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Dear Anthony,

Decision on request for updated urgent timetable for Connection and Use of System Code (CUSC) Modification Proposal CMP471: 'Interim Contract Variation Process Ahead of CMP434 Gated Application Window'

On 17 April 2026, Muirhall Energy raised Connection and Use of System Code (CUSC) Modification Proposal CMP471: 'Interim Contract Variation Process Ahead of CMP434 Gated Application Window' (the 'Proposal').¹ CMP471 proposes a temporary, limited amendment to the CUSC to allow Users to request changes to contracted connection dates ahead of the first CMP434 Gated Application Window.

On 28 May 2026, we confirmed that CMP471 should be progressed as an urgent CUSC Modification Proposal.² In that decision, we noted that the urgent timetable should allow sufficient time for proposal development and industry consultation, while recognising the urgency of the issue and the need for timely progression.

Background

CMP471 was raised following concerns that some Users may need a limited opportunity to amend their contracted connection dates before the first CMP434 Gated Application Window opens. The Proposal is intended to provide an interim process for considering such requests while the wider connections reform arrangements are being implemented. Given the timing of the first gated window and the potential impact on affected Users, the Proposal was progressed on an urgent basis to ensure it could be considered within the relevant timeframe.

¹ [CMP471: Interim Contract Variation Process Ahead of CMP434 Gated Application Window | National Energy System Operator](#)

² [CMP471 Connection and Use of System Code \(CUSC\) urgency decision | Ofgem](#)

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Updated urgency request

We understand that the previously anticipated timetable is no longer achievable. This is due to the need for further Workgroup consideration, including the assessment of additional alternative requests and associated legal and governance issues. We also understand that the revised timetable is intended to maintain the urgent nature of the Proposal while allowing the Workgroup and Code Administrator sufficient time to complete the necessary stages of the process. In particular, three Alternative Requests have been raised at a late stage in the process and have since been progressed as Workgroup Alternative CUSC Modifications, requiring additional development and assessment.

We also note that the Panel was updated on the progression of CMP471 at its meeting on 28 August 2026. The Panel was informed that further Workgroup meetings would be required, was provided with the revised proposed timeline, and agreed to hold a special Panel meeting so that the Final Modification Report can be provided to the Authority on the 5th of October. We understand that the revised timetable is intended to maintain the urgent progress of CMP471 while allowing the Workgroup and Code Administrator sufficient time to complete the necessary process steps.

Our decision

After careful consideration, we confirm our agreement to the revised urgent timetable for CMP471. Under this revised timetable, Ofgem expects to receive the Final Modification Report ('FMR') for CMP471 on 5 October 2026.

Modification stage	Date
Workgroup Report issued to Panel	15 September 2026
Panel sign off that Workgroup Report has met its Terms of Reference	18 September 2026
Code Administrator Consultation	18 September 2026 to 25 September 2026
Draft Final Modification Report (DFMR) issued to Panel	30 September 2026
Panel undertake DFMR recommendation vote	2 October 2026
Final Modification Report issued to Authority	5 October 2026
Authority decision	To be confirmed
Date of implementation, if approved	To be confirmed

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We consider that this revised timetable strikes an appropriate balance between allowing further consideration of the Proposal and maintaining the urgency of the process. We expect the Workgroup and Code Administrator to continue progressing CMP471 efficiently and to take all reasonable steps to meet the revised dates set out above.

For the avoidance of doubt, in agreeing to this revised urgent timetable, we are making no assessment of the merits of the Proposal and nothing in this letter fetters the discretion of the Authority in respect of CMP471.

If you have any comments or questions about this letter, please contact connections determinations@ofgem.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely,

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Duly authorised on behalf of the Authority