



CMC_21_23 – Minimum Completion on Receipt of ION
Capacity Market Workshop 33

Modification Background

- This modification, if approved, would result in Minimum Completion being triggered on receipt of an Interim Operational Notification (ION).
- This would mean that, if all other requirements were achieved, a New Capacity unit would begin receiving Capacity Payments on receipt of an ION. This is representative of the point in time at which a New Capacity unit can begin providing capacity to the grid.
- In order to obtain an ION, a project must provide a significant amount of documentation to the TSO for review and approval to demonstrate that the unit is suitable for connection to the Grid. This includes technical data for all equipment, system studies, and simulation models.
- If a unit is unavailable or unable to provide capacity to the SEM, it will be exposed to Difference Charges and therefore will not benefit if it is not capable of providing capacity as a service to the SEM.
- Due to the requirements of the Commissioning and Grid Code testing programme, it may take a significant length of time to complete all testing, with months between certain tests. During this time, a New Capacity unit will be available to provide capacity.
- If this modification is implemented, a unit would still be required to complete all Commissioning and Grid Code testing prior to its Long Stop Date or face termination.

Modification Legal Drafting

- The drafting of this modification ties minimum completion to receipt of an ION rather than a Final Operational Notification (FON).
- It is noted that under CMC_13_23, Capacity Payments will be triggered at Minimum Completion. CMC_13_23 is still under SEMC consideration, however if this modification is rejected, legal drafting would be required under this modification to trigger payments at Minimum Completion.
- This approach is consistent with the GB Capacity Market.