

DCP 222 Working Group Minutes

DCP Title	Non billing of Excess Reactive Power Charge
Meeting Name	DCP 222 Working Group
Meeting Number	06
Date	23 June 2015
Time	14:00
Venue	Web-Conference

Attendee	Company
Dave Wornell [DW] (Chair)	WPD
Chris Ong [CO]	UKPN
Julia Haughey [JH]	EDF Energy
Karl Maryon [KM]	Haven Power
Nisha Doshi [ND]	Ofgem
Steven Inglis [SI]	Northern Powergrid
Tim Porter [TP]	SSEPD
Fungai Madzivadondo [FM] (Secretariat)	ElectraLink

1 ADMINISTRATION

- 1.1 The minutes of the previous meeting were approved without amendment.
- 1.2 The Working Group agreed that they had read and would adhere to the Competition Law Do's Don'ts.
- 1.3 The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed and approved without amendments.
- 1.4 The group reviewed the open actions and are shown in Appendix A.
Action 03/03
- 1.5 With regards to action 03/03 members of the Working Group were concerned that National Grid had not attended the meeting as they felt that they needed to be part of the CP discussions as they will be charging generators who operate outside 0.95 power factor. It was noted that a National Grid representative should attend the meeting to provide their views on the proposed change.
- 1.6 DW took an action to draft an invitation to be sent to National Grid to attend the next Working Group meeting.

ACTION 06/01: DW

2 FEEDBACK ON THE CHANGE PROPOSAL

- 2.1 DW provided feedback on the CP and informed the Working Group that Western Power Distribution had decided to progress with the Change Proposal.
- 2.2 The Working Group discussed concerns previously raised in the DCP 222 consultation. It was noted that most of the respondents did not believe there is a need to make a change to the CDCM for LV and HV connections. It was highlighted that it is less efficient for generators to operate outside 0.95 power factor limit and that it is unfair for them to be charged.

- 2.3 Attendees considered whether there would be an option for generators to have a change in their contract for operating outside 0.95 power factors. It was pointed out that generators will be required to have reactive power equipment installed and that this will be putting an extra requirement on generators. It was noted that if generators are asked to install reactive power equipment then they would not have to manage the reactive power and get the benefit of not being charged for operating outside 0.95 power factor.
- 2.4 It was noted that it is important for DNOs to understand how charges will be applied. The Group observed that communication should be set up between DNOs and National Grid.
- 2.5 The Working Group discussed the table provided by National Grid showing impacted customers for the DNOs (Attachment 1). An attendee pointed out that they had received deferent feedback from an internal engineer and that the impact on customers may differ from that provided by National Grid. It was highlighted that if National Grid is not changing the charging arrangements for DNOs then it may be unfair for DNOs to change the charges for their customers. It was observed that the changes to excess reactive power charges will have an impact on HV customers further up the chain.
- 2.6 The Working Group considered the next steps for progressing DCP 222 and agreed that a Change Report should be drafted and that concerns raised in the consultations should be highlighted in the Change Report.
- 2.7 It was agreed that the Change should go ahead with the proposed Option 1 which is to insert new tariffs with no reactive power charges being applied to them into Section 16 of the DCUSA.

3 NEXT STEPS

- 3.1 The group agreed on the following steps to progress the change:

- The group agreed to progress with the proposed Option 1 legal text to facilitate the change.
- The Working Group agreed to review the legal text before the next meeting.

ACTION 06/02: ELECTRALINK

- Electralink to draft a Change Report and circulate to the Working Group for review 10 days before the next Working Group meeting.
- The next meeting is scheduled for 3 August 2015 at 14:00.
- Electralink to update DCP 222 Work Plan/Timetable and circulate to the Working Group for review.

ACTION 06/03: ELECTRALINK

4 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 4.1 There were no items of any other business.

5 NEXT MEETING

- 5.1 The next meeting is a webinar scheduled at 14:00 on the 3 August 2015.

6 ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – National Grid Table

Attachment 2 - DCP 222 Work Plan

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

Action Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
06/01	Draft an invitation to be sent to National Grid to attend the next Working Group meeting	Dave Wornell	
06/02	Working Group agreed to review the legal text before the next meeting	ElectraLink	
06/03	CP Next Steps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft a Change Report and circulate to the Working Group for review 10 days before the next Working Group meeting Update DCP 222 Work Plan 	ElectraLink	

CLOSED ACTIONS

Action Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
03/02	Invite six DNOs to attend the next DCP 222 Working Group on the 15 May 2015.	Dave Wornell and ElectraLink	Completed
03/03	Issue an invitation to DCUSA Contract Managers (in particular Supplier representatives) and the National Grid to attend the next DCP 222 Working Group meeting.	ElectraLink	Completed
05/01	Get more information regarding the change and report back to the Working Group at the next working Group meeting.	Dave Wornell	Completed

