

Considerations for Working Group

Terms of Reference

Below are the current items within the Working Group Terms of Reference specific to DCP 371:

- The Panel noted that there are some cross-code impacts regarding this change, in particular, with Smart Energy Code (SEC) Modification ([SECMPO046 - Allow DNOs to control Electric Vehicle chargers connected to Smart Meter infrastructure](#)). The Working Group should establish all cross-code impacts and ensure appropriate collaboration with relevant industry codes.
- The Panel recognise that this change is required as part of a wider programme of other Code changes and Government policy decisions. It is therefore vital to understand all of the wider industry impacts and establish clear communications to ensure all necessary Code changes and Government policy decisions are addressed in parallel.
- The Working Group should ensure appropriate engagement with Ofgem and BEIS.
- The Working Group should provide appropriate justification for the need for this change and any change in policy needed in relation to the proposed solution.
- The Panel notes that the proposed solution is designed to be used as a last resort matter. Consideration is needed as to what criteria needs to be met to justify the use of this last resort measure.
- The Panel notes that this change will require communications with customers. Consideration should be given as to whether a change to the National Terms of Connections would be needed or not.
- The Working Group should consider the impacts this solution may have on flexibility markets and indicate any impacts in the Change Report
- The Working Group needs to investigate the consequences of this change on Suppliers because the demand side response used in these emergency scenarios, will be controlled by the Distributor through the smart meter infrastructure which is currently not the case. Areas that should be investigated should include:
 - How do the Suppliers' products/tariffs work when a customer enters into the arrangement with DNOs for this activity to happen?
 - What is the impact to tariffs?
 - Do Suppliers need to change their Terms and Conditions?

Considerations received from Working Group members

- There needs to be some clear definitions drafted up or included. Of the top of my head we need to be very clear on what constitutes “Emergency” and the “Period of Time” that a disconnection can happen for.
- The SEC modification specifically names Electric Vehicles however in the DiF groups we have talked about demand control for “elements behind a smart meter”. If this is wider than EV’s then we need to be clear about this and ensure it is Tech neutral.
- I would like to understand how the DNO / DSO transition will effect these changes and whom will be gaining the access if their SEC role changes
- Who is responsible for any metering faults post a DNO intervention?
- In a scenario where an end consumer is detrimentally impacted for example financially who is liable for any compensation claims or engagement. Internally we talked about a situation where an end consumers EV is not sufficiently charged for an urgent journey due to the load being restricted.
- How will Suppliers be made aware of these agreements being in place and a consumer’s preferences and any consequential changes to a consumer’s preferences? Also, how would a DNO manage a Change of Tenancy?
- Penalties/compensation of using ECL
- Consideration of the consumer experience and 'customer journey'
- Impact assessment of the modification