

DCP 340 Working Group Meeting 01

02 April 2019 at 1:00pm

Web-Conference

Attendee	Company
Working Group Members	
Andrew Enzor [AE]	Northern Powergrid
Claire Campbell [CC]	SPEN
Donald Preston [DP]	SSEN
Karl Maryon [KM]	Haven Power
Lee Wells [LW]	Northern Powergrid
Rebecca Cailles [RC]	BUUK
Observers	
Paul Guillon [PG]	Ofgem
Code Administrator	
Dylan Townsend [DT] (technical secretariat)	ElectraLink
Hollie Nicholls [HN] (Chair)	ElectraLink

Apologies	Company
Huw Neyroud	ElectraLink

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) and review the proposed legal text.

3. Overview and Review of the DCP 340 Change Proposal

- 3.1 The Proposer provided an overview of the content of DCP 340 which acts as Attachment 1 to these minutes.
- 3.2 The intent of the CP is to remove the need for the Authority to direct that the periods of notice described in Clause 19.1A of DCUSA does not need to apply where the DNO Party has given notice to the Authority under the new distribution licence standard condition 38B *'Treatment of payment claims for last-resort supply where Valid Claim is received on or after 01 April 2019'*, in respect of Last Resort Supply Payment (LRSP) claims which result in breach of a DNO Party's Materiality Threshold. The CP will also seek to define how DNOs should calculate the change to previously published Use of System (UoS) charges required by that licence condition when the Materiality Threshold is breached.
- 3.3 It was highlighted that currently, DNOs have to seek derogation approval to amend their UoS charges following a LRSP claim. Under the new arrangements, following implementation of the associated licence changes, DNOs would only need to seek derogation in relation to the notice period provided for a change to UoS charges, and only in the event of a breach of the Materiality Threshold. The licence establishes the conditions for when less than 15 months' notice is required, and the necessary route to achieve this; including a derogation request if needed. This is inefficient and so building in a process that allows DNOs to update their published UoS charges in the event of a LRSP claim that breaches the Materiality Threshold and without the need for a derogation into the legal text will allow this to be achieved moving forward.
- 3.4 One Working Group member discussed the 40-day notice period that has been suggested as part of the solution for the CP and questioned whether this would be a sufficient amount of time for the IDNO Parties. It was agreed that this should form part of the consultation.
- 3.5 It was also noted that the implementation date for this CP is something that would need to be explained a little further in the consultation. Specifically, that it can remain as the first DCUSA Release following implementation of the updated electricity distribution licence, however, changes may still be needed to published 2020 charges and so the legal text could be incorporated within a pre-release already available for that year, which would then allow DNOs to follow the new process if it is required prior to its actual implementation date.
- 3.6 The Working Group agreed that they were happy with the way the CP was drafted and that they were comfortable with the proposed solution for the change.

4. Review of DCP 340 Draft Legal Text

- 4.1 The Working Group reviewed the proposed legal text and an updated version can be found as Attachment 2.

- 4.2 The Working Group agreed that they were content with the way that the legal text was currently drafted, however, it was noted that in the new Clause 19.1E one item needed to be amended, specifically the word 'Use' to 'User'.

5. Work Plan and Next Steps

- 5.1 The Chair walked the DCP 340 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;
 - The Secretariat to send out a doodle poll for the next Working Group meeting once the consultation publication dates are known; 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: The Secretariat to send out a doodle poll to organise the next Working Group meeting once the consultation publication dates are known.

ACTION 01/03: The Secretariat to update the Work Plan to reflect the next steps for the CP.

6. Agenda Items for the next meeting

- 6.1 The Working Group agreed that the next Working Group meeting will be to review the consultation responses and have requested that a Change Report should also be available to review.

ACTION 01/04: The Secretariat to ensure that a Change Report is drafted for review at the next meeting.

7. Any Other Business

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

8. Date of Next Meeting – TBC

- 8.1 The Working Group agreed that the next meeting will be confirmed once the consultation publication dates are known.

9. Attachments

- Attachment 1 – DCP 340 Change Proposal
- Attachment 2 – DCP 340 Updated Draft Legal Text
- Attachment 3 – DCP 340 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	The Secretariat to send out a doodle poll to organise the next Working Group meeting once the consultation publication dates are known.	ElectraLink	
01/03	The Secretariat to update the Work Plan to reflect the next steps for the CP.	ElectraLink	
01/04	The Secretariat to draft a Change Report for Working Group members to review at the next meeting.	ElectraLink	