

DCP 243 Working Group Meeting 13

2 February 2017 at 10:00am

Teleconference

Attendee	Company
Working Group Members	
Andrew Enzor [AE]	Northern Powergrid
Simon Yeo [SY]	Western Power
Robert Fairbairn [RF]	Northern Powergrid
Dominic Green [DG]	Ofgem
Donald Preston [DP]	SSE
Code Administrator	
Rosalind Timperley [RT] (Chair)	ElectraLink
Dylan Townsend [DT] (technical secretariat)	ElectraLink

Apologies	Company
Claire Campbell	Scottish Power
Chris Barker	ENWL
Daniel Hickman	nPower
Chris Ong	UK Power Networks

1. Welcomes and Apologies

- 1.1 The Secretariat noted the welcome and apologies for this meeting.

2. Administration

- 2.1 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.
- 2.2 The minutes of the last meeting were approved as an accurate record of proceedings.
- 2.3 The Working Group reviewed the open actions. Updates on all actions are provided in Appendix 1.

3. Purpose of the Meeting

- 3.1 The secretariat set out that the purpose of the meeting, which was to agree a way forward after an update on the CDCM review groups discussions.

4. Update on CDCM Review Discussions

- 4.1 The Chair reminded the Working Group that it was agreed at the last meeting to wait until after the next CDCM review meeting before issuing the Request For Information (RFI) so that the direction of the review group can be determined. The Chair asked if any Working Group Members attended the CDCM Review Group and if they could provide an update on the discussion that took place at the meeting.
- 4.2 One Member confirmed that they attended and suggested the impacts of the CDCM review on DCP 243 remain unclear. Another Working Group Member confirmed that they attended and noted there were two main areas of discussion and importantly one area was the replacement of the current costing model, being the 500MW model. Once a fore runner for the costing model has been decided that would be a good time for the CDCM Review Group to consider the options for customer contributions.
- 4.3 The Chair asked that in light of this information, did the Working Group want to continue the progression of DCP 243 as previously agreed or wait for further information to come out of the next CDCM Review Group meeting. One Member suggested that there doesn’t appear to be anything to lose in progressing with a RFI issued to DNO’s and that responses could either inform the CDCM Review Group and/or inform DCP 243 Working Group.

5. Discussion on which option to take forward

- 5.1 The Chair reminded the Working Group of the options selected to take forward at the last meeting and asked which of the options would the Working Group like to do an impact assessment on. The options were:
 - Option A – Customer contributions calculation to be updated annually using RRP data on a rolling five-year basis
 - Option B1- carry out the same calculation as in Option A, but applied to all five years of DPCR5 (2010/11 to 2014/15), with the resulting values hard coded into the methodology to remain fixed unless a further DCP is raised. These would be calculated on a DNO specific basis.

- Option C- effectively remove customer contributions from the CDCM (i.e. to set the input percentages to zero in the methodology).

- 5.2 The Working Group noted that option C would not require any additional data but RFI data would be required for Option A and B1. One Member explained that they have updated the RFI template to capture data relevant to option A and option B1.
- 5.3 Working Group members were asked to confirm that they were happy with the assumption that the RFI template calculations should exclude generation and IDNO Data. The Working Group agreed with this approach and requested that there should be a count of the jobs that had been included and those that had been excluded, as this information may help inform the CDCM Review Group. AE agreed to update the template accordingly.

ACTION 13/01: Andrew Enzor to update RFI template to include relevant counts of included and excluded jobs and circulate to Working Group by 3 February 2017.

6. Discussion on issuing a Request For Information (RFI)

- 6.1 The Working Group agreed that a RFI should be conducted to enable an impact assessment of the preferred options to be carried out. Members of the Working Group agreed to proceed with the following timeline:
- AE to issue RFI Template to Working Group for comment by 3 February 2017
 - Working Group Members to provide comments on RFI Template by 10 February 2017
 - AE to update RFI Template and issue it to DNO Working Group Members by 14 February 2017
 - RFI responses due back by 10 March 2017
 - ElectraLink to collate RFI responses and circulate to Working Group by 14 March 2017
 - Working Group to meet on 21 March to review the RFI responses

7. Work Plan

- 7.1 The DCP 243 Working Group agreed that the Secretariat should amend the Work Plan and circulate prior to the next meeting. The updated Work Plan is set out in Attachment 1.

ACTION 13/02: ElectraLink to update DCP 243 Work Plan and circulate with meeting minutes.

8. Agenda Items for the next meeting

- 8.1 The Working Group agreed to add the following items to the agenda for the next meeting:
- Update on CDCM review group progress
 - Review of RFI responses
 - Agreement on which options to take forward for consultation

9. Any Other Business

- 9.1 There were no items of any other business discussed.

10. Date of Next Meeting: 21 March 2017

- 10.1 The Working Group agreed to have the next meeting on 21 March 2017 and for the meeting to be via web conference for the purpose of reviewing RFI responses and agreement on which option to take to a consultation.

Attachments

Attachment 1 – DCP 243 Work Plan

New and open actions

Action Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
12/01	Further consider how customer contributions relating to multiple voltage levels will be treated.	All	Ongoing
12/04	Add in the latest ED1 table and provide to the Working Group by the next meeting.	Andrew Enzor	Ongoing
13/01	Update RFI template to include relevant counts of included and excluded jobs and circulate to Working Group by 3 February 2017.	Andrew Enzor	
13/02	Update DCP 243 Work Plan and circulate with meeting minutes.	ElectraLink	

Closed actions

Action Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
12/02	The group's Ofgem representative agreed to confirm if additional ICP data can be provided.	Dominic Green	Completed – it was confirmed that additional ICP data cannot be provided
12/03	Schedule the next DCP 243 Working Group Meeting on 2 February 2017.	ElectraLink	Completed
12/05	Update DCP 243 Work Plan and circulate prior to next meeting on 2 February 2017.	ElectraLink	Completed
12/06	Remove Patrick Barnes from the Working Group distribution list.	ElectraLink	Completed