

DCP 241 Working Group Minutes

Meeting Name	DCP 241 Working Group
Meeting Number	04
Date	31 March 2016
Time	10:00
Venue	Web-Conference

Attendee	Company
Chris Ong [CO] (Chair)	UK Power Networks
Andrew Enzor [AE]	Northern Powergrid
Lynda Carroll [LC]	Ofgem
Nicky White [NW]	npower
Paul Duffus [PD]	Western Power Distribution
Claire Hynes [CH] (Secretariat)	ElectraLink

Apology	Company
Claire Campbell [CC]	SP Energy Networks

1 ADMINISTRATION

- 1.1 The minutes of the previous meeting were approved without amendment. The Working Group reviewed and updated the actions list which acts as Appendix A.
- 1.2 The Working Group agreed to be bound by the Competition Laws Do's and Don'ts during the course of the Working Group

2 WORKING GROUP SUMMARY OF THE CHANGE

- 2.1 The Working Group provided a summary of the change to date to a new member to the Working Group.

Intent of the change

- 2.2 This change seeks to merge the Common Distribution Charging Methodology (CDCM) model which charges for LV and HV customers and the Annual Review Pack (ARP) document which gives the forecasted prices for the next 5 years. This combined charging model proposed will have consistent formatting, reduce duplication and can be used to calculate actual charges and act as a basis for forecasting for the next 5 years.

Legal Text

- 2.3 The legal text related to these models is set out in Clause 35A, Schedules 15, 16 and 20. It is proposed that the majority of the legal text is retained as it is currently drafted but with references and hooks back to Schedule 16 CDCM. The changes to the legal text should not

have any impact on consumers. The group hope to develop a user friendly model. This may improve transparency and reduce errors in model population. Members emphasised that the combined model will not reduce the information that Parties already have access to.

3 REVIEW OF THE DCP 241 MODELLING DOCUMENTATION

- 3.1 The Working Group reviewed the modelling documentation that has been provided by the DCUSA modelling consultant; these documents are included as Attachment 1.
- 3.2 CO explained that the models provided did not reflect the intent of the change. Members considered that the models provided did align the formatting but were concerned that it was not a single workbook as originally envisaged.
- 3.3 The Working Group considered paragraph 29 of the CDCM Model Pack document under the title *“why we did not develop the pack as a single workbook”*. AE agreed to address each of the points raised in paragraph 29 and circulate it to the Working Group. The Working Group’s agreed feedback will be submitted with the modelling specification pack re-request for a single charging model.

ACTION 04/01: AE & ELECTRALINK

- 3.4 One member asked whether the single charging model would be harder for Suppliers to use in light of the modelling consultant’s comments. In particular, where it is suggested that in a single charging model there would a reduction in usability and transparency and that there would be far too many sheets to the workbook to be usable. One member suggested that the outcome maybe that two models are published, one CDCM model for the charging years of 2018/19 and then publish a new Schedule 15 conglomerate. The Working Group considered that the single workbook model needed to be examined before decisions on its viability could be made.

4 REVIEW OF THE DRAFT CONSULTATION

- 4.1 The Working Group agreed to not review the consultation or draft legal text until a new model was received.

5 WORK PLAN AND TIMETABLE

- 5.1 The DCP 241 Working Group agreed the next steps as follows:
 - AE to draft a view on each of the points raised in paragraph 29 of the CDCM Model Pack document and circulate to the Working Group for agreement;
 - ElectraLink to re-request a single charging model from the modelling consultant with the agreed Working Group feedback; and

ACTION 04/02: ELECTRALINK & CO

- The Work Plan to be updated based on the timeline provided by the modelling consultant for receipt of the requested model;

ACTION 04/03: ELECTRALINK

6 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 There were no items of any other business.

7 NEXT MEETING

7.1 The next Working Group meeting will be confirmed after the Modelling specification has been issued to the DCUSA Modelling Consultant.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – DCP 241 Modelling Documentation

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

Action Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
04/01	AE to draft a view on each of the points raised in paragraph 29 of the CDCM Model Pack document and circulate to the Working Group for agreement.	Andrew Enzor	
04/02	ElectraLink to re-request a single charging model from the modelling consultant with the agreed Working Group feedback.	ElectraLink & CO	
04/03	The Work Plan to be updated based on the timeline provided by the modelling consultant for receipt of the requested model.	ElectraLink	

CLOSED ACTIONS

Action Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
03/01	Put together the excel model specification and circulate to the Working Group for review by 18 September	Andrew Enzor	Completed
03/02	Draft the legal text to be added to Schedule 16 and circulate to the Working Group for review by 18 September	Chris Ong	Completed

03/03	Working Group members to review and agree on the modelling specification document and the drafted legal text by 30 September.	ElectraLink	Completed
03/04	Issue the modelling specification request to the DCUSA Chair by 30 September.	ElectraLink	Completed