

DCP 242 Working Group Minutes

Meeting Name	DCP 242 Working Group
Meeting Number	01
Date	16 June 2015
Time	10:00
Venue	Teleconference

Attendee	Company
Jonathan Wisdom [JW] (Chair)	NPower
Karl Maryon [KM]	Haven Power
Bernard Kellas [BK]	SSE Supply
Lee Wells [LW]	Northern Powergrid
Keith Burwell [KB]	Ofgem
Harinder Basi [HB]	UK Power Networks
Dave Wornell [DW]	Western Power Distribution
Michael Walls [MW] (Secretariat)	ElectraLink

1 ADMINISTRATION

- 1.1 Apologies were received from Chris Ong (UK Power Networks) and Claire Campbell (SP Energy Networks).
- 1.2 JW was appointed as Chair of the Working Group.

2 COMPETITION LAWS DO'S AND DON'TS

- 2.1 The Working Group agreed to be bound by the Competition Laws Do's and Don'ts during the course of the Working Group.

3 REVIEW THE TERMS OF REFERENCE

- 3.1 The Working Group reviewed the Terms of Reference (ToR) as set out by the DCUSA Paenel. MW explained that in addition to the standard ToR that all working groups must abide by, there is now an additional requirement – the Working Group Timetable/Work Plan.
- 3.2 It was noted that this plan will need to be completed, and updated if the Working Group realises that it will not adhere to the original plan. This work plan will also need to be submitted to the DCUSA Panel and also an updated version of this would need to be submitted for any timetable extension requests.
- 3.3 The Working Group reviewed and completed the Work Plan/Timetable and this is included as Attachment 1.

4 BACKGROUND AND INTENT OF DCP 242

- 4.1 DCP 242 was raised by Western Power Distribution and DW explained that the intent of DCP 242 is to defer the implementation of changes to Excess Capacity Charges.

- 4.2 DW noted that this CP was originally discussed in the May meeting of the DCMF MIG meeting. ENWL had mentioned to that group that a derogation to DCP 161 would potentially be a good idea in order to offset some potential issues that could happen in regard to Maximum Import Capacity (MIC) values of DCP 179/P272/P300. There could be numerous sites that will be charged for capacity, which the DNOs may not have a connection agreement in place. For these sites, there could be a lack of data and this will mean that some will be charged on an averaged basis.
- 4.3 It was also noted that some customers may not understand the changes, and this could mean the customers could be charged for a deemed capacity that they do not understand, and may not be correct for their sites.
- 4.4 In regard to DCP 161 this could end up charging some customers excess capacity charges that are considerably higher than what would be applicable for their capacities if an average or deemed amount is used. There is a concern that the customers could be charged for excess capacity whilst not fully understanding the impacts.
- 4.5 DW noted that by delaying the implementation of excess capacity charges, it would lead to better data and also a smoother implementation of DCP 161.
- 4.6 BK then asked what date the group was asking for the deferment to take place – April 2017 or April 2018. KB then queried if the group went for April 2017 whether the charges would need calculated this year due to the implementation of DCP 178 later this year. DW noted that you will still have to put in forecasted MIC values, but as HH data comes through, better data will be available. This will enable a better measure in order to set the capacity for the customer.
- 4.7 BK felt that until all the MIC data is available, as an industry we should not be charging excess capacity charges. JW noted that this would be a good consultation question to ask the industry.
- 4.8 LW noted that it would be better to go 2018 in order to facilitate better customer service, as there would still need to be assumptions made in 2017. It was agreed to ask a consultation question that stated this assumption.

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- 4.9 The Working Group discussed the implementation of this CP, and it was noted that on the CP form it states 1 April 2016. However, it was felt that the implementation should be changed to 5 November 2015 in order to be concurrent with DCP 178 in order for the deferment to take effect. It was agreed that a consultation question should be drafted in regard to this point.

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- 4.10 DW reiterated that this CP does not imply that there is time available to lessen the pace on obtaining the MIC values from customers with the work that is already being undertaken. JW agreed with this point.

5 WORK PLAN AND TIMETABLE

- 5.1 The DCP 238 Working Group agreed that the next steps are as follows:
- ElectraLink to draft a consultation for the Working Group to review by 17 June 2015
 - Working Group to review the draft consultation and provide comments via red-lined text by 19 June 2015
 - ElectraLink to issue the consultation on 22 June 2015

- Working Group to meet on 14 July in order to review the responses to the consultation

6 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 6.1 There were no items of any other business.

7 NEXT MEETING

- 7.1 The Working Group will next meet on 14 July 2015 at 11:00 via teleconference/webinar in order to review the consultation responses.

APPENDIX A: SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

NEW AND OPEN ACTIONS

Action Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
01/01	ElectraLink to add a question into the consultation document about deferring the introduction of excess capacity charges to 2018	ElectraLink	
01/02	ElectraLink to add a question into the consultation document about changing the implementation date from 1 April 2016 to 5 November 2015 in order to coincide with the introduction of DCP 178.	ElectraLink	
01/03	ElectraLink to undertake the actions listed in the Work Plan before the next meeting	ElectraLink	

CLOSED ACTIONS

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