

DCP 263 Working Group Minutes

Meeting Name	DCP 263 'NTC DEH Gap' Working Group
Meeting Number	01
Date	21 April 2016
Time	10:00
Venue	Teleconference

Attendee	Company
Peter Waymont (Chair)	UK Power Networks
Angus Rae [AR]	SSE Power Distribution
Oliver Day [OD]	UK Power Networks
Peter Turner[PT]	Northern Powergrid
Claire Hynes [CH] (Secretariat)	ElectraLink

Apologies	Company
Chris Ong {CO}	UK Power Networks

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 263 Terms of Reference (ToR). All Working Group members agreed to the terms and the work plan set out in the document for the duration of the Working Group.

2 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

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

3 ANALYSIS OF THE DCP 263 CHANGE PROPOSAL (CP)

- 3.1 The Working Group noted that this CP seeks to amend the National Terms of Connection (NTC) so that they cater for DNOs' connections to non-metered DEH networks. This CP has been raised due to a gap in the NTC. The NTC refers specifically to metered and unmetered supplies but does not cover unlicensed networks. This change seeks to have the same terms apply to a private network owners that would apply if they had a metered boundary. As many of these DEHs do not have a supply arrangement with a Supplier, the application of the NTC to DEHs is due to its statutory nature.
- 3.2 Working Group members advised that they agreed with the principle of this change.
- 3.3 Members discussed previous, more complex changes¹ which had sought to modify the NTC to include DEHs for different purposes. The Working Group noted that the common factor in the rejection of these changes was the lack of DEH engagement. The Working Group agreed to seek out relevant DEH contacts to circulate the DCP 263 consultation to such as Trade Associations that undertake work for private landlords, local Landlords and local authorities.

¹ DCP 124 'Third Party Network – National Term Connection Amendments' and DCP 158 'DNO DUoS ReEDNOs'

Another member agreed to seek out the chair of a meter connection group which housebuilders often attend.

ACTION 01/01: ALL

- 3.4 The Working Group reviewed the diagram which acts as Appendix 1 to the DCP 263 CP form. Members considered that there may be a benefit to having a fourth arrangement so that metered DEH is also covered.
- 3.5 Members agreed that the most prevalent scenario of DEHs is a Building Network Operator (BNO²). As the BNO is a defined term, the BNO is not often associated with also being a DEH. The consultation will set out how a BNO/DEH is different to a DNO and clarify this within the legal text and the terminology in the NTC regarding customers. An updated diagram following discussions at today's meeting will also be incorporated.

4 REVIEW OF THE DCP 263 DRAFT LEGAL TEXT

- 4.1 The Working Group reviewed the proposed DCP 263 draft legal text which acts as an attachment to the CP.
- 4.2 One member requested clarification on whether the first bullet point reflected whole current metering and the second bullet point should be on CT metering in the red-lined text in Schedule 2B Section 1 (D). The Chair advised that the first bullet point reflected the whole current metering and the second bullet point reflected that the arrangements in place are not capable of whole current metering. The group agreed to highlight this clarification in the consultation.
- 4.3 The Working Group discussed the scenario where the DNOs boundary meter is connected to a private network in a large block of flats with multiple occupants and one Customer is causing a disturbance on the distribution network. In this scenario the distributor would not consider it reasonable to cut-off the entire block of flats for one offender. Members agreed to consider adding text to the NTC that states if any customer on a private network is causing a problem with the distribution network then it is the responsibility of the private network owner/DEH to solve it.

5 NEXT STEPS

- 5.1 The DCP 263 Working Group agreed the next steps as follows:

- To draft a consultation for circulation to the Working Group on the 05 May 2016;

ACTION 01/02: ELECTRALINK & PW

- To review and provide comments on the consultation with a view to signing the consultation off ex-committee;
- Where material comments have arisen, members to meet on the 13 May 2016 to discuss the comments and sign off the consultation for issue to an agreed list of industry contacts.

ACTION 01/03: ALL

6 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 6.1 There were no items of any other business.

² A BNO is a Building Network Operator. A BNO owns or operates an electricity distribution network within a multiple occupancy building between the intake position and the customer's installation.

7 NEXT MEETING

7.1 The next meeting is scheduled for 10:00am on Friday, 13 May 2016 via web-conference.

1 ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 - DCP 263 Change Proposal

APPENDIX A: SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

NEW AND OPEN ACTIONS

Action Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
01/01	Seek out relevant DEH contacts to circulate the DCP 263 consultation to	All	
01/02	Draft a consultation for circulation to the Working Group on the 05 May 2016	ElectraLink & PW	
01/03	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review and provide comments on the consultation with a view to signing the consultation off ex-committee; and• Where material comments have arisen, members to meet on the 13 May 2016 to discuss the comments and sign off the consultation for issue to an agreed list of industry contacts.	All	