affected parties being commercially disadvantaged by the implementation of the new obligations.

The Panel agreed that the Terms of Reference have been met and agreed for **CMP398** to proceed to Code Administrator Consultation. The Code Administrator Consultation will be aligned with that for GC0156 (currently planned to run 3 May 2023 to 5pm on 2 June 2023).

CMP398 documentation can be found here

Draft Final Modification Reports

The following Draft Final Modification Reports were presented to the Panel:

CMP410 'Payment Timescales for Monthly Payments'

Seeks to update payment timescales for monthly payments where invoices are issued late.

Panel unanimously agreed that **CMP410** should be implemented. A 15 working days appeal window will run from 14 April 2023 to 5pm on 9 May 2023. If no appeals are received in this period, **CMP410** will be implemented 16 May 2023.

CMP410 documentation can be found here

Questions or feedback?

Code Administrator Representative: Paul Mullen, Code Administrator

Panel Secretary: Teri Puddefoot, Code Administrator

Email: cusc.team@nationalgrideso.com