

G27 – First Come First Served Guidance for Domestic DSR CMUs (2026/27 Delivery Year)

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Change Amendment Record

Version	Date	Description
1.0	16 February 2026	Guidance for the First Come, First Served handling of Domestic DSR Metering Configurations in Delivery Year 2026/27.
2.0	26 March 2026	Updated with information about Secondary Trading impacts to the First Come, First Served process and how Proven CMU configurations from previous Delivery Years are handled. Removed requirement to submit LLF.

1. Introduction

In Delivery Year 2025/26, the Settlement Body received Metering Configuration submissions for domestic Demand Side Response (DSR) Capacity Market Units (CMUs) from Capacity Providers (CPs) where multiple CPs claimed the same asset or submitted an asset that shared a boundary point MPAN¹ with another asset in a second CP's Configuration.

The Settlement Body requires that each asset exists in only one Metering Configuration for a given Delivery Year to ensure the Capacity Market scheme is settled accurately. For this reason, the Settlement Body implemented a 'First Come, First Served' (FCFS) principle for domestic DSR Metering Configurations. To facilitate the principle of FCFS the process for Metering Configuration submission for domestic DSR CMUs will differ from the standard process.

Where there are genuine co-located assets, the Settlement Body will offer an interim difference metering solution for these assets.

Metering Configurations for domestic DSR CMUs can still be submitted through the standard process, however these Configurations will not be subject to the same timely validation as those submitted through the FCFS process and therefore may require resubmission if there are data quality or ownership dispute issues. Submission through the standard process may therefore affect a CMU's ability to meet metering and DSR Test deadlines.

2. Purpose

The purpose of this document is to guide Capacity Providers through the domestic DSR Metering Configuration submission and approval process for Delivery Year 2026/27, clarifying:

- The Metering Configuration submission process
- How the "First Come, First Served" principle will be applied
- The validation and checks performed by EMRS on submitted Metering Configurations
- Interactions with My EMRS and the NESO portal
- How ownership issues are handled and resolved

The FCFS principle is being applied to domestic DSR Metering Configurations to help mitigate ongoing issues where multiple CPs claim DSR control over the same asset or have co-located assets where one CP is using the boundary point MPAN to demonstrate their DSR control.

It is outside of the Settlement Body's remit to make decisions on commercial or contractual agreements or resolve commercial or contractual disputes between CPs relating to DSR customers or assets. The Settlement Body will accept the Metering Configuration for the Capacity Provider who submitted the configuration first as having contractual DSR control over these assets. As two Capacity Providers cannot claim contractual control over the same DSR performance, the Settlement Body cannot accept the Metering Configuration that is submitted for a configuration that has already been accepted.

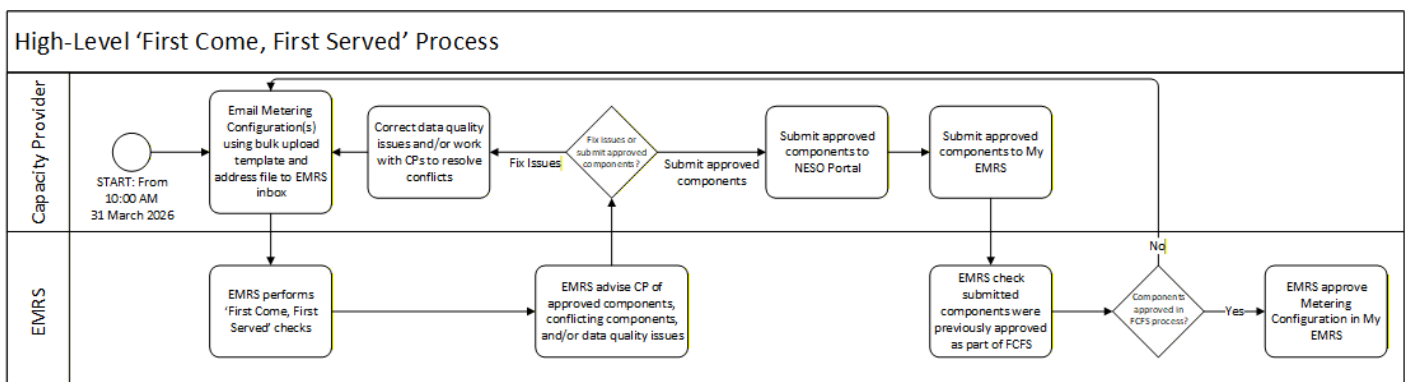
The new FCFS process is designed to identify and manage potential DSR control conflicts and co-located assets earlier, improve transparency, and reduce the risk of duplicate claims. The intention is to give CPs sufficient time to resolve any issues with submitted metering configurations.

¹ A Meter Point Administration Number (MPAN) is a unique 21-digit reference used to identify electricity supply points, essentially pinpointing a specific property's electricity connection on the national grid.

3. High-Level ‘First Come, First Served’ Process for Capacity Providers in Delivery Year 2026/27

The ‘First Come, First Served’ process for Capacity Providers is summarised at a high-level below. A detailed process breakdown is provided in section 4.

- 3.1 The prerequisites for your submissions to be considered as part of FCFS are:
- a) Capacity Providers must be registered on My EMRS to participate in the FCFS process; and
 - b) Your CMU(s) must have a Capacity Agreement and Capacity Obligation for Delivery Year 2026/27.
- 3.2 From 10:00 am on 31 March 2026, submit your CMU Metering Configuration(s) and address and postcode information for each component to contact@emrsettlement.co.uk. Metering Configurations and address and post code information must be submitted by attaching to the email:
- a) A completed bulk upload template. The bulk upload template can be downloaded from My EMRS; and
- 3.3 A spreadsheet in **Excel format (.xlsx)** containing four columns: your intended component IDs, MPANs, their addresses, and their post codes. Ensure you have not changed any of the headers/formats of the files attached to your submission email as any changes may impede the FCFS process.
- 3.4 Wait for EMRS confirmation – EMRS will review your submission and email you to confirm which components are approved and whether any issues have been identified which have resulted in any components not being approved.
- 3.5 Resolve any issues (if required) – if EMRS’s checks identify components that have been claimed by another CP or share a boundary point MPAN with another CP, you can either:
- a) **If another CP has claimed the components:** work with the other CP(s) to resolve any ownership disputes and notify EMRS of the resolution and which CP has ownership of the components for DY 2026/27; or
 - b) **If an asset is co-located with another asset:** notify EMRS as such; or
 - c) Continue the process with only the approved list of components.
- 3.6 Submit approved components to NESO’s portal – EMRS will advise you of the components that have been approved. These components can then be submitted to NESO’s portal. Any components submitted to NESO’s portal that were not in the approved list provided by EMRS may result in delays to your Metering Configuration being approved and will not be subject to the same timely validation as those submitted in the FCFS process.
- 3.7 Submit the same approved components to My EMRS – EMRS will verify the submitted components are the same as those provided in step 3 and then approve the Metering Configuration.



4. Detailed ‘First Come, First Served’ Process for Capacity Providers

Ref	When	Action	From	To	Input Information Required	Method
4.1	Before CAN Release	Ensure you are registered on My EMRS.	Capacity Provider	My EMRS		
4.2	From 10:00 am on 31 March 2026	<p>Email contact@emrsettlement.co.uk and attach:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Bulk upload template(s) containing your CMU Metering Configuration(s); and 2) A spreadsheet containing four columns: your intended component IDs, MPANs, their addresses, and their post codes. <p>Metering Configurations must be submitted using the bulk upload template which can be downloaded from My EMRS.</p> <p>Metering Configurations not submitted in the bulk upload template will not be accepted for FCFS.</p> <p>Ensure that you have not changed any of the headers/formats of the files attached to your submission email as any changes may impede the FCFS process.</p>	Capacity Provider	EMRS	Bulk Upload Template Address and postcode information for each component	Email
4.3	Following 4.2	<p>Check each component in submitted Metering Configurations for:</p> <p>If the component has been claimed in another Capacity Provider’s CMU’s Metering Configuration in Delivery Year 2026/27.</p> <p>If the component shares a boundary point MPAN with another component in another CMU’s Metering Configuration</p> <p>If the provided address and postcode for the component match what is in a third-party industry data source.</p>	EMRS			

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Ref	When	Action	From	To	Input Information Required	Method
4.4	Following 4.3	<p>Email the Capacity Provider and advise which, if any:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Components that have been approved Components that have been claimed in another Capacity Provider's CMU's Metering Configuration Components that share a boundary point MPAN with another component in another Capacity Provider's CMU's Metering Configuration Components which provided address and/or postcode does not match what is in the third-party industry data source. 	EMRS	Capacity Provider		Email
4.5	If components have been claimed by another CP	<p>If any submitted components have been identified as having been claimed in another Capacity Provider's CMU's Metering Configuration that was submitted prior to yours, these components cannot be accepted in your Metering Configuration unless EMRS is contacted by both CPs advising which CP has the DSR control of those components.</p>	Capacity Provider	EMRS		Email
4.6	If components share a boundary point MPAN with another CP	<p>If any submitted components share a boundary point MPAN with another component in another Capacity Provider's CMU's Metering Configuration and are genuine co-located assets, advise EMRS and ESC which components are co-located.</p> <p>ESC will subsequently start the on-boarding process of its difference metering solution using its Head End System.</p>	Capacity Provider	EMRS ESC		Email

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Ref	When	Action	From	To	Input Information Required	Method
4.7	If component address and/or postcode information is incorrect	<p>If any submitted component's address and/or postcode does not match what is recorded in the third party industry data source, resubmit the spreadsheet with address and postcode information to EMRS with the corrected information.</p> <p>Any components with data quality issues will not be considered claimed until the issues are resolved. The initial submission time and date of components re-submitted to resolve data quality issues will not be retained.</p>	Capacity Provider	EMRS		Email
4.8		Submit approved components to the NESO portal.	Capacity Provider	NESO		NESO Portal
4.9		Submit approved components to My EMRS. ²	Capacity Provider	EMRS	Bulk Upload Template	My EMRS
4.10		Verify that the components submitted to NESO match the approved components provided in step 4.4 and no changes have been made.	EMRS			
4.11		Approve the configuration in My EMRS.	EMRS			My EMRS

² The process to submit components is described in WP26 – Capacity Provider Metering Configuration which can be accessed on the [EMRS Working Practices](#) webpage.

5. Questions and Answers

5.1 How do I submit my Metering Configuration and claim my components as part of the FCFS process?

From 10:00 am on 31 March 2026, submit your CMU Metering Configuration(s) and spreadsheet with address and postcode information for each component to contact@emrsettlement.co.uk. Metering Configurations must be submitted by attaching a completed bulk upload template to the email. The bulk upload template can be downloaded from My EMRS.

5.2 What format does my Metering Configuration need to be in as part of the FCFS process?

EMRS will only accept Metering Configurations as part of the FCFS process if they are in the bulk upload template. The bulk upload template can be downloaded from My EMRS.

EMRS will not accept any Metering Configuration that is not in this format or if there are formatting errors in the file. Ensure that you have not changed any of the headers of the files attached to your submission email as any changes may impede the FCFS process.

5.3 What checks will EMRS perform on Metering Configurations submitted as part of the FCFS process?

For each submitted component, EMRS will check:

- If the component has been claimed in another Capacity Provider's CMU's Metering Configuration;
- If the component shares a boundary point MPAN with another component in another CMU's Metering Configuration; and
- If the provided address and postcode for the component match what is in a third-party industry data source.

5.4 At what point in the process will submitted components be 'claimed' by a CP?

A component will be considered claimed by a CP the first time it is submitted in a Metering Configuration from 10:00 am on 31 March 2026.

If EMRS's checks reveal data quality errors with the address and postcode the component will not be considered claimed for that CP.

5.5 How long will the FCFS process take?

The Settlement Body will process DSR Metering Configurations as resource allows and, where practicable, in advance of relevant metering and testing deadlines. Responsibility for meeting metering and testing deadlines remains solely with the Capacity Provider.

5.6 Can I claim a component prior to CAN release?

The Settlement Body will not consider a component claimed by a CP if it is submitted prior to 10:00 am on 31 March 2026.

Components submitted prior to 10:00 am on 31 March 2026 in NESO's portal for prequalified CMUs will not be considered claimed by a CP by the Settlement Body until those components are submitted as part of the FCFS process after CAN release.

5.7 Can I check if any components have already been claimed by another CP?

Components that have already been approved in Metering Configurations and therefore claimed by another CP can be viewed in EMRS's Capacity Market Metering Registers. The Metering Registers can be downloaded from the Settlement Data for Capacity Providers webpage.

5.8 My Proven DSR CMU has an agreement in the current Delivery Year and I am intending on obtaining a new agreement for it in the next Delivery Year. Will my CMU’s Metering Configuration automatically be ‘rolled over’ into the new Delivery Year and therefor its components will automatically be claimed?

Yes, any Proven DSR CMU that already has an agreement in DY 2025/26 and is obtaining an agreement in DY 2026/27 will have its approved Metering Configuration rolled over into the new Delivery Year. The Settlement Body will consider these components claimed from the time of CAN release.

You will not need to send the bulk upload templates to EMRS if the Metering Configuration is not changing from the last Delivery Year.

5.9 My Proven DSR CMU will not be obtaining a new agreement in the next Delivery Year and will instead be Secondary Trading into the Delivery Year. Will my CMU’s Metering Configuration automatically be ‘rolled over’ into the new Delivery Year and its components automatically claimed?

The Settlement Body will ensure any Proven DSR CMU that is Capacity Obligated due to Secondary Trading or Auction Acquired Capacity will have its existing Metering Configuration rolled over into the new Delivery Year.

If your Secondary Trade has not yet been finalised by NESO, provide supporting information or evidence of the trade being in progress to the contact@emrsettlement.co.uk inbox to ensure your CMU's Metering Configuration is rolled over.

5.10 If a component is claimed by more than one CMU, how will submission order of components be determined?

Submission order will be determined using the date and time the email with the bulk upload template containing the component attached is received by the contact@emrsettlement.co.uk inbox. The date and time will be determined using the email’s metadata in Outlook.

5.11 If I resubmit my Metering Configuration, will this affect my claim/priority to a component?

No, a component will be considered claimed by the first CP to submit it in their Metering Configuration. Resubmission of a Metering Configuration containing this same component will not ‘reset’ this claim.

5.12 My component has already been claimed by another CP, but I have contractual DSR control over it. Will my component be approved in my Metering Configuration?

If another CP has already claimed a component, it will not be approved in a second CP’s Metering Configuration when it is submitted.

The Settlement Body will only accept a component on the later-submitting CP’s Metering Configuration if EMRS are advised by both CPs that the component can be released to the later-submitting CP.

CPs that wish to release components should submit them, one per CMU, in the Released Meters Template.



Released Meters
Template.xlsx

An example of how to fill in the spreadsheet can be found here below.

MPAN Pathway CMUs

CMU ID	Component ID	MPAN or Boundary MPAN	BME ID
HOUSE1	287	2200013109731	

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Self-Submission (Bespoke/Balancing) Pathway CMUs

CMU ID	Component ID	MPAN or Boundary MPAN	BME ID
EVCH4R	36	1200061979944	EVCH4RGERNET000000

The Settlement Body encourages CPs to discuss their Metering Configurations amongst themselves prior to submission to avoid potential conflicts. Where there are conflicts in component submission, the Settlement Body cannot make decisions on commercial or contractual agreements and therefore cannot assist in the resolution of conflicting component disputes.

5.13 Can components submitted under the FCFS process be reallocated between a CP's CMUs prior to formal submission?

Yes, under the FCFS process, components will be considered claimed at a CP level rather than CMU level to enable CPs to allocate the component to another of their CMUs later if required.

Components submitted in the bulk upload template must be assigned to a CMU; however, the CMU they are assigned to can be changed by the time of formal submission to the NESO portal and My EMRS.

5.14 My asset is co-located with another CP's asset. Will I be able to include its component in my Metering Configuration?

Yes, the Settlement Body is offering a difference metering solution for co-located assets. The Settlement Body cannot identify co-located assets through its checks and will have to be advised of co-location after the list of approved and conflicting components is returned to the CP.

The difference solution can only be offered where:

- One CP is using asset metering to demonstrate the asset's performance and the other is using the boundary point MPAN; and
- Both CPs opt-in to use ESC's head end system to enable the difference metering solution.

5.14.1 Scenario 1: Asset meter component submits prior to Boundary point MPAN

Under FCFS, the Settlement Body cannot accept the components for a CP that is using the boundary point MPAN if they submit their Metering Configurations after the asset metered CP. If both CPs opt-in to use the difference metering solution then the components can be accepted.

5.14.2 Scenario 2: Boundary point MPAN component submits prior to Asset meter component

Under FCFS, the Settlement Body cannot accept the existing component for a CP that is using the boundary point MPAN if it has been evidenced there is a separately control asset meter behind the boundary point MPAN.

If both CPs opt-in to use the difference metering solution: Settlement Body will work with the CP with the boundary point MPAN to update their Metering Configuration to account for the asset metered component.

If the CP with the Boundary Point MPAN component does not opt-in to use the difference metering solution: in the current state the Boundary Point MPAN would be submitting meter readings for total performance behind the boundary point including the co-located asset meter. The Settlement Body is required to ensure accuracy in settlement and will be required to remove the Boundary Point MPAN.

5.14.3 Scenario 3: Both CPs are using asset meter components

If both CPs are using asset metering then no difference metering will need to be performed, and the components will be approved in the respective CMUs' Metering Configurations.

5.15 My CMU is using the Bespoke Metering pathway; do I still need to submit my Metering Configuration as part of the FCFS process?

Yes, the Settlement Body is asking all CPs with domestic DSR CMUs to submit their Metering Configurations as part of the FCFS process. The Settlement Body is asking this for all DSR CMUs regardless of their metering pathway as:

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- Settlement Body cannot determine what assets have been claimed by what Capacity Provider until they submit their Metering Configurations;
- Capacity Providers are not aware that another Capacity Provider has claimed the same asset or a co-located asset until the Settlement Body notifies the Capacity Providers as such; and
- The Settlement Body cannot check for co-located assets. The Settlement Body only becomes aware that assets are co-located when the Capacity Providers are advised of the conflicts and then confirm to the Settlement Body that the assets are co-located (and not duplicated).

5.16 Can I submit my components to the NESO portal and My EMRS without participating in the FCFS process?

Yes, components and Metering Configurations can still be submitted using the standard submission processes for the Capacity Market. However, the Settlement Body notes the following risks for domestic DSR components submitted without following the FCFS process:

- The same checks will be performed on these components as those performed as part of the FCFS process. These checks will be done as operational resource allows. EMRS cannot advise in advance when this will be. For the FCFS checks, the order of when these components were submitted will be determined as EMRS resource allows.
- Components will only be considered claimed at the point where EMRS approves the Metering Configuration. Approval of Metering Configurations in My EMRS will be done as operational resource allows. EMRS cannot advise in advance when this will be.
- If any components have been claimed by another CP, components in the NESO portal and Metering Configurations to My EMRS may need to be resubmitted. The resubmission process adds additional operational burden to EMRS. A CMU's ability to meet its metering and DSR Test requirements may be hindered if this resubmission occurs close to metering deadlines.

5.17 Can I participate in FCFS with an Unproven DSR CMU that is planning to Secondary Trade into Delivery Year 2026/27 but has not yet initiated a trade or taken on capacity?

Capacity Providers wishing to enter an Unproven DSR CMU as a Secondary Trading Entrant should check the CM Metering Register to confirm if a component is already claimed by a CMU.

Unproven DSR CMUs that are planning on Secondary Trading into the Delivery Year will be required to complete their Metering Assessment, pass a Metering Test if required, and acquire a DSR Test Certificate.

It is important to note the CM Metering Register will be a point in time check. We recommend Capacity Providers carry out this process once the FCFS process has sufficiently progressed and components are approved and uploaded to the Settlement Body.

The Settlement Body cannot guarantee that components not identified as claimed will still be unclaimed at the point at which a Secondary Trading entrant's configuration is assessed by the Settlement Body for approval. FCFS will prioritise Capacity Obligated and Proven DSR CMUs.

6. Need more information?

For more information, please visit our website www.emrsettlement.co.uk or email us at contact@emrsettlement.co.uk.