

DCP 231 Working Group Minutes

Meeting Name	DCP 231 Working Group
Meeting Number	01
Date	9 April 2015
Time	10:30
Venue	Teleconference

Attendee	Company
Mike Harding [MH] (Chair)	Brookfield Utilities
Beth Hanna [BH]	Ofgem
Chris Ong [CO]	UK Power Networks
Dave Wornell [DW]	Western Power Distribution
Giao Le [GL]	SSEPD
Lili Zou [LZ]	SSEPD
Pat Wormald [PW]	Northern Powergrid
Michael Walls [MW] (Secretariat)	ElectraLink

1 ADMINISTRATION

- 1.1 Apologies were received from Neil Fitzsimons (Brookfield Utilities) and Chris Goodwin (ESP Electricity).

2 COMPETITION LAWS DO'S AND DON'TS

- 2.1 The Working Group reviewed the "Competition Law Dos and Don'ts". All Working Group members agreed to the terms set out in the document.

3 DCP 231 WORKING GROUP TERMS OF REFERENCE

- 3.1 The Working Group reviewed the Terms of Reference (ToR). All Working Group members agreed to the terms set out in the document.

4 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

- 4.1 MH was appointed as the Chair of the Working Group.

5 BACKGROUND AND INTENT OF THE DCP 231 CHANGE PROPOSAL

- 5.1 MH explained that the intent of DCP 231 is to align the changes brought about by DCP 117¹ in respect of the Price Control Disaggregation Model (PCDM) part of the CDCM with the extended PCDM under the EDCM.
- 5.2 MH explained that this change proposal will therefore replicates the methodology proposed Under DCP 117 for the PCDM component of the EDCM.
- 5.3 It was noted that DCP 117 was raised in December 2011 to address flaws identified with the way 'Load related new connections & reinforcement (net of contributions)' were used in the

¹ 'Treatment of 'Load related new connections & reinforcement (net of contributions)' in the Price Control Disaggregation Model'

PCDM under the CDCM. At that time the EDCM did not fall within the scope of DCUSA and therefore did not fall under DCUSA governance. The EDCM has since come under DCUSA governance. Feedback from the DCP117 working group was that it would be out of scope for the work group to incorporate changes required to the extended PCDM under the EDCM (to replicate the methodology changes proposed under DCP117 for the PCDM).

- 5.4 MH further noted that should DCP117 not be approved by the Authority the will consider withdrawing this DCP from the Change Process.
- 5.5 The Working Group then discussed the CP and how best to progress it in the Change Process quickly in order to ensure that it meets the deadlines to be included for 2016 prices.
- 5.6 It was agreed the DCUSA Panel should be sent a consultancy support request so that the Working Group can get a model updated with this solution. The Working Group asked what information was needed with this request, and ElectraLink agreed to send through the previous consultancy support request from DCP 117 so that it could be updated for this CP.

Action 01/01: ElectraLink and MH

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6 NEXT STEPS

- 6.1 The DCP 231 Working Group agreed that the next steps as follows:
 - ElectraLink to send around the consultancy support request template from DCP 117 so that it can be updated by MH, and subsequently issued by ElectraLink to the DCUSA Panel for approval
 - Once the approval is granted, ElectraLink will issue this to the DCUSA modelling consultant for progression
 - The Working Group will meet on how best to progress once the model is received back from the DCUSA modelling consultant.

7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 7.1 There were no items of any other business.

8 NEXT MEETING

- 8.1 The next meeting will be scheduled once a timeline is given by the DCUSA modelling consultant on how long the work will take to complete.

APPENDIX A: SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

NEW AND OPEN ACTIONS

Action Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
01/01	ElectraLink to send around the consultancy support request template from DCP 117 so that it can be updated by MH, and subsequently issued by ElectraLink to the DCUSA Panel for approval	ElectraLink and MH	
01/02	Once the approval is granted from the DCUSA Panel, ElectraLink will issue this to the DCUSA modelling consultant for progression	ElectraLink	