



# Special CUSC Panel

Friday 09 February 2024

Online Meeting via Teams

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# Workgroup Report

**CMP427: Update to the Transmission Connection  
Application Process for Onshore Applicants**

Catia Gomes (Modification Chair)

## Key points to note to the Panel

- Guidance notes will be issued for implementation (not codified) and the Workgroup suggested that they be consulted in development of this.
- Several points were raised by the Workgroup for further development of the Letter of Authority and the application process. While these fell out of scope for CMP427 it was discussed that they can be taken into consideration for subsequent modifications.

# Solutions and Workgroup Vote

## Solution/summary of solutions:

- **Proposer's solution:** This modification proposes that Users should submit at least one LoA with any new Onshore Transmission Connection Application, in addition to the existing requirements, for that application to be complete.
- **WACM1** - This Alternative will expand upon the Original solution by including a third template for exceptional circumstances where it is not practical for the User to obtain either a Template 'A' or Template 'B' LoA. In these circumstances the Alternative suggests a route for a LoA to be obtained from a party designated by the Authority to reflect the principles of CMP427 that formal discussions have been entered into.
- **WACM2** - This Alternative seeks to strike a balance between demonstrating real landowner engagement without imposing an unduly high barrier to entry. The key difference from the Original proposal is to apply a 50% multiplier to the minimum acreage that LoAs will be required to cover as part of an application – i.e. to partially reduce the threshold acres-per-MW-registered which appear in the Energy Land Density table.
- **WACM3** - This Alternative includes all solutions outlined in the CMP427 Original, WACM1 and WACM2. This is to give the Authority the ability to have a full cover of options put forward by the Workgroup.

## Summary of Workgroup Vote:

- The Workgroup concluded unanimously that the Original and WACM1 better facilitated the Applicable Objectives than the Baseline. The Workgroup concluded by majority that the WACM2 and WACM3 better facilitated the Applicable Objectives than the Baseline.

# Terms of Reference

The Workgroup conclude that they have met their Terms of Reference and the references can be located below:

Workgroup Term of Reference	Location in Workgroup Report
a) Consider EBR implications	Interactions Section
b) Consider the scope of work identified and whether this is achievable within the timeframe outlined in the Ofgem Urgency decision letter	Throughout Workgroup Considerations Section Page 7 to 23
c) Consider how the solution meets the asks within the Connection Action Plan; re: letter of authority can be robust and efficient.	Throughout Workgroup Considerations Section Page 7 to 23

# CMP427 – the asks of Panel

- **AGREE** that the Workgroup have met their Terms of Reference
- **AGREE** that this Modification can proceed to Code Administrator Consultation
- **NOTE** that this Modification does not impact the Electricity Balancing Regulation (EBR) Article 18 terms and conditions held within the CUSC?
- **NOTE** the ongoing timeline



# CMP427 Next Steps

Milestone	Date
Code Administrator Consultation (5 working days)	12 February 2024 to 16 February 2024
Draft Final Modification Report issued to Panel and Industry	21 February 2024
Draft Final Modification Report presented to Panel / Panel Recommendation Vote	23 February 2024
Final Modification Report issued to Panel to check votes recorded correctly	23 February 2024 (3pm - 4pm)
Submit Final Modification Report to Authority	23 February 2024 by 5pm
Authority Decision	01 March 2024
Date of Implementation	15 March 2024 (10 WD after Authority Decision)





# Implementation Update

Jamie Webb



**Any Other Business**

## Activities ahead of the next Panel Meeting

**Papers Day**

15 February 2024

**Panel Meeting**

23 February 2024  
Faraday House

# Close



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