

# *Elgin Submission to Connection and Use of System Code (CUSC) CMP448: Introducing a progression commitment fee to the Gate 2 connections queue*

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## **INTRODUCTION**


On behalf of Elgin, I would like to thank Ofgem for the opportunity to respond to the public consultation on 'Minded-to Consultation: Connection and Use of System Code (CUSC) CMP448: Introducing a Progression Commitment Fee to the Gate 2 Connections Queue'. We welcome the opportunity to respond and will make a short high level response.

Elgin is a leading international solar company, managing each phase of projects from origination through development to energisation. With a 15 GW+ pipeline spanning solar, co-located, and storage projects across the UK, Ireland, Germany, Italy and Australia, it is recognised as one of the most active developers in each of these markets. To date, Elgin has delivered over 2 GW of ready-to-build solar and storage projects. Elgin's plans to have 5 GW+ of operational solar plus storage assets in the UK by 2030.

## **CONSULTATION RESPONSE**

The current queue is being slowed down by unviable projects which has rendered the system no longer be fit for purpose. This has not only has created extensive delays but is also hampering progress towards the UK's Clean Power 2030 targets and over all Net Zero goals.

Elgin is encouraged my Ofgem's efforts to improve efficiency and order in the electricity connections queue. In past CMP448 consultations, Elgin has lent its support to the 'Original Proposal' to introduce a Progression Commitment Fee (PCF). We therefore welcome and support Ofgem minded-to approve the Original Proposal, as it best facilitates the Applicable CUSC Objectives (ACO) compared to the status quo, WACM1, and WACM2.





We agree that WACM1 and WACM2 are unlikely to better facilitate the ACO. In particular, reducing the financial burden as proposed in WACM1 defeats the intended purpose PCF. Without a sufficiently strong enough financial incentive, developers may not be adequately motivated to remove unviable projects from the queue.

Overall, the Original Proposal is well-targeted and will support efficient use of connection capacity, benefiting both developers and consumers. Going forward, we encourage NESO and Ofgem to maintain clear communication with developers regarding the PCF as it is formally established- especially in relation to the 'Activation Metric'.

**ENDS**