DCUSA

Interventions Working Group - Meeting 52

03 February 2021 at 10:00am
Teleconference on Teams

Attendees	Company
Callum Sheen [CS]	E.ON
Dave Wright [DW]	Npower
Geoff Huckerby [GH]	Power Data Associates
Martin Murphy [MM]	NPg
Paul Abreu [PA]	Energy Networks Association (ENA)
Paul Morris [PM]	UK Power Networks (UKPN)
Philip Clarke [PC]	SSEN
Colin Gentleman [CG]	SSEN
Rachael Williams [RW]	SPEN
Richard Hill [RH]	Centrica
Simon Wilson [SW]	EDF Energy
John Heague [JH	Scottish Power
Richard Brady [RB]	WPD
Secretariat	
Richard Colwill [RC] (Chair)	ElectraLink

Amina Uddin [AU]	ElectraLink
Apologies	
Richard Cockerill (RiC)	OVO
Peter Skirvin [PS]	Electricity North West (ENW)
Boz Laird-Clowes [BLC]	BEIS

1. Administration

1.1 The Chair welcomed attendees to the 52nd IWG meeting.

1.2 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 51 – Draft Minutes

2.1 The minutes from the previous meeting held on 07 January 2021 were reviewed.

2.2 The Chair and group agreed the minutes to be 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

3.1 The IWG reviewed the outstanding actions and an updated version of the actions log can be found in Attachment 2.

4. Covid-19 Members Update

4.1 IWG members provided updates on the current impacts COVID-19 is having on their Companies. Key points are detailed below:

- JH informed the IWG that Scottish Power has stopped smart meter installs in Scotland and are carrying out emergency works only. In England and Wales works were still being carried with smart meter installs. It was confirmed that this was also the same for E.ON and EDF.
- GH state that it was confirmed at the RWG that the above should be the case for all Suppliers regarding works in Scotland.
- RH informed the IWG that British Gas have limited works to off supplies and credit to prepayment meters where there is a need. RH also clarified that service alterations

regarding new builds are also being undertaken by British Gas. These arrangements are UK wide.

5. Operational, Safety, and Reporting Issues

5.1 The Operational, Safety, and Reporting Issues spreadsheet that was issued prior to the meeting was reviewed.

5.2 JH informed the group that the "DNO making Earth changes to services, e.g. SNE service changed to CNE/PME" issue was currently sitting with MOCOPA with a view to making changes to the B07 data flow to report these issues.

5.3 RH informed the group that at the AMO Electricity forum the issue of "Faraday Cages being used to cover Smart Meters" was discussed and they are currently reviewing whether there have been more reports of this issue.

5.4 The Chair informed the group that the Data issues captured in the report will be addressed with the actions that have come out of the data flows workshop and further updates will be provided in due course.

5.5 Following discussions, it was agreed to close the issue "Staying on site for CAT A - first time resolution" as this was not a wider issue and individual cases can be captured in the bilateral meetings.

5.6 An updated version of the Operational, Safety, and Reporting Issues spreadsheet can be found in Attachment 3.

6. 2021 Workstreams Updates

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

6.1 IWG were informed that this pilot is on hold until May 2021.

BNO Issues

6.2 A SEC Modification is currently being drafted and this will be provided for review in the coming weeks.

Data Issues

6.3 The Chair noted that the IWG Data Issues Workshop was held on 11 November 2020.

6.4 The actions from the workshop were circulated to members. The Chair noted and reviewed the actions that came from the workshop as below once again:

- ACTION 01: Investigate whether Suppliers could be copied into D0135 flows sent to DNOs via the MOP.
- ACTION 02: Produce a draft version of high-level guidance for MOPs regarding submission of data flows.
- ACTION 03: Investigate making the Asset Condition Code mandatory.
- ACTION 04: Investigate potential for auto validation on fields such as telephone numbers, email addresses etc.
- ACTION 05: Investigate adding extra data field lined for additional telephone numbers and email address within the D0135 flow.
- ACTION 06: Investigate whether the alignment of the purpose for D0302 / D0225 / D0135 flows is possible so that these can be used to address any missing customer data within a D0135 flow.

6.5 There is currently consideration as to whether a DCUSA CP can be raised to address the action detailed in Action 06 above and further updates will be provided in due course.

6.6 The Secretariat took an action to contact MRA to initiate conversations to address actions 01, 03, 04 and 05 above..

Aborted Site Visits

6.7 The Chair agreed to follow this up with BEIS to see how this work was progressing.

ACTION 52/01: Secretariat to make contact with the MRA to initiate conversations to address the following actions:

- **Investigate whether Suppliers could be copied into D0135 flows sent to DNOs via the MOP.**
- **Investigate making the Asset Condition Code mandatory.**
- **Investigate potential for auto validation on fields such as telephone numbers, email addresses etc.**
- **Investigate adding extra data field lined for additional telephone numbers and email address within the D0135 flow**

ACTION 52/02: Secretariat to make contact with BEIS regarding work on aborted site visits.

7. Smart Meter Installs

7.1 The monthly smart meter installs for December 2020 were **171,836** respectively. The total cumulative number of smart meters installs currently stands at **14,705,576**.

7.2 The January 2021 data will be circulated post meeting once received.

8. Any Other Business

8.1 PM informed the IWG that he was looking to submit a DCUSA Change Proposal (CP) to define a process detailing when a Distributor can move a Supplier's meter during service alteration works.

Post Meeting Note

8.2 This CP has been submitted to the DCUSA Panel for review on 17 February. If approved, an invitation to join a Working Group will be issued on 19 February and IWG members will be copied into this invitation.

8.3 PA provided an update regarding a review of EREC G87 (Guidelines for the Provision of Low Voltage Connections to Multiple Occupancy Buildings). AltHan Co have asked if G87 can be reviewed to accommodate their requirements within multi occupancy buildings and what spacing allowance will be required regarding their technical solution. PA noted that members may be invited to participate with this review and will be updated as work progresses.

8.4 PM noted that not all Suppliers had completed the Supplier Emergency Metering Service Provisions register and the Secretariat took an action to send out a reminder to those Suppliers that have not yet provided submissions.

ACTION 52/03: Secretariat to issue a reminder to Suppliers regarding the Supplier Emergency Metering Services register requirements as detailed within DCUSA.

9. Next Meeting

9.1 The next IWG meeting was scheduled to be held on 03 March 2021 via Microsoft Teams. The meeting will start at 10:00am.