

Interventions Working Group - Meeting 48

07 October 2020 at 10:00am

Microsoft Teams

Attendees	Company
Callum Sheen [CS]	National Grid
Colin Gentleman [CG]	SSE
Dave Brogden [DB]	Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks (SSEN)
Dave Wright [DW]	Npower
David Brown [DB]	E.ON
Geoff Huckerby [GH]	Power Data Associates (PDA)
John Heague [JH]	Scottish Power
Martin Murphy [MM]	NPg
Paul Abreu [PA]	Energy Networks Association (ENA)
Paul Morris [PM]	UK Power Networks (UKPN)
Peter Skirvin [PS]	Electricity North West (ENW)
Rachael Williams [RW]	SPEN
Richard Brady [RB]	Western Power Distribution (WPD)
Richard Hill [RH]	Centrica
Simon Wilson [SW]	EDF Energy

Secretariat

Richard Colwill [RC] (Chair)	ElectraLink
Amina Uddin [AU]	ElectraLink

1. Administration

The Chair welcomed attendees to the 48th IWG meeting.

The Chair reminded members to act in accordance with the terms set out in the DCUSA “Competition Law Guidance” for the duration of the meeting.

2. IWG 47 – Draft Minutes

The minutes from the previous meeting held on 02 September 2020 were reviewed.

The minutes were accepted and agreed as an accurate reflection of the discussions held at the previous meeting. A version of these minutes can be found in Attachment 1.

3. Outstanding Actions

The IWG reviewed the outstanding actions.

47/01: The Chair agreed to contact BEIS regarding a future agenda item at the Small Suppliers Forum.

The Chair confirmed that he had spoken to BEIS; IWG are welcome to attend the Small Suppliers Forum. Consideration is needed as to what the IWG would like to present at this forum.

47/02: All members to review the spreadsheet externally and add comments/feedback where necessary.

This item was discussed under item 4. Action closed.

47/03: RC to check on the progress of the aborted sites visits workstream with BEIS.

This action is still ongoing. An update will be provided shortly.

4. Operational, Safety, and Reporting Issues

The Operational, Safety, and Reporting Issues spreadsheet was reviewed to determine which issues have now been resolved and which are still active. An updated version of the spreadsheet

can be found in Attachment 2. It was determined that the issues that have been kept open are being captured within the 2020 Workstreams.

DNO making Earth changes to services, e.g. SNE service changed to CNE/PME

JH raised a new issue relating to a few queries recently received regarding earth changes to services, e.g. SNE service changed to CNE/PME and whether this is acceptable practice and how should it be reported back to DNOs if necessary.

An example picture was provided (Attachment 3) and after discussion, it was accepted that the scenario has the potential to cause harm and it would be beneficial for this type of issue to be reported as a B07 flow providing that the MOP party also provides details as to why it is being reported and subsequently provides pictures to the DNOs.

An action was taken by PA (ENA) to put this issue to all DNO members and determine if all DNOs are comfortable for these types of issues to be reported via a B07 report. If approved, DNOs would then need to monitor the number of these reports that they receive and also determine the level of reporting accuracy.

ACTION 48/01: PA (ENA) to put reporting of combined neutral and earth connections issue to all DNO members and determine if all DNOs are comfortable for these types of issues to be reported via a B07 report.

5. 2020 Workstreams Updates

The Chair noted that the group should use this item to reflect on the workstreams and agree next steps.

5.1 WPD Smart Meter Derby Local Pilot Support – February to April 2020

IWG was informed that this was on hold until March 2021.

5.2 BNO Issues

At the last meeting it was noted that under current regulatory frameworks, Alt HAN Co. could not share their data with other SEC parties, unless a DNO or Supplier proposed a SEC change allowing them to release the information. This change would need to account for confidentiality and data privacy/GDPR requirements.

PA informed the group that ENWL have agreed to sponsor a SEC modification and that he will share this with the IWG for comments once the draft has been finalised.

ACTION 48/02: PA to share draft SEC modification for IWG review once ready.

5.3 Data Issues

It was agreed to hold an IWG Data Issues Workshop on Wednesday, 11 November 2020.

Further information on the scope of the meeting will be circulated shortly.

5.4 Metal Clad Cut-Outs – Glossary

DW noted that this went back to MOCOPA and Parties produced a document for proposed changes which DW had responded to. All changes have now gone through and the document is now live on the MOCOPA website. Any review of this document will now go through MOCOPA.

This workstream is now closed.

5.5 Aborted Site Visits

The Chair noted that following the action for the Chair to contact BEIS regarding progress of this workstream, an update would be issued to the group once received.

6. Safety Alert A94 Second Flashover Involving a Metal Clad Cut-out in 2020

The group discussed a recent safety alert issued by UKPN regarding a flashover involving a metal clad cut-out (Attachment 4).

JH informed the group that as a temporary measure, SP have instructed staff to abort metering jobs in the UKPN area supplied by any type of 3ph metal clad cut out (B07) as they are keen to understand the exact type and the root cause.

PM informed the group that as soon as a further update was available, he would circulate this to members.

7. Update on issue raised recently regarding IPC Connectors

At the last meeting JH presented some slides regarding safety concerns with Electric Vehicle Charger Installers using Insulation Piercing Connectors (IPC) to supply new circuits.

JH provided an update to this item prior to the meeting (Attachment 5). JH informed the group that Scottish Power have provided the following recommendations and actions:

- Where a meter operative finds an installation with IPC connectors fitted, the operative shall remove the IPC connectors and fit insulated terminal blocks. Ensure all cables/tails are suitably labelled with L & N indicating tape first. This is effectively treating the customer's load tails as "bunched tails" coming out of the meter.
- Replace and re-wire any cables/tails from the meter where necessary and clip to the backboard. Ensure all metering equipment terminal screws are correctly terminated onto cables/tails.
- Complete all visual checks and inspection.
- The operative shall, before completing the job task and fitting terminal covers, re-check all metering equipment terminations for tightness.
- Carry out all required electrical testing and ensure correct polarity at all metering equipment including newly fitted insulated blocks and correct polarity on the customer's installation.

8. Smart Meter Installs

The latest figures for Smart Meter installs can be found in Attachment 6.

PM noted that he was keen to understand the total of class 1-4 meters for the UK in each licence area so that he could understand the percentage of smart completion in each area. The Chair took action to investigate this and will provide an update shortly.

9. Any Other Business

Authorisations

GH raised a query regarding some confusion to extensions to Northern Powergrid authorisations.

MM clarified that if, for example, an authorisation expired in September 2020 then they would receive an extension to March next year. If an authorisation expired March 2020 then he would have expected a reauthorisation to have been done by now as in this example the authorisation would have expired in September, taken into account the six-month extension.

Smart Meter Installation Forecast Reporting

It was noted that DNOs have not been receiving the Smart Meter Installation Forecast Reporting, which is stipulated in DCUSA. The Chair took an action to investigate this and ensure that these are issued by the end of October as per the requirements of DCUSA.

10. Next Meeting

The next IWG meeting is scheduled to be held on 04 November 2020 via Microsoft Teams. The meeting will start at 10:00am.