DCUSA

Interventions Working Group - Meeting 53

03 March 2021 at 10:00am
Teleconference on Teams

Attendees	Company
Callum Sheen [CS]	E.ON
Dave Wright [DW]	Npower
Geoff Huckerby [GH]	Power Data Associates
Richard Cockerill [RC]	OVO
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
Peter Skirvin [PS]	Electricity North West (ENW)
Secretariat	

Richard Colwill [RC] (Chair)	ElectraLink
Natasha Voysey [NV]	ElectraLink
Apologies	
Boz Laird-Clowes [BLC]	BEIS
Martin Murphy [MM]	NPg

1. Administration

1.1 The Chair welcomed attendees to the 53rd 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 52 – Draft Minutes

2.1 The minutes from the previous meeting held on 03 February 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. 2021 Workstreams Updates

4.1 The Chair asked the IWG to consider if there were any other items they would like to consider under this section.

4.2 PA mentioned that there may be some items that come from the ENA Service Terminations Issues Group (STIG) such as discussions regarding a targeted project that seeks to investigate the issue of 'Crowded Meter Rooms' in MDUs.

4.3 JH noted that the issue regarding DNOs making Earth changes to services, (e.g. SNE service changed to CNE/PME) is currently being reviewed at MOCOPA.

4.4 Regarding the BNO workstream, GH brought to the attention of the group a BEIS consultation on "Exemptions from the requirement for an electricity licence: call for evidence" which could be useful information for members to note.

4.5 PA provided an update regarding the SEC change in relation to the BNO workstream. It was noted that the change will need to better facilitate SEC objectives and it will likely do this as having better access to BNO contact information allows Suppliers and Distributors to provide a more efficient service. It is likely that members will be asked to contribute to this change once it is live.

4.6 Members were keen to check on the progress of the Safe Isolations Working Group. The Chair noted that the last communications sent out to the group was seeking a sponsor to raise a DCUSA Change Proposal. After discussion, it was agreed that it would be beneficial to hold another meeting to understand the potential solutions available and how best to move this issue into the DCUSA change process.

4.7 **Post Meeting Note:** An email was sent out to the Safe Isolations Working Group on 9 March, seeking a suitable date for the next meeting. An email will be issued shortly, detailing the objectives of the meeting.

5. Operational, Safety, and Reporting Issues

5.1 The Operational, Safety, and Reporting Issues spreadsheet that was issued prior to the meeting was reviewed. The latest version can be found in Attachment 3.

5.2 JH provided an overview of an issue regarding neutral current diversion. In certain scenarios the neutral return current could be returning via the earth conductor and it is not common practice for Meter Operators or DNOs to check for this on standard work. This poses a risk to the employees and the customers.

5.3 JH shared a video on the neutral current diversion issue and the dangers that could be posed. The members found it useful and requested the video to be circulated among IWG members so it could be shared widely and this will be shared shortly.

5.4 It was noted that there is information on the IET Website regarding neutral diversion. This can be found at the following link – IET Neutral Diversion.

5.5 RH agreed to raise this issue at the next EMF and members are requested to review this issue and consider next steps. This item has been added to the Operational, Safety, and Reporting Issues spreadsheet.

6. Smart Meter Installs

6.1 The monthly smart meter installs for January 2021 were 149,083 respectively. The total cumulative number of smart meters installs currently stands at 14,863,611.

6.2 This data can be found in Attachment 4.

7. Any Other Business

8.1 There was no other business, and the Chair closed the meeting.

8. Next Meeting

8.1 The next IWG meeting was scheduled to be held on 07 April 2021 via Microsoft Teams. The meeting will start at 10:00am.