

DCUSA SIG Meeting Minutes

Meeting Name	DCUSA Standing Issues Group (SIG)
Meeting Number	068
Date	27 March 2015
Time	10:00
Location	Teleconference

Attendee	Company
Richard Vernon [RV] (Chair)	Npower
Alex Greetham [AG]	UK Power Networks
Donald Preston [DP]	SSE
Emslie Law [EL]	SSE
Matthew Hays-Stimson [MHS] (part-meeting)	UK Power Networks
Paul Smith [PS]	AMO
Sue Calvert [SC]	Northern Powergrid
Claire Hynes [CH] (Secretariat)	ElectraLink

Apologies	Company
Bethany Hanna	Ofgem
Chris Allanson	Northern Powergrid
Helen Fosberry	E.ON
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Tony Savka	ENWL

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1 ADMINISTRATION

- 1.1 The minutes of the last meeting were approved with minor amendments.
- 1.2 The group reviewed the open actions. Updates on all actions are set out in Appendix A.

2 **DIF 047 'POPULATION OF ASC IN ECOES'**

- 2.1 The DCUSA SIG Chair advised that an issue (MIF 158) had been raised under the Master Registration Agreement (MRA) Issues Resolution Expert Group (IREG) to mandate the provision of Available Supply Capacity (ASC) information in ECOES. The Chair advised that the MRA IREG noted the proposed change would be in conflict with DCUSA obligations around privacy of customer data. DIF 047 has been raised under the DCUSA SIG to determine the likely impacts on DCUSA and whether a consequential change would need to be raised to DCUSA.
- 2.2 The DCUSA SIG noted that the provision of the ASC may be of benefit to the development of a solution to the DCP 181 '*Previous Connection Terms Enduring*' change.
- 2.3 The DCUSA SIG agreed to issue an e-mail to DCUSA SIG members, the disbanded DCP 179 Working Group distribution list and the DCP 181 Working Group members to ask the following questions and request responses by the 10 April 2014.
 - What are the DCUSA obligations regarding the privacy of customer data and how are they impacted by the MRA IREG proposed change?
 - Are there any non-privacy DCUSA impacts that should be highlighted to the MRA IREG?
 - Does the MRA IREG proposed change provide any benefits to the DCP 181 Change Proposal?
 - Do you have any other comments?

ACTION 068/01: ELECTRALINK

3 **DIF 045 'REPLICATING TIME SWITCHING AND LOAD SWITCHING IN THE SMART ROLL-OUT'**

- 3.1 The DCUSA SIG Chair approached Elexon to set up an issues group on the subject of DIF 045 '*Replicating Time Switching And Load Switching In The Smart Roll-Out*'. The DCUSA SIG Chair provided a brief summary of Jon Spence's e-mail on DIF 045. Members considered that Elexon is interested in balancing the market and the accuracy of their data from a settlements perspective as opposed to the intricacies of the switching arrangements.
- 3.2 The DCUSA SIG requested for the Jon Spence e-mail of the 09 March 2015 be circulated to DCUSA SIG members and the DCP 204 Working Group distribution list.

ACTION 068/02: ELECTRALINK

- 3.3 The DCUSA SIG have concluded that this change best sits under DCUSA as there is an obligation under the Distribution Licence for Distributors to manage an efficient network which includes load management and demand control areas. Although there are other mechanisms to manage the load it is clear from discussion groups on this topic that Distributors are unhappy with the ability to manage the load through RTS meters disappearing and consider that a change is required.
- 3.4 Members discussed demand side control management, the issue of off-peak peaks and how to control the pattern of consumption. Members considered that not all RTS meters would be replaced by smart meters and the length of time until the RTS agreement expires.
- 3.5 The general consensus is that the RTS allowed for loads to be switched to adjust system wide demand but that with the introduction of smart grids a more dynamic form of switching and load management is required and should include managing local peak demand. One member suggested the installation of a custom owned mechanical electrical switch to pick up load in certain periods.

- 3.6 Members considered the impact of electric vehicle charging points being installed in the centre of towns. Charging peaks could occur at indeterminate time periods and be geographically widespread across the network without their being any controls in place.
- 3.7 One DCP 204 Working Group attendee noted that discussions with the Authority had led to the view that it is acceptable to restrict the customer if it prevents the DNO from having to undertake multi-million pound network reinforcement that would trickle down to the customer through DUoS anyway.
- 3.8 The DCUSA SIG agreed that DIF 045 was an active network management issue and recommended that this issue is sent back to the DCP 204 *'Smart Metering Related Amendments to Schedule 8'* Working Group due to the high level of cross-over between the two topics. It is noted that the DCP 204 intent¹ could encompass this change but that the DCP 204 Working Group may consider the scope of the change required too large for one CP. The DCUSA SIG suggest that the Working Group carve out or define the scope and boundaries of DIF 045 in relation to the DCP 204 CP so that it may be raised as a separate CP. It is noted that if a separate change was raised, both Working Groups would be seeking to change the same legal text in Schedule 8 and as a result both Working Groups would need to work closely together to ensure their approach is aligned.

ACTION 068/03: EL

4 ISSUES LOG

- 4.1 The DCUSA SIG reviewed the DCUSA Issues log and noted that:

DIF 046 'Provision of Service Termination Equipment Information to Distributors'

- The proposer of DIF 046 agreed to close the change as this issue has now been formally raised as the DCP 235 *'Provision of Service Termination Equipment Information'* CP which was initially assessed at the March DCUSA Panel meeting. Members noted that the invitation to the DCP 235 Working Group closes on the 03 April 2015 and requested for the invitation to be issued to the DCMF distribution list.

ACTION 068/04: ELECTRALINK

5 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 5.1 There were no items of any other business.

6 NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

- 6.1 The DCUSA SIG agreed to consider the following agenda items at its next meeting on the 24 April 2015:
- DIF 047: Population of ASC in ECOES.

7 NEXT MEETING – 24 APRIL 2015

- 7.1 The next DCUSA SIG meeting will take place at 10:00 on 24 April 2015.

¹ The DCP 204 CP seeks to amend DCUSA Schedule 8 to reflect the migration of load switching technologies deployed by Suppliers in customer premises from established devices, such as radio teleswitches (RTS) and timeswitches, to smart metering technologies. The legacy switching devices will become redundant following the completion of the smart metering roll out.

APPENDIX A: SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

NEW AND OPEN ACTIONS

Action Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
061/03	LF agreed to discuss the issue highlighted by Housekeeping Amendment no. 65 internally at Ofgem in order to provide suggestions on the best way forward for the issue at this stage.	Lesley Ferrando	On-going . LF advised that Ofgem had been internally debating the issue of the Green Deal licence drafting and the definition error identified by a DCUSA SIG member. LF suggested that Ofgem will need to interact with DECC in order to see if the definition can be changed. LF advised that she had located the correct contact for this issue in DECC who have acknowledged that the drafting of the definition identified is an error. She is expecting progression on the correction of the Green Deal licence drafting in the next two weeks.
062/01	MHS agreed to draft a housekeeping CP based on DIF 043 to clarify what is covered by the Distributor and the requirements of licence condition 12.9 (a).	Matthew Hays Stimson	On-going . This change will be raised once the licence has changed.
062/02	The proposer agreed to draft a CP based on DIF 041 and the preferred Option 1 identified in the responses to the RFI.	Matthew Hays Stimson	On-going .
068/01	Issue an e-mail to DCUSA SIG members, the disbanded DCP 179 Working Group distribution list and the DCP 181 Working Group members to ask the following questions and request responses by the 10 April 2014. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What are the DCUSA obligations regarding the privacy of customer data and how are they impacted by the MRA IREG proposed change? Are there any non-privacy DCUSA impacts 	ElectraLink	

	<p>that should be highlighted to the MRA IREG?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does the MRA IREG proposed change provide any benefits to the DCP 181 Change Proposal? Do you have any other comments? 		
068/02	Circulate the Jon Spence e-mail of the 09 March 2015 to DCUSA SIG members and the DCP 204 Working Group distribution list.	ElectraLink	
068/03	Provide the DCUSA SIG recommendation that the DCUSA Issue 045 is sent back to the DCP 204 ' <i>Smart Metering Related Amendments to Schedule 8</i> ' Working Group due to the high level of cross-over between the two topics. The Working Group needs to carve out or define the scope and boundaries of DIF 045 in relation to the DCP 204 CP if they do not wish to encompass a solution to this issue within the DCP 204 change.	Emslie Law	
068/04	Send the DCP 235 Working Group invitation to the DCMF distribution list.	ElectraLink	

ACTIONS AGREED CLOSED AT THE MEETING

Action Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
052/06	Draft an e-mail on the incomplete rota disconnection data and circulate to DCUSA SIG members and the DCUSA Contract Managers	Julia Haughey	Closed. Julia Haughey has advised that she will be following up on the incomplete rota disconnection data issue. The SIG agreed to issue an e-mail requesting a rough timescale on the expected progression of this issue. Members agreed to close this action and re-raise it if further progression on this topic occurs.

067/01	Draft a CP on DIF 046 and circulate to DCUSA SIG members for review prior to submitting it to the March DCUSA Panel for initial assessment.	Graham Smith	Completed. DIF 046 was raised as DCP 235 and a Working Group invitation was issued to DCUSA Contract Managers which closes on the 03 April 2015. One member requested that this invitation be sent to the DCMF distribution list.
067/02	Approach Elexon in regards to setting up an issues group on DIF45 under the BSC.	Richard Vernon	Completed. Please see Section 3 of the meeting minutes.