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CUSC Panel

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Date: **16 September 2025**

Dear Penny,

Updated urgency timetable for the Connections and Use of System Code (CUSC) modification proposal CMP448: 'Introducing a Progression Commitment Fee to the Gate 2 Connections Queue'

We consider it is necessary for the previously approved urgency timetable of CMP448 to be updated, in light of additional material submitted to the Authority and a need to issue a minded-to decision prior to our final decision. We set out further background, detail and our rationale for this decision below.

Background

On 6 February 2025, National Energy System Operator Limited (NESO) (the 'Proposer') raised CUSC¹ modification proposal CMP448 (the 'Proposal').² On 14 February 2025, the CUSC Panel convened and, following the Panel meeting, we received a request from the CUSC Panel that CMP448 be treated as an urgent modification proposal.

On 20 February 2025, we issued our decision to approve the recommended urgent timetable for CMP448 to progress on an urgent basis.³

On 4 July 2025, we received the Final Modification Report ('FMR') for CMP448. Shortly afterwards, we received additional analysis provided by NESO evaluating the impact of the Original Proposal and its WACMs.

¹ [Connection and Use of System Code \(CUSC\) | National Energy System Operator](#).

² [CMP448 Introducing a Progression Commitment Fee to the Gate 2 Connections Queue | National Energy System Operator](#).

³ [Decision on Urgency treatment of the Connection and Use of System Code modification proposal CMP448 | Ofgem](#).

Our decision to extend the Urgency timetable

Section 8.24.7 of the CUSC sets out the Authority's discretion to alter an urgent CUSC modification proposal's timetable. We consider it is appropriate to update the CMP448 urgency timetable in these current circumstances.

We have considered the 'FMR' and the additional analysis provided (submitted to Ofgem in July 2025 after receipt of the FMR) evaluating the impact of the Original Proposal and its WACMs. We have concluded that because the additional analysis has not been reviewed by Workgroups, it is appropriate to inform the interested parties about its outcomes as part of an impact assessment and our overall assessment of the proposal before coming to a final decision.

We direct that the CUSC Panel follow the modified urgent timetable set out below.⁴ Modifications to the timetable are highlighted in bold in the table below. We consider that this amended timetable strikes the right balance between providing industry sufficient time to comment on our minded-to decision and us making our final decision on CMP448, while recognising the urgent status of CMP448 and facilitating implementation (if approved).

CMP448 – Proposed Timetable⁵

Modification Stage	Date
Final Modification Report issued to Ofgem	04 July 2025
Ofgem Decision	November 2025
Implementation Date	Q1 2026

For the avoidance of doubt, in extending this urgency timetable of CMP448, we have made no assessment of the merits of the Proposal and nothing in this letter in any way fetters our discretion in respect of the Proposal.

If you have any comments or questions about this letter, please contact:

connections@ofgem.gov.uk.

⁴ Pursuant to CUSC 8.24.6(c)

⁵ See CMP448 – Letter requesting urgency at: <https://www.neso.energy/document/355406/download>

Yours sincerely,

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Duly authorised on behalf of the Authority