

DCP 244 Working Group Minutes

Meeting Name	DCP 248 Working Group
Meeting Number	02
Date	16 October 2015
Time	10:00
Venue	Web-Conference

Attendee	Company
George Moran [GM] (Chair)	British Gas
Paul Bedford [PB]	Opus Energy
Carl Maryon [CM]	Haven Power
Andrew Neves [AN]	Engage Consulting
Bethany Hanna [BH]	Ofgem
Donald Preston [DP]	SSEPD
Helen Fosberry [HF]	Eon Energy
Lee Wells [LW]	Northern Powergrid
Peter Waymont [PW]	UKPN
Richard Vernon [RV]	Npower
Siu Yau [SYA]	SP Energy Networks
Rosalind Timperley [RT] (Secretariat)	ElectraLink

Apologies	Company
Tim Porter [TP]	SSEPD
Richard Mawdsley [RM]	Haven Power
Bernard Kellas [BK]	SSE
Simon Yeo [SYE]	WPD
Maria Hesketh [MH]	Scottish Power
Nicky White [NW]	Npower
Peter Gray [PG]	SSE

1 ADMINISTRATION

- 1.1 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 agreed the minutes of the previous meeting with no comments.
- 1.3 The group reviewed the open actions; updates on all actions are provided in Appendix 1.

2 REVIEW OF DCP 248 ISSUES LIST

- 2.1 The Working Group walked through the list of issues that was drawn up at its previous meeting and discussed each issue in turn. The issues list, along with the Working Group’s comments is provided as Attachment 1.
- 2.2 During the review of the issues the following actions were agreed:
 - The DCP 248 legal text should be updated to state that:

“Where connection agreements have been entered into within the last twelve months, then the terms of that connection agreement should stand.”

Action 02/01: ElectraLink

- The DCP 248 legal text should be tightened up so that it is a one chance only to agree a retrospective change to capacity.

Action 02/02: ElectraLink

- The legal text should be updated to say that for the avoidance of doubt such revised Maximum Import Capacity (MIC) will be agreed with reference to the level of the customer's maximum demand.

Action 02/03: ElectraLink

3 NEXT STEPS

- 3.1 The Working Group agreed the work plan for the group; this is provided as Attachment 1. The initial next steps are as follows:
- Electralink to update the DCP 248 consultation document and circulate it to Working Group members for review by 22 October 2015; and
 - Working Group members to review the consultation document and provide comments by 2 November 2015.

4 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 4.1 It was queried how customers would be notified of DCP 248. Members suggested that when the customer identifies that their charges have increased and then contacts the Supplier to query it that they will be notified.
- 4.2 It was also noted that Suppliers will be engaging with these customers as their tariffs will be changing to maximum demand type tariffs. As part of this conversation there is the opportunity to notify the customer that the DNO will be setting MIC value for them.
- 4.3 It was cautioned that DCP 248 will protect customers that are engaged and aware of changes in their bills. Customers with low awareness will be less likely to benefit from DCP 248.
- 4.4 LW took an action to draft a consultation question on how customers will be made aware of DCP 248.

Action 02/04: LW

5 NEXT MEETING

- 5.1 The next meeting is scheduled for 1pm on Wednesday, 4 November via web-conference.

APPENDIX A: SUMMARY OF ACTIONS**NEW AND OPEN ACTIONS**

Action Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
01/01	GM to share materiality calculations with individual DNOs. DNOs to confirm if this data is a reasonable representation of their entire population base.	GM and DNOs	16/10/15 – It was agreed that it should also be considered whether this data can be shared with the Working Group. It was noted that this data may help in determining what a reasonable materiality threshold is.
02/01	Update the DCP 248 legal text to state that: <i>Where connection agreements have been entered into within the last twelve months, then the terms of that connection agreement should stand.</i>	ElectraLink	
02/02	The DCP 248 legal text should be tightened up so that it is a one chance only to agree a retrospective change to capacity.	ElectraLink	
02/03	The legal text should be updated to say that for the avoidance of doubt such revised MIC will be agreed with reference to the level of the customer's maximum demand.	ElectraLink	

ACTIONS CLOSED AT THE MEETING

Action Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
01/02	Review this list of DCP 248 issues prior to the next DCP 248 meeting	All	Closed