

# Capacity Market Advisory Group (CMAG) Six-monthly Report April 2026

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## Foreword

The past six months have been another productive period for the Capacity Market Advisory Group (CMAG), as we have continued to support the effective governance and evolution of the Capacity Market Rules. Through constructive collaboration between industry experts, delivery bodies, and regulators, CMAG has maintained its focus on ensuring that the change process remains transparent, proportionate, and responsive to the needs of stakeholders.

During this reporting period, CMAG has considered a range of Change Proposals covering important areas such as prequalification arrangements, financial commitment milestones, metering arrangements, and project spend requirements. These proposals reflect CMAG's ongoing commitment to improving clarity within the Rules, addressing operational challenges, and ensuring the framework remains fit for purpose as the electricity market continues to evolve.

Alongside formal Change Proposals, CMAG has also progressed important review work in areas such as secondary trading, implementation of previously approved rule changes, and technical issues raised through CMAG Surgery discussions. This work demonstrates the value of the forum not only as a governance body, but also as a practical mechanism for identifying issues early and working collaboratively towards effective solutions.

I would like to thank CMAG members for their continued engagement, expertise, and strong attendance, which remains critical to the effectiveness of the group. The positive feedback received through our member survey reflects the value of open discussion and the shared commitment to continuous improvement. We also welcome the continued participation of observers and subject matter experts who contribute valuable perspectives to our discussions.

Looking ahead, CMAG will continue to focus on supporting Ofgem and industry stakeholders by progressing priority changes, reviewing emerging issues, and ensuring the Capacity Market Rules continue to support secure and reliable electricity supply. We remain committed to fostering open dialogue, maintaining robust governance processes, and delivering practical improvements that benefit the wider market.

Simon Dawes

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## Proposals submitted to Ofgem in these six months

### **CP394 - 2026 Conditional Prequalification for assets that have applied for a new or modified connection date**

This CP is of interest to:

- **Capacity Providers, and**
- **The Delivery Body**

[Change Proposal](#) 394 was sent to Ofgem following Meeting 39 in December 2025. EMR Delivery Body are proposing extending the Conditional Prequalification option that was put in place for Prequalification 2025. Amending the previous Rule change to capture differences between the Connections Reform process and any future connections application window, as well as lessons learned through implementation of the Conditional Prequalification Rules for Prequalification 2025

### **CP396 - Total Project Spend review, changes beyond DESNZ ‘housekeeping’**

This CP is of interest to:

- **Capacity Providers, and**
- **The Delivery Body**

[Change Proposal](#) 396 was sent to Ofgem following Meeting 39 in December 2025. This is a change proposal to take on the final issues of the CMAG Secretariat Total Project Spend review. Most notably the issue of how delays in network connections (6.7.7), affect the Total Project Spend Qualifying Capital Expenditure window.

### **CP397 - Extension to the 16-month Financial Commitment Milestone for New Build Projects with a scheduled first Delivery Year starting on 1 October 2028 or 1 October 2029**

This CP is of interest to:

- **Capacity Providers, and**
- **The Delivery Body**

[Change Proposal](#) 397 was sent directly to Ofgem and discussed at Meeting 41. This proposal will provide New Build CMUs that won CM Agreements in the T-4 Auction held in 2025 or win a CM Agreements in the T-4 Auction held in 2026, an additional 12 months to complete their Financial Commitment Milestone.

### **CP398 - Enabling Capacity Providers to utilise their own Meter Operator Agent**

- **Capacity Providers, and**
- **The Electricity Settlements Company**

[Change Proposal](#) 398 was sent to Ofgem following Meeting 41. This proposal seeks to introduce an optional pathway for Capacity Providers to have their Metering Statements (Schedule 6) completed and verified by an authorised Meter Operator Agent, rather than solely by the Settlement Body and the Metering Agent that undertakes work on behalf of the Settlement Body.

## Other work conducted by the CMAG

### CMAG Surgery Discussions

#### Implementation of CP373 into CM Rules

Following on from Change Proposals [386](#) and [387](#), CMAG has identified and agreed to proceed with several outstanding issues:

##### CP373 – Priority Three

- Rewording Schedule 6 to address that the Metering Statement only refers to Capacity Provider.
- Standardise the use of Metering Configuration Solution (MCS) and Approved Metering Solution (AMS).

##### CP373 – Priority Four

- Amending DSR Alternative Delivery Period so that it can always be aggregated to a half-hourly settlement

##### CP373 – Priority Five

- Review and create a consistent and proportionate data retention framework.

### Secondary Trading Review

Following a review and update of the Forward Workplan the CMAG have agreed the scope and started a review of the secondary trading arrangements in the CM Rules. The CMAG have agreed to review the following areas in the coming months:

- Changes to the scope of Acceptable Transferees
- Multiyear secondary trading
- Intraday secondary trading
- Secondary trading directory
- Allowing secondary trading where there are increases to Operational physical capacity

### Duplicate MPANs

At CMAG Meeting 39, the CMAG noted the issues that have arisen with the Same MPANs being registered in components of different DSR CMUs. The CMAG agreed to establish a sub-group of interested industry stakeholders to fully explore solutions to the issue, and approved the sub-group's Terms of Reference at CMAG Meeting 40.

The subgroup held its first meeting on 23 February 2026. At this meeting, sub-group members considered the background to the issue and the approach that will be taken by the Settlement Body for the 2026/27 Delivery Year. The sub-group considered mechanisms that would facilitate earlier identification of conflicts to allow more time to resolve. This included establishing better education practices by CPs to help consumers understand the consequences of registering with flexibility providers, and a process to identify potential conflicts ahead of the auction. The sub-group identified a set of key principles that they believed an ideal solution should satisfy, and expressed a preference for a consistent approach across all flexibility markets where appropriate.

The second meeting was held 1 April 2026. At this meeting sub-group members agreed that there would be value in a 'pre-registration' process between Prequalification and auction to help identify any assets that may be conflicted. The sub-group also proposed, considered and expressed a preference for a conflict resolution process based on the timestamp when consumers signed up for the services of a Capacity Provider.

We expect to hold the third sub-group meeting in the coming weeks for the sub-group to fully consider the preferred process and any changes to the CM Rules needed to enact it.

## Proposals with Ofgem for decision

Below, we summarise the status of all the Change Proposals CMAG has submitted to Ofgem. The following Change Proposals are with Ofgem for decision:

Title	Status
<a href="#">CP362 'CM Agreement Transfers'</a>	This proposal was recommended to Ofgem by CMAG at meeting 11. This proposal is expected to be included in the next Statutory Consultation to be published by Ofgem.
<a href="#">CP380 Financial Commitment Milestone Extension</a>	This proposal was recommended to Ofgem by CMAG at Meeting 24. This proposal is expected to be included in the next Statutory Consultation to be published by Ofgem.
<a href="#">CP384 Termination Events 6.10.1 (g) &amp; (ga)</a>	This proposal was recommended to Ofgem by CMAG at Meeting 29. This proposal is expected to be included in the next Statutory Consultation to be published by Ofgem.
<a href="#">CP385 Update to Load Following Capacity Obligation Calculation Inputs</a>	This proposal was recommended to Ofgem by CMAG at Meeting 28. This proposal is expected to be included in the next Statutory Consultation to be published by Ofgem.
<a href="#">CP386 Alignment of Metering Test Processes, DSR Delivery Periods, and Terminology</a>	These proposals were recommended to Ofgem by CMAG Meeting 33. This proposal is expected to be included in the next Statutory Consultation to be published by Ofgem.
<a href="#">CP387 Metering Assessment Deadlines</a>	
<a href="#">CP389 Connection Capacity Review</a>	These proposals were recommended to Ofgem by CMAG Meeting 35. This proposal is expected to be included in the next Statutory Consultation to be published by Ofgem.
<a href="#">CP390 Simplifying the Reporting and Monitoring Provisions in the CM Rules</a>	
<a href="#">CP391 Enabling the use of MHHS systems for the Supplier Metering Solution Configuration</a>	
<a href="#">CP382 Independent Technical Expert (ITE) Definition Updates and Report Templates</a>	
<a href="#">CP393 Full Review of the Capacity Market Exhibits</a>	This proposal was recommended to Ofgem by CMAG Meeting 36. This proposal is expected to be included in the next Statutory Consultation to be published by Ofgem.
<a href="#">CP392 Amendments to enable Asset Metering and ensure delivery assurance</a>	
<a href="#">CP394 2026 Conditional Prequalification for assets that have applied for a new or modified connection date</a>	These proposals were recommended to Ofgem by CMAG Meeting 39. This proposal is expected to be included in the next Statutory Consultation to be published by Ofgem.
<a href="#">CP396 Total Project Spend review, changes beyond DESNZ 'housekeeping'</a>	
<a href="#">CP397 Extension to the 16-month Financial Commitment Milestone for New Build Projects with a scheduled first Delivery Year starting on 1 October 2028 or 1 October 2029</a>	These proposals were recommended to Ofgem by CMAG Meeting 41. This proposal is expected to be included in the next Statutory Consultation to be published by Ofgem.
<a href="#">CP398 Enabling Capacity Providers to utilise their own Meter Operator Agent</a>	

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More information on each of these proposals can be found on the relevant Change Proposal pages on the CMAG website. Each of these can be accessed by clicking the hyperlinks in the title of each Change Proposal in the table above.

## Ofgem decisions

Title	Status
<a href="#">CP368 'CVR Publication Deadline'</a>	<p>The CMAG reviewed this change and recommended to Ofgem for implementation at <a href="#">CMAG Meeting 5</a>. Ofgem held a Statutory Consultation from <a href="#">21 November 2023 – 5 January 2024</a> for this CP.</p> <p>Ofgem issued a <a href="#">decision</a> on 14 June 2024 to progress in implementing CP368.</p>
<a href="#">CP369 'Secondary Trading with CMU Metering Aggregation Rules'</a>	<p>The CMAG reviewed this change and recommended to Ofgem for implementation at <a href="#">CMAG Meeting 9</a>. Ofgem held a Statutory Consultation from <a href="#">21 November 2023 – 5 January 2024</a> for this CP.</p> <p>Ofgem issued a <a href="#">decision</a> on 14 June 2024 to progress in implementing CP369.</p>
<a href="#">CP373 'Process Transfer from EMR Delivery Body to CM Settlement Body'</a>	<p>The CMAG reviewed this change and recommended to Ofgem for implementation at <a href="#">CMAG Meeting 12</a>. Ofgem held a Statutory Consultation from <a href="#">21 November 2023 – 5 January 2024</a> for this CP.</p> <p>Ofgem issued a <a href="#">decision</a> on 14 June 2024 to progress in implementing CP373.</p>
<a href="#">CP371 'Protection from Very Late network connections'</a>	<p>This proposal was recommended to Ofgem by CMAG at Meeting 14.</p> <p>Ofgem issued a <a href="#">decision</a> on 12 June 2025.</p>
<a href="#">CP376 'Clarifying the restrictions on the role of Agent'</a>	<p>Ofgem issued a <a href="#">decision</a> on 12 June 2025.</p>
<a href="#">CP377 Increasing flexibility for SPD Portfolios</a>	<p>This proposal was recommended to Ofgem by CMAG at Meeting 19.</p> <p>Ofgem issued a <a href="#">decision</a> on 12 June 2025.</p>
<a href="#">CP378 Removing 50MW Limit on Individual CMUs in a Portfolio</a>	<p>This proposal was recommended to Ofgem by CMAG at Meeting 24.</p> <p>Ofgem issued a <a href="#">decision</a> on 12 June 2025.</p>
<a href="#">CP381 Change to the definition of SCEC in Rule 3.5.5</a>	<p>This proposal was recommended to Ofgem by CMAG at Meeting 23.</p> <p>Ofgem issued a <a href="#">decision</a> on 12 June 2025.</p>

### Decisions summary table

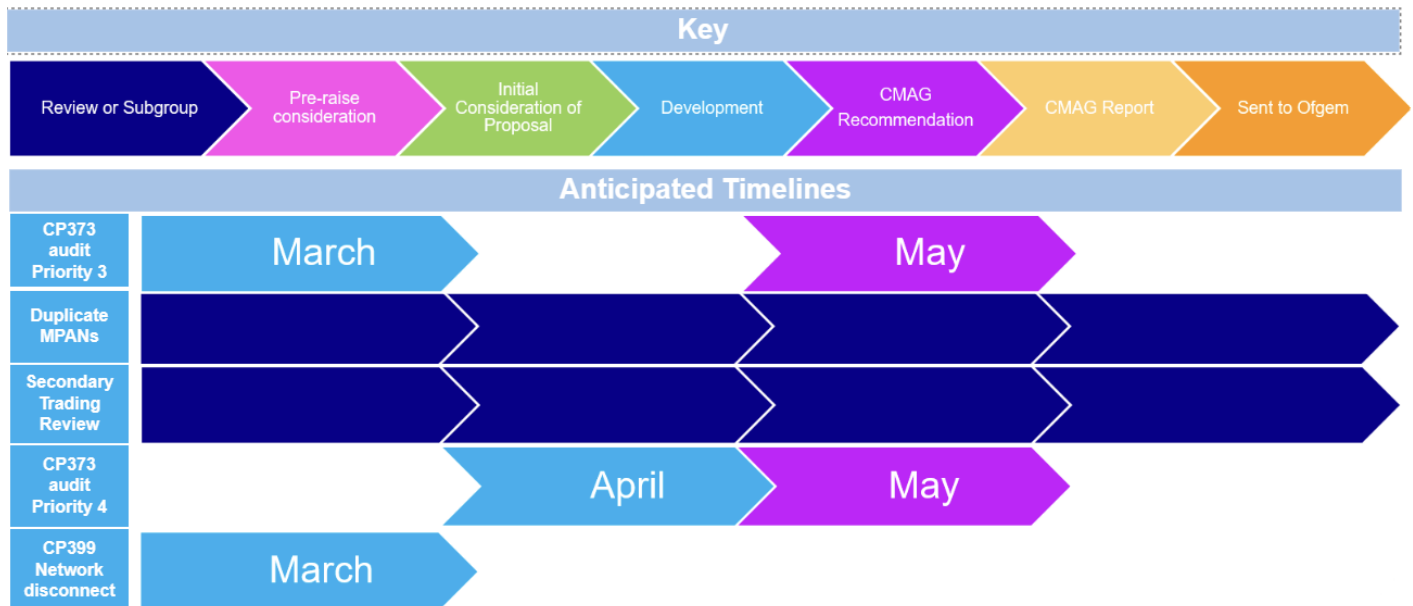
Six Proposals raised (394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399)

Six Proposals Recommendations to Ofgem (394, 396, 397, 398)

Three Ofgem Decisions (0)

## Forward Work Plan extract

The CMAG Forward Work Plan details all changes currently being progressed by CMAG and an estimated timescale for each change to complete the change process. The extract below shows the current inflight changes that are not currently with Ofgem. The full Forward Work Plan can be found on the [CMAG website](#).



Title	Category	Priority Score	Predicted Start
Implications of REMA	Review	25	Awaiting DESNZ decision on proposed changes for Prequalification 2026
De-Rating Factors	Review	21	
Connection Capacity	Review	20	
Requirement to publish suspensions	Operational Process	17	
Change of Owner	Operational Process	11	
MPAN issues post CP373	Operational Process	11	
Foreign Currency Methodology	Operational Process	11	

## CMAG Members feedback survey

Twice a year, in advance of each CMAG six-monthly report, we survey CMAG Members, to understand what is going well and what we should keep doing, or any areas that we can improve on. Therefore, the outcomes of CMAG Member views directly feed into the future improvements that we continually plan to make to the way CMAG operates and delivers value.

Overall, a majority of CMAG Members surveyed have rated their experience of CMAG over the last six months as 'Excellent'. This has meant that there has been continued engagement on complex topics.

Additionally, the CMAG Member indicated that CMAG could enhance engagement with consumer groups. Provide support to DESNZ, NESO, and Ofgem with guidance on future policy. Establish CMAG as a respected independent expert, fostering discussion on policy matters.

### Attendance

We have continued to benefit from strong attendance by CMAG Members, and have welcomed several external guests to observe meetings, bringing their ideas for discussion through the CMAG Surgery, or to participate in CM Rules Change development.

On the next page is a record of the attendance of the attendees at all CMAG meetings held from 15 October 2024 to 18 March 2025. This is required to be published in the six-monthly report as specified in the CMAG Operating Procedure.

Note that for central organisations, colleagues are grouped, as it's the attendance by organisation that is pertinent to the operation of the CMAG, rather than the specific named individuals. Please note that attendance by DESNZ is optional and they are not required to attend by the Operating Procedure or Terms of Reference.

Where a Member did not attend but appointed an Alternate, this is identified by 'A' in the cell (note that Alternate attendance is not added to the Member attendance percentage column).

Name (Capacity)	Meeting 37	Meeting 38	Meeting 39	Meeting 41	Meeting 42	Meeting 43	Attendance Percentage
DESNZ (Representative)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
CMSB (Delivery Partner)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
EMR DB (Delivery Partner)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Ofgem (Representative)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Elexon (Facilitator/ Secretariat)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Mark Duffield (Member)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Brian Lake (Member)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Raoul Thulin (Member)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Richard Thwaites (Member)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Eleanor Haynes (Member)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%

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Kyran Hanks (Member)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Rob Selbie (Member)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%

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