

# DCP 282 Working Group Meeting

03 November 2016 at 10:00am  
Teleconference

Attendee	Company
<b>Working Group Members</b>	
Andrew Sherry [AE]	ENWL
Angus Rae [AR]	SSE Networks
Donna Townsend [DT]	ESP Electricity
Leanne Cavagan [LC]	Northern Powergrid
Mark Burton [MB]	UK Power Networks
Michael Walls [MW]	ESP Electricity
Mike Hawkins [MK]	Western Power Distribution
Neil Fitzsimons [NF]	The Electricity Network Company
Nicola Dew [ND]	Northern Powergrid
Peter Waymont [PW]	UK Power Networks
Thomas Cadge [THC]	The Electricity Network Company
Tom Chevalier [TC]	Power Data Associates
Walter Hood [WH]	Scottish Power
<b>Code Administrator</b>	
John Lawton [JL] (Chair)	ElectraLink
Claire Hynes [CH] (Secretariat)	ElectraLink

## Welcomes and Apologies

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The Chairman noted the welcomes for this meeting.

## Administration

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- 1.1 The Working Group reviewed the “*Working Group Terms of Reference*”. All Working Group members agreed to be bound by the Terms of Reference for the duration of the Working Group.
- 1.2 The Working Group reviewed the “Competition Law Do’s and Don’ts”. All Working Group members agreed to be bound by the Competition Laws Do’s and Don’ts for the duration of the meeting.

## 2. Review of the DCP 282 Change Proposal

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- 2.1 The Working Group reviewed and analysed the DCP 282 Change Proposal which acts as Attachment 1. This change seeks to facilitate the management and trading of UMS apparatus connected to EDNO networks via the “host” DNO’s UMSO service on one combined inventory, without the need for additional MPANs, following a request from the customer to the EDNO to do so.
- 2.2 The proposer provided a summary of the change and noted that the change should ensure that there is a minimum need to undertake validation of the inventory data and should facilitate contractual arrangements rather than require the Distributor to go in to separate bilateral agreements with the IDNOs and bilateral agreements with Unmetered Supplies (UMS) and Customers.
- 2.3 The Working Group considered that changes will be required to Schedule 2B National Terms of Connection (NTC), possible changes to DNO charges for an enforceable contract and a BSC<sup>1</sup> change may also need to be raised.
- 2.4 EDNOs will have a connection agreement in place with the customer in respect of the unmetered connection to the network. The EDNO will request the customer to update the inventory and notify if any changes have been made. The network identifier is in place for the purpose of inter-distributor billing.
- 2.5 The Working Group noted that the IDNOs will be responsible for the validating of the data and that the DNO will be indemnified by the IDNO on the obligation to audit and ensure that the data is accurate. The Working Group considered that if DCP 282 was approved it should remove the need to modify the BCAs.
- 2.6 Members discussed whether a DNO can charge for equipment outside of their own area and if a licence change would be required to facilitate it. Currently DNOs bill for connections and situations such as third party access on private networks. One member suggested that IDNOs will be requesting

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<sup>1</sup> BSC – Balancing and Settlement Code

the DNO to charge a customer rather than the contract the IDNO has with the DNO which is similar in principle.

## Background and Consultation

- 2.7 NF presented a paper on the ENWL and WPD UMS Trials presentation to provide a background to this change to Working Group members which acts as Attachment 2.
- 2.8 The Working Group developed an issues log for discussion and drafted consultation questions for each issue identified. The secretariat agreed to add the questions to the consultation document.

### ACTION 01/01: ElectraLink

#### Issues Log

Issue	Discussion	Consultation Question
Impact on Suppliers Section 2A	Concern that DNOs are potential receiving UOS charges in respect of assets that they do not own.	Taking in to consideration the rights and obligations created between DNOs and Suppliers and Section 2A, is there anything that hinders the solution and needs to be changed?
Via Distributor for connections not connected to a network		Do the rights and obligations created between DNO and Suppliers under Section 2A hinder the solution and need to be changed?
Distribution Price Control – how we would report that issue	DNOs will need to know how to treat the income going forward and will need to report the income and show it in its report in to Ofgem. The Working Group agreed to ask Ofgem this question.	How should this income be treated in the Distribution Price Control?

	Indication of the materiality of the issue through work undertaken by DCP 203.	
Elective sites	An optional solution rather than mandated potentially increases the costs for IDNOs and the DNO that operates out of area.	Do you prefer for this solution to be elective or mandatory?
Ability for DNO and IDNO to validate data between them	IDNO is responsible with validating the data. No money will change hands.	
Billing and Debt	Debt follow up	If you believe inter-distributor invoicing should be included do you have any thoughts on debt recovery?
Customer's ability to differentiate between IDNO and DNO	The Working Group agreed to not ask the question " <i>Do you have any concerns about the accuracy of the network identifier?</i> " Each Distributor has the right to audit inventories.	
Simple Bilateral agreements	Identifying the rules that should be sufficiently covered in this bilateral agreement. Excluded inter-distributor billing.	Do you consider that the BCA issues captured in this model form agreement are captured or are there any other issues?  Do Parties believe the introduction of the proposal will alleviate the need for any BCA?
BSC letter from Elexon	The Working Group discussed whether the BSC requires changing  The Working Group agreed to attach the BSC letter from Elexon to the consultation and to invite	If a BSC or BSCP change needs to be made, please identify the change that needs to be made?

	Kevin Spencer to attend the next meeting	
Legal Text		Does the legal text as drafted meet the intent of the change?
Impact		Are there any system impacts or process changes required?

- 2.9 DT agreed to aid the secretariat in locating previous work on this subject for reference in the consultation.

#### **ACTION 01/02: DT**

- 2.10 The Working Group agreed to consult on the principles of this change in the consultation. Following the review of these responses if the Working Group considers that the proposed solution should be mandatory rather than elective a second consultation will be issued to the Local Authorities (LAs).
- 2.11 The Working Group aim to issue the consultation to Parties on the 18 November for a period of three weeks.
- 2.12 The Working Group reviewed and updated the DCP 282 Work Plan which acts as Attachment 3.

## **Next Steps**

- 1.1 The DCP 282 Working Group agreed the next steps as follows:
- Draft the DCP 282 consultation and circulate to the Working Group for review;
  - Working Group to review the consultation for a period of one week;
  - Submit the DCP 282 consultation to parties for a period of three weeks; and
  - Working Group to meet in December 2016 to consider the consultation responses.

#### **ACTION 01/03: All**

## **AOB**

- 4.1 There were no items of any other business.

## **Next Meeting – 16 December 2016**

- 5.1 The next meeting will be scheduled to consider the consultation responses.

## **Attachments**

Attachment 1 – DCP 282 Change Proposal

Attachment 2 – DCP 282 Combining DNO and IDNO Unmetered Inventories

Attachment 3 – DCP 268 Updated Work Plan

## New and open actions

Action Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
01/01	Add the questions identified in the issues log to the consultation.	ElectraLink	
02/02	Aid the secretariat in locating previous work on this subject for reference in the consultation.	Donna Townsend	
01/03	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draft the DCP 282 consultation and circulate to the Working Group for review;</li> <li>• Working Group to review the consultation for a period of one week;</li> <li>• Submit the DCP 282 consultation to parties for a period of three weeks; and</li> <li>• Working Group to meet in December 2016 to consider the consultation responses.</li> </ul>	All	