

DCP 235 Working Group Minutes

Meeting Name	DCP 235 Working Group
Meeting Number	03
Date	29 July 2015
Time	11:00
Venue	Teleconference

Attendee	Company
Paul Abreu [PA] (Chair)	Energy Networks Association
Andy Jones [AJ]	npower
Kevin Woollard [KW]	British Gas
Nisha Doshi [ND]	Ofgem
Peter Waymont [PW]	UK Power Networks
Steve Lloyd [SL]	SSE
Tim Newton [TN]	E.ON
Claire Hynes [CH] (Secretariat)	ElectraLink

Apologies	Company
Gordon McKenzie [GM]	Scottish Power
Helen Fosberry [HF]	E.ON
Paul Morris [PM]	UK Power Networks
Rachael Mottram [RM]	Gemserv
Terri Hamilton [TH]	SSE

1 ADMINISTRATION

- 1.1 The minutes of the last meeting were approved without amendment.
- 1.2 The Working Group updated the open and closed actions as set out in Appendix A.
- 1.3 The Working Group reviewed the “Competition Law Dos 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 FEEDBACK FROM THE SERVICE TERMINATIONS ISSUES GROUP (STIG)

- 2.1 The DCP 235 Working Group Chair provided feedback on the outcome of discussions at the Service Termination Issues Group (STIG) meeting which took place on the 14 July 2015.
- 2.2 Members noted that this Change Proposal (CP) was raised on the assumption by DNO Parties that the gathering of service termination asset information by Suppliers during the five year smart meter roll-out would not have a significant impact or cost to the Supplier.
- 2.3 Following the consideration of the DCP 235 consultation responses it was clear that Suppliers considered there to be a cost (such as training staff to undertake the data collection and IT costs) and time impact in undertaking this data collection during the smart meter roll-out.

Some respondents advised that the extra time spent on-site may impact Suppliers meeting their targets for completion of smart meter installations.

- 2.4 The STIG considered the direction received from Ofgem on this change by e-mail advising that:
- Ofgem “do not have an ‘in principle’ objection to distribution costs being passed through to the Supplier, but if this is the proposal then we expect to see it clearly explained why this is appropriate. We will also expect to see analysis that demonstrates how the net cost (to Suppliers) associated with providing the service would be recovered, including any contribution from DNOs. “In short, the value of meter operators providing information to DNOs of their Service Termination Equipment needs to be assessed and the beneficiaries clearly identified. If it is to be funded by the consumer then it has to be demonstrated that it is being carried out in the most cost efficient way and best achieves the DCUSA objectives and is beneficial to the consumers”.*
- 2.5 DNO Parties attending the STIG considered that it would not be cost effective to set up a separate work force to collect data on the DNOs assets from approximately 26 million meters. Furthermore the majority of DNOs did not have a cost allocation in their business plan for the collecting of this data. DNOs gauged from Supplier consultation responses which provided indicative costs for the collection of this information that the costs were likely to outweigh the benefit to the DNO. STIG members considered that DNOs would be unable to sufficiently justify the costs to the Supplier for undertaking this data collection.
- 2.6 The Working Group considered the feedback from the STIG which acts as Attachment 1. Members of the STIG considered that there was not widespread support for this change and that DNOs could gather this data through a range of other methods such as collecting the data on site visits for Category A and B call outs during the smart meter roll-out. Based on the outcome of these discussions, the Working Group agreed to recommend to the proposer that the change be withdrawn.
- 2.7 Members requested for the Secretariat to notify the proposer of the Working Group’s recommendation to withdraw this change. If the proposer is in agreement the Secretariat will issue a notification of the withdrawal of the DCP 235 change to DCUSA Contract Managers subject to any DCUSA Parties volunteering to sponsor this change under DCUSA Clause 11.31.

ACTION 03/01: ELECTRALINK

3 NEXT STEPS

- 3.1 The DCP 235 Working Group agreed the next steps as follows:
- To recommend to the proposer to withdraw the DCP 235 Change.

4 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 4.1 There were no items of any other business.

5 NEXT MEETING

- 5.1 There are no new meetings scheduled.

6 ATTACHMENT

Attachment 1 – Service Termination Issues Group (STIG) Feedback

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

Action Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
02/01	Notify the proposer of the Working Group recommendation to withdraw this change. If the proposer is in agreement the Secretariat will issue a notification of the withdrawal of the DCP 235 change to DCUSA Contract Managers subject to any DCUSA Parties volunteering to sponsor this change under DCUSA Clause 11.31.	All	

CLOSED ACTIONS

Action Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
02/01	Undertake a cost benefit analysis on the collection of service termination equipment information data by Suppliers and MoPs and the costs to each Party involved.	All	Closed.
02/02	Check whether MoPs could pull a fuse when acting on behalf of the DNO and draft the cost benefit analysis for MoPs undertaking the service termination asset inspection.	PS	Closed.

02/03	Short list any other data items that may be beneficial and create a validation process for whether these data items are of a sufficient priority to be included in the data to be collected.	All	Closed.
02/04	Approach the Energy Networks Association in regards to providing a service termination equipment guidance document to aid the training of those collecting the data at the DNOs asset.	PA	Closed.
02/05	Request Ofgems direction at paragraph 2.13 in writing.	ElectraLink	Closed.
02/06	Place all actions on-hold until further discussion has occurred on the 14 July 2015 at the Service Terminations Issues Group (STIG) and PA has provided feedback to the Working Group on the 20 July 2015.	PA	Completed.