

Special CUSC Panel Minutes

06 December 2023

CUSC Panel Minutes

Date: 06/12/2023	Location: Microsoft Teams Meeting
Start: 10:00	End: 11:00

Participants

Attendee	Initials	Representing
Jamie Webb	JW	Acting Independent CUSC Panel Chair
Teri Puddefoot	TP	Panel Secretary, Code Administrator Representative
Ren Walker	RW	Panel Technical Secretary, Code Administrator
Andrew Enzor	AE	Users' Panel Member
Andy Pace	AP	Consumers' Panel Member
Claire Huxley	CH	Panel Member, National Grid ESO
Mark Duffield	MD	Users' Panel Member
Kyran Hanks	KH	Users' Panel Member
Joe Colebrook	JC	Users' Panel Member
Joe Dunn	JD	Users' Panel Member
Paul Jones	PJ	Users' Panel Member
Nadir Hafeez	NH	Authority Representative

Apologies

Attendee	Initials	Representing
Trisha McAuley	TM	Independent Panel Chair
Milly Lewis	ML	Panel Secretary, Code Administrator Representative
Binoy Dharsi	BD	Users' Panel Member
Camile Gilsean	CG	Panel Member, National Grid ESO
Garth Graham	GG	Users' Panel Member
Rashmi Radhakrishnan	RR	BSC Representative (Observer)

1. Introductions and Apologies

12246. Apologies were received from Trisha McAuley and Binoy Dharsi.

2. Draft Final Modification Report

CMP425: Billing Demand Transmission Residual by Site

12247. TP delivered a presentation of CMP425. TP stated that this modification seeks to provide clarity within the CUSC on how the residual demand charges should be divided between multiple Suppliers at one Connection Site. At present the CUSC does not specify how residual charges should be applied in circumstances where a single Connection Site has more than one Supplier across multiple BMUs associated with it. The Proposer believes that the change is required so that customers are charged in line with the Authority's Targeted Charging Review (TCR) principles of fairness, practicality, and transparency.
12248. The Proposer's initial solution was to amend 14.17.1 of the CUSC, however at the CUSC Panel on 27 October 2023, the Panel provided feedback to the Proposer that the proposed change would be better reflected within 14.17.13. The Proposer took this feedback and subsequently amended their proposed legal text. The proposal is to alter section 14.17 Parties Liable for Demand Charges, and minor consequential amendments, in particular 14.17.13. TP confirmed that no alternatives were raised.
12249. TP advised that the Code Administrator Consultation was held from 24/11/2023 to 29/11/2023 and received 5 non-confidential responses and 1 confidential response. Key points were:
- All respondents supportive of the Original Proposal
 - Three respondents agreed with the implementation approach. Two respondents disagreed, noting that the change should be applied from the 1 April 2023, in line with the introduction of the Transmission Demand Residual Charge.
 - One respondent noted the uncertainty of the longer-term precedent that could be set by this modification,
 - One respondent concerned about the viability of existing businesses that are unexpectedly, and unfairly, being charged multiples of the amount they had expected.
 - One respondent noted that the legal text in Section 14.17.13 could be interpreted ambiguously.
12250. The Panel had further discussions in relation to materially affected parties/ implementation dates.
12251. There was a discussion regarding materially affected parties and a potential provider that believes this is a current issue. The ESO have confirmed that they have checked the billing information and associated data and believe that the site has been billed in line with the CUSC i.e. on a single site basis.
12252. There was further discussion at panel about if there are materially affected parties, if CMP425 was implemented ASAP how it would affect charges. The ESO confirmed that charges would only impact affected sites. At this point in time, this would mean if a site decided to have multiple suppliers.
12253. The ESO confirmed that there are no sites currently with multiple BMUs. The ESO also confirmed that if the modification were approved for implementation for April 2024, then it could be implemented via a manual workaround. If the implementation is approved for April 2025, it can be implemented via a system update.
12254. The ESO stated that there are some concerns about potential unintended consequences for Private Networks reducing their TDR costs. Given the urgent timescales there have not been

the time or resource to investigate fully. Therefore, the ESO would suggest an implementation of April 2025 to allow for a system update (compared to a manual work around), to allow for further time to investigate the consequences and that this would be appropriate given that there has been no evidence of materially impacted sites provided.

12255. The Panel agreed that this discussion should be captured within the Final Modification Report before it is submitted to the Authority.

12256. The Panel held their recommendation vote on CMP425. The Panel recommended unanimously that the Proposer's Original solution should be implemented. In line with the timeline, the Final Modification Report will be submitted to Ofgem on 06 December 2023.

3. Any Other Business (AOB)

12257. No AOB raised.

19. Close

12258. The Chair thanked the Panel for their time and contribution and brought the meeting to a close.

The next CUSC Panel meeting will be held on 15 December 2023 via Microsoft Teams.

New Modification Proposals are to be submitted by 30 November 2023.

CUSC Panel Papers Day is 7 December 2023.