

DCP 325 Working Group Meeting 03

20 November 2018 at 10:00am

ElectraLink's Office, Northumberland House, 303-306 High Holborn,
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Attendee	Company
Working Group Members	
Andrew Enzor [AE]	Northern Powergrid
Chris Ong [CO]	UK Power Networks
Dave Wornell [DW] (Teleconference, Part Meeting)	Western Power Distribution
Julia Haughey [JH] (Teleconference)	EDF Energy
Kara Burke [KB] (Teleconference)	Northern Powergrid
Karl Maryon [KM]	Haven Power
William Jago [WJ]	N Power
Code Administrator	
Dylan Townsend [DT] (Chair)	ElectraLink
Hollie Nicholls [HN] (technical secretariat)	ElectraLink

Apologies	Company
Chris Barker	BUUK
Donald Preston	SSEN
George Moran	British Gas
Kathryn Evans	Scottish Power Energy Networks

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 Working Group reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting held on 27 September 2018 and agreed that they were a true reflection of the discussions held.

2. Purpose of the Meeting

- 2.1 The Chair set out that the purpose of the meeting is to review the responses to the DCP 325 consultation and decide the next steps for the change.

3. Review of DCP 325 Consultation Responses

- 3.1 The Working Group reviewed the collated consultation document. Working Group comments and conclusions were added to the document during the meeting and a copy of this can be found as Attachment 1.
- 3.2 The Working Group discussed the response from British Gas in regard to question three. British Gas suggested that the Working Group should consider including a breakdown of the MOD term in the Clause 35A requirements and provided an example of what the Gas Distribution Networks (GDNs) use. The Working Group agreed that this should be something to consider and the DNO Working Group members agreed to review the electricity Price Control Financial Model (PCFM) to determine what the equivalent table would be and whether an extra sheet should be included in table 1 worksheet and for commentary to be added. An example of a GDN MOD document has been included as Attachment 2.

ACTION 03/01: DNO Working Group members to review the electricity PCFM to determine what should be included within the Clause 35A requirements that would breakdown the MOD Term.

- 3.3 The Working Group also discussed the responses to question four of the consultation document and agreed that risks could be included within table 2. However, providing risks would be difficult to be consistent across the DNO areas as assumptions range across businesses, therefore, the Working Group agreed that they should consider providing their biggest risks to ensure that they provide the information to the Supplier but also remain consistent and do not undervalue the purpose of the tables by including a huge number of risks.
- 3.4 Options were discussed around whether the Cost Information Tables should be maintained within or outside of the DCUSA. Working Group members agreed that there should be careful consideration regarding when this would be implemented due to the DNOs being able to have control over their own compliance when completing the tables. It was concluded that the tables should be maintained within DCUSA.
- 3.5 Working Group members also reviewed the suggestions highlighted in response to question 10 of the consultation. It was agreed that the publication of the Cost Information Tables should be aligned with

the publication of the HM Treasury Forecasts, however, it was decided that the dates should be amended slightly so that publication is in the first five working days of January, March, June and September.

4. Work Plan

4.1 The DCP 325 Working Group agreed the following next steps:

- The DNOs to review the Gas Networks MOD Term document to determine an equivalent to be included in the Clause 35A obligations;
- The Working Group to define how the Cost Information Tables will be populated and what will be included;
- The Working Group to determine how many years forward to the DNOs need to forecast; and
- AE to update the proposed template in line with the responses received to the consultation.

ACTION 03/02: AE to update the proposed template to align with the responses received to the consultation.

4.2 An updated version of the work plan can be found as Attachment 3.

5. Agenda Items for the next meeting

5.1 The Working Group agreed to add the following items to the agenda for the next meeting;

- Development of the DCP 325 solution; and
- Review of the proposed DCP 325 legal text.

6. Any Other Business

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

7. Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 06 December 2018

7.1 The Working Group agreed that the next meeting will be held on Thursday 06 December 2018 at 2pm via teleconference.

8. Attachments

- Attachment 1 – DCP 325 Consultation Responses and Working Group comments
- Attachment 2 – Gas Network MOD Term document
- Attachment 3 – DCP 325 Updated Work Plan

New and open actions

Action Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
03/01	DNO Working Group members to review the electricity PCFM to determine what should be included within the Clause 35A requirements that would breakdown the MOD Term.	DNO Working Group Members	
03/02	AE to update the proposed template to align with the responses to the consultation	Andrew Enzor	

Closed Actions

Action Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
02/01	The Secretariat to update the consultation document to reflect the discussions held and circulate to Working Group members by close of play on Friday 28 September 2018.	ElectraLink	Action Closed
02/02	Working Group members to send any final comments or amendments to the Secretariat by close of play on Friday 05 October 2018.	Working Group members	Action Closed
02/03	The Secretariat to circulate the finalised consultation to DCUSA Contract Managers and attendees of the DCP066A teleconferences by close of play on Monday 08 October for four weeks.	ElectraLink	Action Closed