

# DCUSA Standing Issues Group DCUSA

## Issues Form 50 Meeting Minutes

05 March 2018 at 10:00am  
Web-Conference

Attendee	Company
<b>Subgroup Members</b>	
Chris Lawton [CL]	British Gas
Emslie Law [EL]	SSE
Julie Jeffreys [JJ]	Spark Energy
Nigel Kempson [NK]	Western Power
Steven Gough [SG]	SSE
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<b>Code Administrator</b>	
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.

### 2. Introduction

- 2.1 The Chair set out that the main purpose of the meeting was to review the DCUSA Issues Form (DIF) 50 paper, discuss any potential options going forward, and to review the draft Request for Information (RFI) paper.
- 2.2 The Chair then took the Subgroup through the Terms of Reference (TOR) highlighting the DCUSA Standing Issues Group (SIG) DIF 50 Subgroup was established to consider the impacts, and whether there is an appropriate solution to replace the Radio Teleswitch Service (RTS) arrangements once smart meters have been introduced.

- 2.3 The Subgroup agreed to the TORs and intend to report back to the DCUSA SIG once the issue, and any potential ways forward have been identified.

### 3. Review of DIF 50

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- 3.1 The proposer took the Subgroup through issues which led to the raising of DIF 50.
- 3.2 The current RTS functionality gives the ability to increase the load of a group of customers in a demand-controlled area over the space of, for example, an hour, rather than all at once. This smoothing of a demand profile alleviates any potential strain to a part of a network.
- 3.3 The proposer noted that DCP 204 'Smart Metering Related Amendments to Schedule 8' highlighted an issue whereby a DNO has the ability to load profile customers who use legacy meters but have no ability to do this if the customer has a SMETS2 meter.
- 3.4 The RTS is currently funded and managed by the Energy Networks Association (ENA) and broadcast through radio 4 signal. However, these towers are scheduled to be decommissioned and therefore the RTS system is to be removed, probably by 2020. There seems to be no measures in place to replace the service.
- 3.5 The DCP 204 Working Group and Ofgem agreed that the matter of RTS and its overall management in the smart world would be looked at after the implementation of DCP 204 and the issue was raised with the SIG.
- 3.6 There are concerns that many customers, particularly those in remote areas of Scotland, rely on the RTS and may not be on smart meters by 2020. Further, once the RTS is removed, DNOs will no longer be able to manage the load for customers especially in demand-controlled areas, which have a limited capacity, and will be unaware of when loads can be switched. This could cause network constraints.
- 3.7 The DIF 50 paper can be found as Attachment 1 to these minutes

### 4. Next Steps

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- 4.1 It was agreed that discussions around an RFI should be delayed until a time when the issue, and any potential solutions are identified. Attendees agreed the Subgroup should meet and have a face to face workshop to fully analyse the issue.
- 4.2 The Secretariat took an action to invite a number of other stakeholders who would have a positive contribution to the workshop.

**ACTION 01/01: The Secretariat to formally invite colleagues from: BEIS, Energy UK, Genserv, Elexon and Ofgem.**

### 5. Agenda Items for the next meeting

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- 5.1 The Subgroup agreed that agenda items for the workshop should include:
- A background to DIF 50;
  - A review of previous workstreams relevant to DIF 50, i.e. DCP 204;
  - What is the extent of the issue; and
  - Potential options for change.

## 6. Any Other Business

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

## 7. Date of Next Meeting: 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> April 2018

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- 7.1 The Subgroup agreed the next meeting shall take place on the 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> April 2018 and should be hosted in the form of a Workshop.

**ACTION 01/02: The Secretariat to confirm the date and location of the next meeting.**

## 8. Attachments

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- Attachment 1 – DIF 50 paper

New and open actions

Action Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
01/01	The Secretariat to formally invite colleagues from: BEIS, Energy UK, Genserv, Elexon and Ofgem	ElectraLink	
01/02	The Secretariat to confirm the date and location of the next meeting.	ElectraLink	