

DCP 291 Working Group Meeting 01

30 March 2017 at 10:00am

Web-Conference

Attendee	Company
Working Group Members	
Anika Brandt [AB]	SSE
Chris Ong [CO]	UK Power Networks
Claire Campbell [CC]	Scottish Power Energy Networks
Dave Wornell [DW]	UK Power Networks
Edda Dirks [ED]	Ofgem
Code Administrator	
Rosalind Timperley [RT] (Chair)	ElectraLink
Dan Fittock [DF] (technical secretariat)	ElectraLink

Apologies	Company
Andrew Enzor [AE]	Northern Powergrid
Robert Fairbairn [RF]	Northern Powergrid

1. Administration

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed the members to the meeting.
- 1.2 The Working Group reviewed the “Competition Law Do’s and Don’ts”. All Working Group members agreed to be bound by the Competition Laws Do’s and Don’ts for the duration of the meeting.
- 1.3 The Terms of Reference for the meeting were reviewed and the Working Group agreed that these were a fair and accurate representation of the Working Group’s objectives.

2. Purpose of the Meeting

- 2.1 The secretariat set out that the purpose of the meeting is to review 2012 Ofgem decision on F Factor setting for Intermittent Generators and to review the draft Consultation document.

3. Review of 2012 Ofgem Decision on F Factor setting for Intermittent Generators

A copy of the 2012 Ofgem decision can be found as Attachment 1.

- 3.1 The Working Group reviewed the 2012 Ofgem Decision on the F factor setting for Intermittent Generators, noting that the reason for the Ofgem rejection in this area was the risk of import customers being double charged for network reinforcement.
- 3.2 Some Working Group members argued that intermittent generators still generate at time of peak, and so they should still be eligible of receiving credits just as the non—intermittent generators do because they too are contributing to the network at that particular time. Other Working Group members disagreed, noting that there had been no change since the 2012 Ofgem decision and that it was unlikely that they would change their view in light of no specific evidence to the contrary being supplied. Double charging still exists as when the reinforcement costs are being calculated, DNOs set up the network with non-intermittent generators on the F factor and intermittent generators are not included in the calculations. Reinforcement costs are thus based only on non-intermittent generators, and the cost difference is used to calculate generation credits for non-intermittent generators. The reinforcement cost is likely to be higher as intermittent generators are not included as part of the cost calculations.
- 3.3 The Working Group agreed that in order to progress this change, an industry view would be required and that this topic should be added into the consultation document for consideration. It was noted by the Ofgem representative that the chosen solution put forward by the Working Group will need to incorporate the intermittent generator's contribution to reinforcement, but also remove any risks of double charging.
- 3.4 The Ofgem representative also noted that there are a number of DCUSA Working Groups currently discussing various aspects of credits for Distributed Generation, such as DCP 283 and DCP 287. It was recommended that the Working Group review these other DCUSA changes to ensure that their implementation would not have an impact on DCP 291, and ElectraLink agreed that this should be included as part of the next Working Group meeting agenda.

4. Review of the DCP 291 Draft Consultation

A copy of the DCP 291 Draft Consultation document can be found as Attachment 2.

- 4.1 The Working Group reviewed the DCP 291 draft consultation document, making a number of observations:

- Clause 1.2 should be expanded to include further detail on the DCMF MIG issue that resulted in this proposal being raised; and
- It was noted that if the Working Group agrees that there are crossovers with other changes such as DCP 283 and DCP 287 at the next meeting, this should be captured in the consultation.

4.2 It was noted that at the last Working Group meeting an action was placed on all DNOs to use the RFI template compiled by AE to undertake an impact assessment of the proposed changes, however no responses were received. An action to provide this to the Working Group was taken by all DNO Working Group members.

ACTION: 02/01 – All DNO WG Members

4.3 ElectraLink agreed to take an action to update the consultation document to reflect the amendments as discussed at today's meeting.

ACTION: 02/02 - ElectraLink

5. Work Plan

5.1 The DCP 291 Working Group reviewed the Work Plan and ElectraLink agreed to update this as a result of the meeting discussions.

6. Agenda Items for the next meeting

- 6.1 The Working Group agreed to add the following items to the agenda for the next meeting;
- Interaction with other DCUA CPs;
 - Review of RFI data; and
 - Review of draft consultation.

7. Any Other Business

- 7.1 There were no items of AOB and the Chair closed the meeting.
- 7.2 It was noted by a Working Group member that the discussions around this proposal hinge on the outcome of P26. AB agreed to take an action to give the Working Group a summary of the background of P26.

ACTION: 02/03 - AB

8. Date of Next Meeting: 5 June 2017

8.1 The Working Group agreed to have the next meeting on 5 June 2017.

9. Attachments

- Attachment 1 – Ofgem 2012 Decision on F Factor setting for Intermittent Generators
 - Attachment 2 – DCP 291 Draft Consultation Document
 - Attachment 3 - DCP 291 Work Plan
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New and open actions

Action Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
02/01	To complete the RFI template compiled by AE to undertake an impact assessment of the proposed changes under DCP 291.	All DNO WG Members	
02/02	To update the consultation document to reflect the amendments as discussed at today's meeting.	ElectraLink	
02/03	To give the Working Group a summary of the background of P26.	Anika Brandt	

Closed actions

Action Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
01/01	To locate the Ofgem decision documentation from 2012 and circulate this to the Working Group to give clarity to this query.	Andrew Enzor	Complete – Agenda item
01/02	To prepare a draft template for the RFI and circulate this to the Working Group so that the DNOs present can submit their data to ElectraLink in a uniform format.	Andrew Enzor	Complete.