

DCP 371 Working Group Meeting 01

04 August 2020 at 10am

Teleconference

Attendee	Company
Working Group Members	
Alessandra De Zottis	Sembcorp
Alison Beard	Gemserv
Chris Allanson	Northern PowerGrid
Bob Hopkins	SSE
Bradley Baker	Gemserv
Terry Carr	EON Energy
Claire Addison	Flexitricity
Derek Weaving	British Gas
Emslie Law	SSE
Francesca Barrick	Ofgem
Heather Ward	Energy Assets
Jon Prime	AMP Energy
James Nixon	Scottish Power
Kit Fitton	Bulb Energy
Lisa Waters	Waters Wye Associates
Lorna Mallon	Scottish Power
Paul Bedford	DRAX Energy
Paul Farmer	Shell Energy
Paul Saker	EDF Energy
Peter Dennis	Ecotricity

Rajni Nair	Citizens Advice
Jas Rayatt	Match Energy
Symon Gray	Energy Assets
Code Administrator	
Richard Colwill [RC] (Chair)	ElectraLink
George Dawson [GD] (Technical Secretary)	ElectraLink

Apologies	Company
Donna Townsend	ESP Electricity
Richard Hartshorn	SSE

1. Administration

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed the members to the meeting and noted the two apologies.
- 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 Secretariat noted that the Terms of Reference were set to be agreed in Agenda item 4, later in the meeting.

2. Purpose of the Meeting

- 2.1 The Chair set out that the main purpose of the meeting was to scope out all the items that need to be considered under the DCP 371 Working Group and identify the cross-code and wider industry impacts of this Change Proposal.

3. Background of DCP 371

- 3.1 The Chair asked Bob Hopkins to provide a background of DCP 371 to the Working Group.
- 3.2 The Change looks to provide the governance arrangements regarding Distributors ability to manage consumer devices (such as EV chargers) connected to Smart Meter infrastructure to prevent network overloads in emergency scenarios as a last resort measure.

4. Review and Agree Amended Terms of Reference for DCP 371/ Mapping Exercise of DCUSA and Wider Industry Impacts of the Change

- 4.1 The Chair presented the DCP 371 Considerations paper to the Working Group, which the Technical Secretariat would edit on-screen throughout the Teams meeting with the Working Groups notations. The Chair noted that this considerations paper would allow the Working Group to review and agree

the Terms of Reference, but also close off the following agenda item regarding the Mapping Exercise of the DCUSA and Wider Industry Impacts.

4.2 The Working Group debated the relevant and necessary details for both the Terms of Reference (ToR) and then the Wider Industry Impacts of DCP 371 and the result of these can be found as Attachment 1 in the Post Meeting Pack, shown in a table.

4.3 As stated above all of the considerations captured can be found in Attachment 1. The key points from this discussion are listed below:

- There is a need to ensure that this CP aligns with the SECMP0046 mod so that any dependencies are considered within the timelines. Bradley Baker (Gemserve) took an action to look at creating a timetable for SECMP0046 mod, detailing key milestones so that we can align with DCP 371.
- The Secretariat will look to consider the impact of GC147 (Last resort disconnection of Embedded Generation) and its decisions regarding any compensation scheme.
- Secretariat to review what is stipulated in the BSC regarding associated energy adjustments
- There is a need to review what Interactions there are with the Clean Energy Package (Article 33) and what are the implications?
- Need identified to undertake a CBA. This should include costs of for whole solution, (i.e DCC costs, DNO set-up costs). Provide comparison as to the differences to the proposed solution and current available mechanisms (i.e DCUSA Schedule 8 - load block restriction, Load Managed Areas).
- A clear definition of what constitutes a last resort is needed.
- It was agreed that a clear description is needed of all the actions that should be taken to avoid the use of this last resort measure.
- How often Distributors would be able to use the proposed solution was discussed and Bob Hobkins took an action to send through any previous work on this area.
- It was noted that the NTC does not guarantee supply at all times but consideration is needed to determine whether a change is required.
- It was identified that there is a need to understand the impacts this solution may have on flexibility markets, with details in the final report on how the flexibility market will be fully utilised before the last resort mechanism is used.
- The Working Group will investigate the consequences of this change on Suppliers because the demand side response used in these emergency scenarios, will be controlled by the Distributor and these consequences can be found in Attachment 1.
- There is a need to consider vulnerable customers/ key workers – are these automatically opt-out? What happens then there is change of tenancy also needs to be considered.
- The Working Group should map out what the customer journey will look like.
- A need to establish what reporting is required by the Distributor when this solution has been used. Document produced by SSEN provides some initial thoughts on this and this can be found in Attachment 2.

- It was raised whether it would be beneficial for all customer engagement and instruction of the emergency response to be taken through Suppliers. Distributors were concerned that this would mean they would not be able to implement the last resort solution quick enough to address the immediate issue. It was stated that discussions had taken place regarding this at the SECMP0046 mod and Alison Beard took an action to circulate the notes of these discussions to the Working Group.

ACTION 01/01: Create a timetable for SECMP0046 mod, detailing key milestones so that we can align with DCP 371.

ACTION 01/02: Consider the impact of GC147 (Last resort disconnection of Embedded Generation) and its decisions regarding any compensation scheme.

ACTION 01/03: Secretariat to review what is in BSC regarding adjusting the energy imbalance positions of Suppliers

ACTION 01/04: Consider what Interactions there are with the Clean Energy Package (Article 33) and what are the implications?

ACTION 01/05: Secretariat to create a one-page overview of all identified cross-code interactions and wider industry considerations

ACTION 01/06: Conduct a CBA to demonstrate justification for this change. To be added as an agenda item for next meeting for further consideration.

ACTION 01/ 07: Bob Hobkins to send through any previous work regarding the figures on maximum use of solution.

ACTION 01/08: Circulate the notes from the SECMP0046 mod regarding customer engagement coming through the Suppliers to the Working Group.

5. Further Review of DCP 371 and its Necessary Governance Arrangements

- 5.1 The Chair acknowledged that as the meeting had already run over the allotted time, due to extensive conversations regarding the scoping of the Change, this agenda item would be carried over to the 2nd Working Group meeting later in August.

6. Agenda Items for the Next Meeting

- 6.1 The Chair noted that at the next meeting, the Working Group would further review the necessary Governance Arrangements for DCP 371.

7. Any Other Business

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

8. Date of Next Meeting

- 8.1 A meeting invite will provisionally be put in the diary for Monday 24 August between 10am and 3pm.

New and Open Actions

Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
01/01	Create a timetable for SECMP0046 mod, detailing key milestones so that we can align with DCP 371.	Bradley Baker	
01/02	Consider the impact of GC147 (Last resort disconnection of Embedded Generation) and its decisions regarding any compensation scheme.	ElectraLink/ All	
01/03	Secretariat to review what is in BSC regarding adjusting the energy imbalance positions of Suppliers	ElectraLink	
01/04	Consider what Interactions there are with the Clean Energy Package (Article 33) and what are the implications?	All	
01/05	Secretariat to create a one-page overview of all identified cross-code interactions and wider industry considerations	ElectraLink	
01/06	Conduct a CBA to demonstrate justification for this change. To be added as an agenda item for next meeting for further consideration.	All	
01/07	Bob Hopkins to send through any previous work regarding the figures on maximum use of solution.	Bob Hopkins	
01/08	Circulate the notes from the SECMP0046 mod regarding customer engagement coming through the Suppliers to the Working Group.	Alison Beard	