

DCP 348 Working Group Meeting 02

30 September 2019 at 14:00

Teleconference

Attendee	Company
Working Group Members	
Gwen Macintyre [GM]	SSEN
Joseph Nolan [JN]	GTC
Peter Turner [PT]	Northern Powergrid
Tim Hughes [TH]	Western Power Distribution
Observers	
Melissa Kendal [MK]	ElectraLink
Code Administrator	
John Lawton [JL] (Chair)	ElectraLink
Hollie Nicholls [HN] (Technical Secretary)	ElectraLink

Apologies	Company
Becky Cailes	BUUK
Donna Townsend	ESPUG
Paul Graham	UK Power Reserve

1. Administration

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed the members to the meeting.
- 1.2 The Working Group reviewed the “Competition Law Guidance”. All Working Group members agreed to be bound by the Competition Law Guidance for the duration of the meeting.
- 1.3 The Working Group reviewed the minutes from the last Working Group meeting, held on 10 September 2019, and agreed that these were a true reflection of the discussions held.

2. Purpose of the Meeting

- 2.1 The Chair set out that the purpose of the meeting was to review and finalise both the consultation document and legal text ready to circulate around parties for consideration.

3. Review and Finalisation of DCP 348 Consultation Document

- 3.1 The Working Group reviewed the DCP 348 Consultation Document and an updated version can be found as Attachment 1.
- 3.2 The Working Group discussed paragraph 4.6 and the Chair questioned whether the example included is correct. One Working Group member voiced that they were concerned about adding in an example based on how you would normally calculate for an upgrade; however after discussion, it was agreed that the example would be included but it would be made clear that this would only be one example of how the calculation can be conducted.
- 3.3 The Working Group agreed that the legal text section of the consultation document should be updated to reflect the finalised version (Attachment 2).
- 3.4 The Working Group discussed an email circulated before the meeting that highlighted a general point regarding the understanding of what “Flexibility” means to customers and their impact on charges. It was noted that the consultation document talks about constraints, but there is nothing about the potential to ask, or needing (embedded) customer sites to increase demand or generation, if that would assist the Network or System Operator. It was noted in the email that the principle of applying credits for positive outcomes already exists in the Charging Methodologies and therefore it was questioned whether this should be part of the assessment for this Change Proposal (CP).
- 3.5 The Working Group discussed the email and agreed that although the point raised was valid, however, the CP is amending the Connection Methodology and not the Charging Methodology and therefore the point raised would be out of scope for this change. There would also be significant cross-over with Ofgem’s Access and Forward-Looking Charging Significant Code Review and therefore, the Working Group members agreed that they should focus on the original intent of the CP.
- 3.6 The Working Group agreed that they were happy with the rest of the Consultation Document.

ACTION 02/01: The Secretariat to update the Consultation Document to reflect the discussions held.

4. Review and Finalisation of DCP 348 Legal Text

- 4.1 The Working Group reviewed the DCP 348 Legal Text and an updated version can be found as Attachment 2.
- 4.2 The Working Group agreed with the suggested amendment to remove 132a and so subsequent numbers would need to be updated.
- 4.3 The Working Group also discussed whether “Firm” was a defined term within DCUSA. It was agreed that it was not, and one Working Group Member agreed to see whether a definition already exists

within a definitions document owned by the Energy Networks Association. If there is not a definition, the legal text will require a slight update to ensure that “Firm” is not represented as a defined term. It was also discussed that the title of “Cost Allocation” within Schedule 22 should be updated to state that it excludes Flexible Connections.

ACTION 02/02: PT to review the ‘definitions document’ on the Energy Network Associations website to determine whether there is a definition of ‘Firm’.

ACTION 02/03: The Secretariat to update the legal text to reflect the discussions held.

5. Work Plan and Next Steps

5.1 The Working Group reviewed the DCP 348 Work Plan and agreed the following next steps for the change:

- The Secretariat to update the Consultation Document and the Legal Text to reflect the discussions held in this meeting;
- Once feedback is received from PT, the legal text to be finalised;
- The Secretariat to publish the Consultation Document for Party response on 04 October 2019; and
- The Secretariat to draft a Change Report for review at the next meeting.

5.2 An updated version of the Work Plan can be found as Attachment 3.

ACTION 02/04: The Secretariat to draft a Change Report for review at the next meeting.

6. Agenda Items for the Next Meeting

6.1 The Working Group agreed that the agenda for the next meeting would be as follows:

- Review the DCP 348 Consultation responses;
- Review the DCP 348 Legal Text following review of the Consultation Responses; and
- Review the DCP 348 draft Change Report.

7. Any Other Business

7.1 There were no further items of AOB, and the Chair closed the meeting.

8. Date of Next Meeting – 30 October 2019

- 8.1 The Working Group agreed that the next meeting will be held on 30 October 2019 at 13:00. This will be held via teleconference.

9. Attachments

- Attachment 1 – Updated DCP 348 Consultation Document
- Attachment 2 – Updated DCP 348 Legal Text
- Attachment 3 – Updated DCP 348 Work Plan

New and Open Actions

Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
02/01	The Secretariat to update the Consultation Document to reflect the discussions held	ElectraLink	
02/02	PT to review the 'definitions document' on the Energy Network Associations website to determine whether there is a definition of 'Firm'.	Peter Turner	
02/03	The Secretariat to update the legal text to reflect the discussions held.	ElectraLink	
02/04	The Secretariat to draft a Change Report for review at the next meeting.	ElectraLink	

Closed Actions

Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
01/01	The Secretariat to update the numbering of the newly inserted 1.33 – 1.35 of the legal text to avoid having to update all subsequent paragraph numbers.	ElectraLink	Action Closed
01/02	The Secretariat to sense-check the draft legal text to determine whether the use of "excluding Flexible Connections" would be required in other areas of Schedule 22.	ElectraLink	Action Closed Legal Text reviewed during the meeting
01/03	The Secretariat to draft two versions of the legal text; one for each of the Dedicated Schemes	ElectraLink	Action Closed
01/04	The Proposer to include a pros and cons list for each of the options for the Dedicated Scheme.	ElectraLink	Action Closed
01/05	The Secretariat to update the consultation document to reflect the discussions held.	ElectraLink	Action Closed