

---

## Response to CMP448 consultation - Aura Power

---

From



Date Mon 2025-11-03 16:36

To connections@ofgem.gov.uk <connections@ofgem.gov.uk>

Dear Ofgem Connections Team,

Thank you for the opportunity to feedback to the minded-to consultation on CMP448. On behalf of Aura Power, I am pleased to provide the following response.

Aura Power is a leading developer of solar energy and battery storage projects across Europe and North America, with over 13 years of operational experience. We have an active BESS pipeline of approximately 9.5 GW and 3.2GWp of solar PV in development and construction in six countries.

### **Consultation Question 1**

In principle, we support Ofgem's minded-to position to approve the Original Proposal of CMP448. We believe the introduction of the additional securities will create appropriate incentives for developers to progress their projects in the Gate 2 queue in a timely manner. Network capacity is a valuable and limited resource and should be allocated to developers who are genuinely committed to project delivery.

### **Consultation Question 2**

However, we note that the current proposal does not fully accommodate projects with long connection dates. A standard planning permission for a solar project is typically valid for three years. Projects with connection dates ten years in the future, for an example, should not be encouraged to submit planning applications prematurely. Doing so would result in inefficient capital allocation to meet the security requirements and might necessitate reapplications if construction cannot commence within the planning permission's validity period.

Our suggestion is that similar to how the milestones work, the PCF is only triggered in a backwards facing manner for connection dates more than 5 years away and is set at 5 years prior to the offered connection date to allow a fair approach and equal opportunity similar to those with earlier connection dates.

Kind regards,

 PhD, CEng, MIET  
**Global Head of Grid**

---

T:   
E:   
W: [aurapower.com](http://aurapower.com)



30 Queen Square | Penthouse Office | Bristol | BS1 4ND | UK

Aura Power Developments Ltd is registered in England and Wales  
Company number 10098097

---

*This email (and any attachment) is intended solely for the addressee is confidential and may be legally privileged. If you have received this email in error please send it back to us immediately and delete it without reading copying or disseminating it. For information about how we handle any personal data we collect about you please see our Privacy Policy on the [website here](#).*

*No employee or contractor of the Aura Power group has the authority to enter into a legally binding contract by email.*

