



Capacity Market Code Modifications

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Capacity Market Code
CMC_16_25 CRM De-rating factors for DSU
Presentation
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Presentation
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1 UPDATES

1.1 SECRETARIAT UPDATE

Secretariat welcomed all to Capacity Market Modifications Workshop 45. It was noted that the Programme of Work was up to date following a number of decisions received. Secretariat advised that Capacity Code V13.0 was currently in progress.

RA Update

RAs provided a [presentation](#) on the decisions issued recently. A Participant noted that the qualification information requested for upcoming T-4 2029/2030 auction appeared to refer to previous proposals listed here but not yet approved and queried if the Code would be applied as is. System Operators provided assurance that this is not the case and that the current version of the Code is being applied.

TSO Update

TSOs delivered a [presentation](#) on the Capacity Market Platform Development Plan. CMPQ, CMC_07_24, CMC_09_22 and CMC_11_21 were discussed. Participants requested simplified work examples and stressed the need for no further delays on implementation of CMC_09_22 / CMC_11_21 changes. System Operators acknowledged there was a strong desire from Participants to have the changes implemented and noted that any additional features added would not impact delivery of core changes. It was advised that CMC_09_22 changes had now gone to the vendor, and the solution was being built.

CMC_16_25 CRM De-rating factors for DSU

Proposer delivered a [presentation](#) on the Modification Proposal. An overview of Demand Side Units ('DSUs') and de-rating factors ('DRF') was provided, and it was advised that there is a high variability between DSU availability with some being penalised and some overpaid based on a single tech class DRF. This proposal would seek to apply a more balanced methodology and provide an incentive to reward DSU over availability. The Proposer discussed how the System Operators would need to produce a new DRF table and implement proposed GPI (incentives). Some Participants did not express support as it was felt the current proposal did not apply to all technology classes and queried the sources of certain comparison data presented.

A discussion ensued with some Participants welcoming this proposal noting that with the sharp reduction in DSU DRFs, existing units / new entrants would not be incentivised to participate if auction clearing prices reduced in the future. The Proposer expressed that if the current proposal was not suitable, then some change needed to progress to address the issues presented.

A suggestion was made by a Participant to look at implementing auction increase tolerances (INCTOL) as this wouldn't represent a policy change and could be applied to all technology classes. Support was given for this solution and the RAs acknowledged they were open to reviewing available options.

Modification Status – Under Consultation

CMC_17_25 Drawdown of Performance Security

Proposer delivered a [presentation](#) on the Modification Proposal noting that it was a relatively straightforward proposal regarding options available to Participants pay termination charges. It was advised that with this proposal in place, the Participant could avoid having to default on an invoice and will introduce a voluntary option where the Participant can authorise the System Operator to draw down on posted Performance Security.

There was support given for this proposal from Participants, but it was advised that a process would need to be developed with the System Operator Finance Team to implement.

Modification Status – Under Consultation

CMC_18_25 Introduction of Modular Generator Unit Types and De-rating Methodology

Proposer delivered a [presentation](#) on the Modification Proposal and noted that it related to a new proposed unit type with a capability of higher efficiency and improved availability.

Following discussion with Participants, it was noted that this proposal could pose complications for the System Operators with concerns regarding a 'single point of failure' and also how Annual Run Hour Limits / CO2 Verification would be assessed for auctions. It was also noted that potential wider impacts regarding the Grid and Trading & Settlement Code did not appear to have been considered. The Proposer noted that the proposal only related to DRFs and would not impact how units operate in the Single Electricity Market.

Support was also expressed by some Participants, noting that Combined Cycle Units were more reliable than single units of the same size.

Modification Status – Under Consultation

2 AOB

Secretariat advised that Capacity Workshop 46 is scheduled for Wednesday, 19th November 2025 with the closing date for submission of proposals set at 5th November 2025.

Next Steps

1. TSOs to publish Workshop Report.
2. RAs to publish timelines for consultation.

APPENDIX 1 – PROGRAMME OF WORK AS DISCUSSED AT WORKSHOP 45

Modification Proposals 'Under Consultation' without System impacts		
Title	Sections Modified	Decision Due
CMC_14_25 New Dates in Capacity Auction Timetable	Section C, F & Appendix C	29 th August 2025
CMC_11_25 Clarification on provision relating to "final and binding" and dispute resolution under the CMC	Section B,E & F	29 th August 2025
CMC_09_25 Registration and Qualification Auction Timetable Milestones	Appendix C, Appendix E, Glossary, Agreed Procedure 3	29 th August 2025
CMC_08_25 Ensuring robust transparent and objective qualification criteria in the Capacity Market	Section E, Appendix D	29 th August 2025
Modification Proposals 'Under Consultation' with System impacts		
N/A	N/A	N/A
RA Decision 'Further Work Required		
CMC_07_24 Treatment of Capacity Contracts of Varying Duration in Constrained Auction Solution	F.8	TBC – following completion and analysis of SOs impact assessment
RA Decision Approved Modifications with System Impacts		
Title	Sections Modified	Effective
CMC_09_22 Secondary Trade Approval Notification	M.7, M.12	system update required
CMC_11_21 Extending Current ASTN Form	M	TBC – following completion and analysis of SOs impact assessment
RA Decision Approved Modifications with no System Impacts		
CMC_13_25 Amendments to Capacity Auction Timetable	Section D	29 th August 2025
CMC_12_25 Ras role in relation to FQDs	Section B, E	29 th August 2025
CMC_10_25 Amendments to E.7	Section E	29 th August 2025
CMC_03_25 Clarification of Proportion of Delivered Capacity for multiple tranches	Section G	16 th July 2025
CMC_01_25 Provision of Information Related to Application Rejection under E.7	Section E	29 th August 2025
RA Decision Rejected		
CMC_15_25 Performance Securities for Extended Projects in T-4 2026/2027	Section J	N/A
CMC_07_25 Maintaining Net Present Value in New Capacity Market Contracts for no fault delays	Section J, Glossary	N/A

CMC_06_25 Amendment to ARHL De-rating Factor Definition to Exclude Intermediate Length Contracts	Glossary	N/A
CMC_05_25 Early Termination of Intermediate Length Contract Capacity	Section J	N/A
CMC_04_25 Adjustment of CMC Auction Qualification criteria to facilitate complex projects with State Aid approval	Glossary, Section E	N/A
Withdrawal Notifications		
N/A	N/A	N/A
Capacity Working Group 46 – 19th November 2025		