DCUSA Standing Issues Group DCUSA Issues Form 50 Meeting_03 Minutes

23 April 2018 at 14:00
Web-Conference

Attendee	Company
Subgroup Members	
Chris Lawton [CL]	British Gas
Emslie Law [EL]	SSE
Peter Morgan [PM]	BEIS
Steven Gough [SG]	SSE
Tim Newton [TN]	Gemserv
Warren Lacey [WL]	Northern Powergrid
Code Administrator	
John Lawton [JL] (Chair)	ElectraLink
Joseph Underwood [JU] (Technical Secretary)	ElectraLink

1. Administration

1.1 The Chair welcomed the members to the meeting.

1.2 The Subgroup reviewed the "Competition Law Do's and Don'ts". All members agreed to be bound by the Competition Laws Do's and Don'ts for the duration of the meeting.

1.3 The Subgroup reviewed the minutes from the previous minutes and agreed they were an accurate reflection of discussions held.

1.4 Regarding action 02/02, SG informed the Subgroup that he had been in touch with the proposer of SECMP 0046. SG confirmed that a solution to DIF50 could be incorporated into the SECMP 0046 solution. The Subgroup decided that this should be addressed as part of the next steps section below.

1.5 Regarding action 02/03, the Secretariat confirmed they had contacted a representative at BEIS who had dialled into the meeting in order to give an update. The representative from BEIS informed the Subgroup that there is an obligation on the Data Communication Company (DCC) to provide Wide

Area Network (WAN) coverage to 95% of GB by 2020. Presently there are no obligations on suppliers in no-WAN areas.

2. Introduction

2.1 The Chair set out that the main purpose of the meeting was for the DIF50 Subgroup to review the draft solution and decide on next steps.

3. Review if the draft solution

3.1 The Chair informed the Subgroup that they had drafted the solution and circulated it around the Group, but no comments or amendments had been received.

3.2 The Subgroup reviewed the draft solution and some changes were made:

- The wording of paragraph 1.1 was amended to say that time switching settings on smart metering systems are normally applied remotely. Local control can be achieved by hand-held devices, but it is not mandated.
- Paragraph 3.2 was added to state that the current contract to continue RTS with Arqiva ends at the end of March 2020.

3.3 An issue was identified by the Subgroup whereby if a customer in a load managed area, and previously subject to RTS arrangements, changes supplier, that supplier can change the customer's tariff and switching arrangements (but only if the customer agrees). DNOs have no visibility of this action and constraints may start to appear on the system where RTS switching arrangements previously prevented this.

3.4 The amended draft solution can be found as Attachment 1.

4. Next steps

4.1 It was agreed that a consultation to wider industry should be drafted and circulated to the Working Group by 04 May 2018. The Subgroup will then be invited to provide comments and amendments by 11th May 2018.

ACTION 03/01: ElectraLink to draft a consultation and circulate to the DIF50 Subgroup
ACTION 03/02: Subgroup to provide comments and amendments to the draft consultation

5. Agenda Items for the next meeting

5.1 The Subgroup agreed that agenda items for the workshop should include:

- Review consultation responses;
- Review of suggested legal text; and
- Next steps.

6. Date of Next Meeting: 11 June 2018 at 10:00 am

6.1 The Subgroup agreed to hold the next meeting on 11 June 2018 at 10:00 am held face to face at a venue in central London

7. Any Other Business

7.1 There were no items of AOB and the Chair closed the meeting.

8. Attachments

- Attachment 1 – DIF50 draft solution

New and open actions

Action Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
03/01	ElectraLink to draft a consultation and circulate to the DIF50 Subgroup	ElectraLink	
03/02	Subgroup to provide comments and amendments to the draft consultation	Subgroup members	

Closed actions

Action Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
02/01	The Chair to draft the solution derived from DIF45 and circulate it to the DIF50 group.	Chair	Completed
02/02	SG to investigate whether the SECMP 0046 solution could be extended to incorporate the DIF50 issue.	Steven Gough	Completed
02/03	Electralink to contact BEIS and enquire what their smart meter policy is if a geographical area does not receive WAN.	ElectraLink	Completed
01/01	The Secretariat to formally invite colleagues from: BEIS, Energy UK, Gemserv, Elexon and Ofgem	ElectraLink	Completed

01/02	The Secretariat to confirm the date and location of the next meeting.	ElectraLink	