

DCP 268 Working Group Minutes

Meeting Name	DCP 268 Working Group
Meeting Number	01
Date	12 April 2016
Time	10:00
Venue	Teleconference

Attendee	Company
Lee Wells [LW] (Chair)	Northern Powergrid
Bernard Kellas [BK]	SSE Energy Supply
Chris Ong [CO]	UK Power Networks
Claire Campbell [CC]	Scottish Power
Daniel Hickman [DH]	npower
Dave Wornell [DW]	Western Power Distribution
Emma Clarke [EC]	SSEPD
Helen Fosberry [HF]	E.ON
Kevin Spencer [KS] (Observer)	Elxon
Maria Hesketh [MH]	Scottish Power
Pamela Howe [PH]	Northern Powergrid
Pat Wormald [PW]	Northern Powergrid
Tom Chevalier [TC]	Power Data Associates
Claire Hynes [CH] (Secretariat)	ElectraLink

Apologies	Company
Chris Barker	ENWL
Donald Preston	SSEPD
Elizabeth Allkins	Ovo Energy
George Moran	British Gas

1 ADMINISTRATION

- 1.1 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.
- 1.2 The Working Group reviewed the DCP 268 Terms of Reference (ToR). All Working Group members agreed to the terms and agreed a revised work plan containing a change report July DCUSA Panel submission date.

2 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

- 2.1 LW was appointed as the Chair of the Working Group.

3 SUMMARY OF THE DCP 268 CHANGE PROPOSAL (CP)

- 3.1 The Working Group noted that this CP seeks to facilitate a transition to Half-Hourly (HH) settlement for Non-Half Hourly (NHH) customers by moving to a time band charging basis, based on the HH (profiled) data used in settlement.
- 3.2 This change was raised as HH settlement is being looked at for the mass market. Members noted that Ofgem are looking to make a decision on elective HH settlement for domestic customers in 2017 and are considering making it mandatory in 2018. Members noted that the industry was looking to pre-empt this decision by ensuring that the arrangements were in place to facilitate it. When smart meters are rolled out nationally, they will provide HH readings and HH domestic customer tariffs will be based on profiled data using aggregated HH meter reads.
- 3.3 Members agreed that the creation of the red, amber and green tariff types under P 272¹ allow for the smooth transition of HH data entering settlement and make this change easier to accommodate. This change will enable Parties to develop innovative NHH retail tariffs prior to going to full HH settlement meters such as a Supplier offering a cheaper off peak tariff for a premise that utilises solar power during the day.

4 CONCERNS ON THE IMPACT OF THE DCP 268 CHANGE

- 4.1 Two members advised that as Suppliers are required to provide a high level of transparency, the complication of invoices from this change would cause a cost to the Supplier in the form of customer education on their bills. Some members advised that this change was about charging between the Distributor and the Supplier and would not expect the typical customer to have sight of it. Members considered that small Suppliers had shown enthusiasm for a move to message based charging at the Ofgem HH Settlement Group but that larger Suppliers were less keen on the change.
- 4.2 Some members considered that the main principle of this change is levying tariffs in profile classes 1- 4 and the customer experience is not part of this intent. The Working Group were split on this discussion. One member criticised the group for not being more outward looking in its approach to this change and that this change should take stock of how the electricity industry communicates with customers. Other members considered that this change in the approach to charging was inevitable and that in moving the profile to red, amber and green, Suppliers would be able to see any peaks.

5 QUESTIONS ON THE PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF THE DCP 268 SOLUTION

- 5.1 The Chair, CO, TC and KS agreed to draft a working paper to capture the main questions that needed to be addressed by this change. A summary of the Working Group discussions is set out below.

ACTION 01/01: LW, CO, TC & KS

Does Elexon need to provide the pseudo red, amber and green split or are Suppliers required to define the split themselves?

- 5.2 It was noted that some Parties did not use the durabill² system and that they would rather have an extension of the P272 process so that Suppliers have visibility of that data. A

¹ P272 ' Mandatory Half Hourly Settlement For Profile Classes 5-8'

² DURABILL is a DUoS Billing system used by some UK Distribution Network Operators (DNOs) and Independent Distribution Network Operators (IDNOs) which is designed for operation within the GB Electricity market. The system contains an electronic invoice generator which is compliant with the industry standard Data Transfer Catalogue (DTC).

modification to introduce consumption component classes is expected to be raised under the BSC³ by the end of the month. Central system changes such as mapping for export with a new pseudo SSC⁴ will be required. For NHH, domestic and non-domestic will be split due to the different standing charges. These clearly defined aggregations can then be applied to central systems. Members agreed that the working paper should propose consumption classes and be circulated to DNOs to check that they can work with the allocation. KS advised that how it is achieved in the settlement calculations is an issue for Elexon defining it and talking to their service providers.

What do Suppliers have to do to the LLF⁵ codes to make the tariffs link up correctly?

- 5.3 KS advised that LLF is the mapping of your charging and they would not be changed but re-linked to the renamed tariff with the existing domain locations.
- 5.4 Members asked the Supplier expert attendees whether Suppliers have any views on Elexon creating pseudo red, amber and green splits. One Supplier expert advised that it would be useful to have percentage usages by time band. KS advised that the idea is to add them to the end of the existing TPR split in the DO030 'Aggregated DUoS Bill Report' dataflow so that it aggregates up. As they are at the end of the file, the SSC TPRs can be backed out at a later stage to ensure that there is no double counting. Members noted that this was no different to how profile classes 5-8 work. In the long run it will reduce the amount of data on the DO030 as you will only be processing the split such as LV generation data.

Which tariffs in the DUoS statement would disappear and which tariffs would remain?

- 5.5 At the DCMF MIG it was suggested that the generation tariff should move to the red, amber and green timeslots. CO agreed to draft a proposed answer to this question in the working paper.

Is a new CDCM model required for charge setting by the end of this year?

- 5.6 Members questioned whether they want a new model reflecting this change for charge setting at the end of this year, noting that there would be a lead time to getting a model and deciding a specification. CO agreed to propose a solution in the working paper.
- 5.7 KS advised that the BSC change to introduce the aggregated export data on the D030 could take up to 18 months. Members queried whether a fall-back position such as the one utilised in DCP 179 where new tariffs were set up but not in use until the BSC change was implemented could be used.
- 5.8 The Working Group agreed to aim for an implementation date of the 01 April 2018. To meet this implementation date the change report will need to be submitted to the July DCUSA Panel.

ACTION 01/02: ELECTRALINK

6 NEXT STEPS

- 6.1 The DCP 268 Working Group agreed the next steps as follows:
 - To draft a working paper capturing the main questions to be addressed in this change;

³ BSC – Balancing and Settlement Code

⁴ SSC – Standard Settlement Configuration

⁵ LLF – Line Loss Factor

- Consider adding a high level impact assessment to the consultation and a supplementary impact assessment with a proposed model; and
- To draft a skeleton consultation using the Power Data Associates DCMF MIG presentation on DUoS Charging using Half Hourly Settlement Data as a basis and add wording on the mapping of charges;

ACTION 01/02: ELECTRALINK & LW

- Consider the Working Paper and finalise the consultation at the next Working Group meeting scheduled on the 26 April 2016.

7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 7.1 There were no items of any other business.

8 NEXT MEETING

- 8.1 The next meeting is scheduled for 10:00am on Tuesday, 26 April 2016 via web-conference.

9 ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 – DCP 268 Change Proposal

2 REFERENCE MATERIAL – POST-MEETING ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 2 – Relevant Ofgem Documents
- Attachment 3 - DO030 '*Aggregated DUoS Bill Rep*'
- Attachment 4 - DCMF MIG Presentation on DUoS using HH Settlement Data - 03 February 2016

APPENDIX A: SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

NEW AND OPEN ACTIONS

Action Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
01/01	Draft a working paper to capture the main questions that needed to be addressed by this change	LW, CO, TC & KS	
01/02	Draft a skeleton consultation using the Power Data Associates DCMF MIG presentation on DUoS Charging using Half Hourly Settlement Data as a basis and add wording on the mapping of charges;	ElectraLink & LW	