

DCP 181 Working Group Minutes

Meeting Name	DCP 181 Working Group
Meeting Number	03
Date	13 March 2015
Time	10:00
Venue	Web-Conference

Attendee	Company
Peter Waymont [PW] (Chair)	UK Power Networks
Andrew Sherry [AS]	ENWL
Deirdre Bell [DB] (teleconference)	Ofgem
Claire Hynes [CH] (Secretariat)	ElectraLink

Apologies	Company
Peter Turner	Northern Powergrid
Lorna Mallon	Scottish Power

1 ADMINISTRATION

- 1.1 The minutes of the last meeting were agreed without amendment.
- 1.2 The Working Group reviewed the actions from the previous meeting. A summary of new and outstanding actions is attached as Appendix A.
- 1.3 The Working Group agreed to abide by the Competition Laws Do's and Don'ts for the duration of the meeting.

2 REVIEW OF THE DCP 181 CONSULTATION REESPONSES

- 2.1 The Working Group reviewed the DCP 181 Consultation two responses and provided their responses to the comments received in Attachment 1.
- 2.2 Following the review of consultation two question one responses, the Working Group requested that a table containing the respondents view as to whether the whole agreement and sub-section of the agreement should endure or the entire agreement should not endure should be added to the Change Report.

ACTION 04/01: ELECTRALINK

- 2.3 On consideration of question 2 on how an existing customer could discover any existing terms, Northern Powergrid raised a concern that the information being request may be restricted under S105 of the Electricity Act. This respondent thought that if the information requested is deemed to be related to the Distribution system and is owned by the Distributor rather than than the Customer then it may be possible to share the information. The Working Group agreed to seek a view from Wragge & Co. on how constrained by the current legislation the DNO is when providing information to the customer.

ACTION 04/02: PW

- 2.4 One member noted that where a prospective purchaser of a property requests information about a connection then the prospective customer will be required to provide it in writing to the DNO.

- 2.5 The Working Group reviewed the response to question 3 on whether the enduring connection terms apply to all customers, only Section 3 of the NTC or to no customers. The Working Group agreed to insert a table of those responses in to the Change Report.

ACTION 04/03: ELECTRALINK

- 2.6 The Working Group considered that it may be worth investigating the connection between the Green Deal and Land Registry to see if something similar could be set up to notify consumers of enduring terms.
- 2.7 The Working Group agreed to request clarifications from two respondents to the consultation.

ACTION 04/04: ELECTRALINK

- 2.8 One member asked the Working Group whether on the basis of current practice DNOs consider that the capacity arrangements endure or do not endure. If the capacity did not endure the customers would receive an exceeded capacity bill straight away as they would have no right to the capacity at the premises. The Working Group deemed that the capacity does endure which is the common practice of DNOs today and that all terms are enduring.
- 2.9 The Working Group discussed whether draft legal text needs to be inserted in to the NTC to allow the DNO to share certain information with third parties. The Working Group agreed that they would wait for the response from Wragge & Co. on action 04/02.
- 2.10 DB raised a concern in regards to how persons are made aware that there are connection terms enduring at the property as no full solution to the issue had been provided. The customer has a relationship with the Supplier but is not necessarily aware of the network operator. DB also asked whether the Working Group had considered applying the proposed change to commercial customers only.
- 2.11 The Working Group considered that the customer could contact the network operator on the existing terms and conditions and that the level of information that can be provided to the customer would be determined by action 04/02.
- 2.12 The Working Group noted that domestic consumers can also have bespoke connections so that applying the change to commercial customers only would not be equal treatment. One member noted that the main point of legality in this change is whether the capacity itself is enduring by virtue of the legislation already in place or whether the capacity has to be transferred through a contract.
- 2.13 DB suggested that the Working Group propose some examples and show in practice what the implications would be of such a change. PW agreed to draft some example scenarios around
- Industrial connections ;
 - Domestic connections ;
 - Demand Constrained Connections; and
 - Generator Constrained Connections.

ACTION 04/05: PW

- 2.14 The Working Group agreed to invite the other Working Group members who were not in attendance to provide their view on the solution and to submit other solutions to the issue raised.

ACTION 04/06: ELECTRALINK

- 2.15 The Working Group agreed to draft the DCP 181 Change Report.

ACTION 04/07: ELECTRALINK & PW**3 NEXT STEPS**

Date	Activity
31 March	Draft DCP 181 Change Report.
01 April	Issue the Change Report to the Working Group for review.
3 rd – 4 th Week of April	Schedule a meeting for the Working Group to consider the comments received on the change report.

4 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 4.1 There were no items of any other business.

5 NEXT MEETING

- 5.1 The next DCP 181 Working Group meeting will be convened to consider the comments on the DCP 181 Change Report in the 3rd to 4th week of April.

6 ATTACHMENT

Attachment 1 – DCP 181 ConsultationTwo Responses with Working Group Comments

APPENDIX A: SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

NEW AND OPEN ACTIONS

Action Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
02/04	Raise a change under the MRA to the D055 data flow which flags a change of tenancy to cause the D0302 data flow to subsequently issue notifying of a change in customer details.	Glenn Sheern	On-going. PW took an action to check with Glenn Sheern if this action was undertaken.
02/05	Raise a change to the D0302 flow to introduce a mandatory date requirement under the MRA.	Glenn Sheern	On-going. PW took an action to check with Glenn Sheern if this action was undertaken.
03/06	Clearly set out the benefits of this change for the customer in the Change Report.	All	
04/01	Add a table containing the respondents view as to whether the whole agreement, sub-sections of the agreement should endure or the entire agreement should not endure.	ElectraLink	
04/02	Seek a view from Wragge & Co. on how constrained by the current legislation the DNO is when providing information to the customer.	Peter Waymont	
04/03	Add a table on whether respondents considered that the enduring connection terms apply to all customers, only Section 3 of the NTC or to no customers to the Change Report.	ElectraLink	
04/04	Request clarifications from two respondents to the DCP 181 consultation two.	ElectraLink	
04/05	Draft some example scenarios to insert into the Change Report showing the implications of this	Peter Waymont	

	change in practice.		
04/06	Invite the other Working Group members who were not in attendance to provide their view and to submit other solutions to the issue raised.	ElectraLink	
04/07	Draft the DCP 181 Change Report	ElectraLink and Peter Waymont	

CLOSED ACTIONS

Action Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
03/01	Update the draft DCP 181 legal text.	Peter Waymont	Completed.
03/02	Amend paragraph 4.33 of the change report	ElectraLink	Completed.
03/03	Amend paragraph 9.3 of the change report	ElectraLink	Completed.
03/04	Draft a skeleton consultation two.	ElectraLink	Completed.
03/05	Add the wording to the change report that "although existing terms can be imposed it does not prevent the incumbent customer from seeking to vary them".	ElectraLink	Completed.