

DCP 343 Working Group Meeting 01

08 April 2019 at 10:00am

Web-Conference

Attendee	Company
Working Group Members	
Andrew Enzor [AE]	Northern Powergrid
Claire Campbell [CC]	SPEN
Donald Preston [DP]	SSEN
Donna Townsend [DT]	ESPUG
Ian Chadwick [IC]	UKPN
Lee Wells [LW]	Northern Powergrid
Rebecca Cailes [RC]	BUUK
Observers	
Ankita Mehra [AM]	Ofgem
Code Administrator	
Angelo Fitzhenry [AF] (Chair)	ElectraLink
Hollie Nicholls [HN] (Technical Secretary)	ElectraLink

Apologies	Company
Dave Wornell	Western Power Distribution
Kathryn Evans	SPEN
Lili Zou	SSEN

1. Administration

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed the members to the meeting.
- 1.2 The Working Group reviewed the “Competition Law Guidance”. All Working Group members agreed to be bound by the Competition Law Guidance 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 and agreed to be bound by them for the duration of the Working Group.

2. Purpose of the Meeting

- 2.1 The Chair set out that the purpose of the meeting is to review and analyse the Change Proposal (CP), review the proposed legal text and agree next steps for the CP.

3. Overview and Review of the DCP 343 Change Proposal

- 3.1 The Proposer provided an overview of the content of DCP 343 which acts as Attachment 1.
- 3.2 Since 2016, DNOs have been required to annually procure a Nominated Calculation Agent (NCA) for the calculation of the ‘HV split’ and ‘LV mains split’ percentages. The ‘LV mains split’ value used is specific to each DNO licensee. The NCA typically charges for its services, and the submissions to the NCA are required from all DNOs and all LDNOs and therefore, is inefficient. The DNOs have all the information available to calculate the ‘LV mains split’ themselves and so there is no need to use an NCA for this calculation.
- 3.3 The CP sets out that the DNOs will use the data from billing information sent via the D0314 flow on 31 March for each financial year. There may be a need for this data to be verified by the IDNOs, whether formally, informally or not at all, however, this can be a question for Parties during the consultation phase.
- 3.4 The Chair questioned what had changed since the implementation of DCP240 ‘Nominated Calculation Agent to calculate the LV mains split’¹ which was implemented on 01 April 2016. It was confirmed that DCP 240 introduced the LV mains split calculation and at that time, it was thought that there was a need for the NCA to complete it.

4. Review of DCP 343 Draft Legal Text

- 4.1 The Working Group reviewed the proposed legal text which can be found as Attachment 2.
- 4.2 The Proposer noted that the proposed legal text removes the requirement for IDNOs to provide data to the NCA for the LV mains split calculation and updates an incorrect Schedule reference that was missed when the PCDMs were merged into Schedule 29.
- 4.3 The legal text also sets out that the DNOs will use the billing data for the calculation of the LV mains split and also defines the timelines for the IDNOs to provide the data to the DNOs.
- 4.4 One Working Group member questioned whether the DNOs will use paragraph 33 of Schedule 29 to calculate the LV mains split. The Proposer confirmed that using a, b and c of paragraph 33 sets out the steps needed for the DNO to complete the calculation.

¹ [DCP 240](#)

5. DCP 343 Consultation Document

- 5.1 The Working Group discussed specific areas which they would like to include in the draft consultation for the CP.
- 5.2 The Working Group agreed that a specific question should be asked regarding the customer counts being taken from the D0314 billing data and whether Parties agree that this would be an appropriate source of the information. It was also suggested that the consultation should discuss whether the IDNOs would need to check the data, formally, informally or not at all.
- 5.3 One Working Group member also suggested that it would be beneficial to include any cost saving information.

6. Work Plan and Next Steps

- 6.1 The Chair walked the Working Group through the draft Work Plan and an updated version can be found as Attachment 3. The following next steps for the CP were as follows:
 - The Secretariat to draft a consultation document to be circulated with the minutes of this meeting;
 - Working Group members to provide any comments by close of play on 18 April 2019;
 - The Secretariat to finalise the consultation and issue out to Parties w/c 22 April 2019 for three weeks; and
 - The Secretariat to update the Work Plan to reflect the next steps.

ACTION 01/01: The Secretariat to draft a consultation document to be circulated to the Working Group with the minutes of the first meeting.

ACTION 01/02: Working Group members to provide any comments and amendments by close of play on 18 April 2019.

ACTION 01/03: The Secretariat to finalise the consultation document and issue to Parties w/c 22 April 2019.

ACTION 01/04: The Secretariat to update the Work Plan to reflect the discussions held.

7. Agenda Items for the next meeting

- 7.1 The Working Group agreed that the next meeting will be to review the consultation responses. It was also requested that a draft Change Report be made available for review at the next meeting.

ACTION 01/05: The Secretariat to draft a Change Report for review at the next Working Group meeting.

8. Any Other Business

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

9. Date of Next Meeting – 21 May 2019

- 9.1 The Working Group agreed that the next meeting will be held on 21 May 2019.

10. Attachments

- Attachment 1 – DCP 343 Change Proposal
- Attachment 2 – DCP 343 Draft Legal Text
- Attachment 3 – DCP 343 Updated Work Plan

New and open actions

Action Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
01/01	The Secretariat to draft a consultation document to be circulated to the Working Group with the minutes of the first meeting.	ElectraLink	
01/02	Working Group members to provide any comments or amendments on the draft consultation by close of play on 18 April 2019	All WG Members	
01/03	The Secretariat to finalise the consultation document and issue to Parties w/c 22 April 2019	ElectraLink	
01/04	The Secretariat to update the Work Plan to reflect the next steps for the CP.	ElectraLink	
01/05	The Secretariat to draft a Change Report for review at the next Working Group meeting	ElectraLink	