

Distribution Charging Methodologies Development Group (DCMDG) - Meeting 41

01 July 2021 at 10:00

Teleconference via Microsoft Teams

Attendees	Company
Alan Fradley [AF]	Forbury Assets
Chris Barker [CB]	Electricity North West
Chris Ong [CO]	UK Power Networks
Claire Campbell [CC]	SP Energy Networks
David Fewings [DF]	Inenco
Dave Wornell [DW]	Western Power Distribution
Donald Preston [DP]	SSEN
Edda Dirks [ED]	SSE PLC
George Moran [GM]	British Gas
Helen Tsang [HT]	EDF
Karl Maryon [KM]	Haven Power
Kevin Spencer [KS]	Elexon
Kyran Hanks [KH]	Waters Wye Associates
Laura Waldron [LW]	Engie UK
Mark Jones [MJ]	UK Power Networks
Paul Farmer [PF]	Shell Energy Retail Limited
Peter Tubey [PT]	Scottish Power
Rustam Majainah [RMj]	OVO
Ryan Roberts [RR]	Energy Potential
Tim Bown [TB]	
Tom Chevalier [TC]	Power Data Associates
Tom Faulkner [TF]	Cornwall Insight
Tony Collings [TCO]	Ecotricity
Vicki Holland [VH]	SCS
Secretariat	
Angelo Fitzhenry [AF] (Chair)	ElectraLink
Amina Uddin [AU] (Technical Secretary)	ElectraLink
Dylan Townsend (DT)	Electralink

1. Administration

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed the DCMDG attendees to the meeting.
- 1.2 The Chair noted apologies received from Hilary Algert [HA].
- 1.3 The Group reviewed the DCUSA “Competition Law Guidance” and agreed to be bound by this for the duration of the meeting.
- 1.4 Attendees reviewed the draft minutes from the last meeting, held on 03 June 2021 and agreed that they were an accurate representation of the discussions held.
- 1.5 Attendees were informed that the Actions Log was up to date and a version can be found as Attachment 1.

2. DCMDG Forward Work Plan and Issues Log

- 2.1 The group reviewed the DCMDG Forward Work Plan and Issues Log and agreed that no updates were needed at this time. The current version can be found as Attachment 2.
- 2.2 The Chair confirmed that there were no new issues to discuss.
- 2.3 The Chair gave a brief overview on the DCUSA Charging Methodology Change Proposals and External Activities within the Forward Work Plan.
- 2.4 The Chair noted that the group only had one day left to respond to the DCP 328 consultation.

3. Market Wide Half Hourly Settlement (MHHS) Presentation

- 3.1 KS provided a verbal update on the Market Wide Half Hourly Programme.
- 3.2 KS noted that the full business case was published by Ofgem under their Settlement Reform SCR.
- 3.3 The outcome was that Ofgem could go ahead using Target Operating Module that was developed by the Design Working Group lead by Elexon.
- 3.4 In the full business case, it was stated that the DWG proposed settlement timetable would go ahead.
- 3.5 A modification P413 was set up to allow Elexon to undertake the role of Programme Manager and manage the system integration processes which was agreed and mobilised.
- 3.6 KS noted that under Elexon the Code Change and Development Group had taken place, and a consultation was published earlier in the year on the target operating module. Since then, the CCDG has been working on a transition deliverable which was ready for consultation. A webinar was due to be held on 07 July 2021 for anyone who was interested.
- 3.7 KS noted that the Architecture Working Group had been working and held a consultation, following which final recommendations were delivered to Ofgem. The recommendation was for

an event driven architecture module. A webinar had been held on this. Ofgem had not approved the architecture yet and requested for further works to be carried out.

- 3.8 In the previous meeting it was highlighted that there could be up to 30 or so million bits of Half-Hourly data that results from the MHHS reform and it was questioned whether this could be used by DNOs or others in the provision of extra tariffs or more granular ways of setting charges, (i.e., charges could potentially be set on an individual basis) as compared to today where groups of customers are grouped together for the purposes of DUoS charges
- 3.9 At the last meeting it was also questioned if data that may assist with DNOs obtaining volumes associate with Measurement class G customers (for the purposes of the TCR) be available post MHHS (i.e., following 2024/2025). However, there was a view that DNOs will need data before this point in time, and therefore, it is believed that Elexon (on behalf of industry) have agreed to raise a change in this area in order to standardise the provision of such data. KS noted that there was a timing issue; if the meter level data was required it would have to come from the Half Hourly Data Collectors.
- 3.10 It was previously raised that as it was likely that following the implementation of MHHS reform, the data that will be available is likely to be different to that which is available today and so understanding what data is expected to be available and which processes are going to be impacted may lead to the identification of new/amended approaches in the way DUoS charges are calculated/levied.
- 3.11 It was questioned at the last meeting if there was any further information associated with the potential removal of items currently used for DUoS charges (e.g., Profile Classes, Measurement Classes, Standard Settlement Configuration or Time Pattern Regime) and an opportunity to raise ideas as to what might be useful to include as replacements to any of these items. KS noted that any feedback on user requirements would be welcomed as soon as possible in order that any new registration data items can be added to the BSC central systems.

4. Ofgem Update

- 4.1 The Chair noted that the Ofgem representative was unable to attend.
- 4.2 The Chair informed the group that Ofgem had issued late yesterday its minded to decision consultation document on the Access & Forward-Looking SCR, however this time it does not include any of the DUoS elements but is focused on Access Rights, Connection Charging and TNUoS for small generation. The consultation period runs until 25th August.
- 4.3 One member questioned when it was expected to hear more about the DUoS reforms. The chair agreed to email HA for a response.

5. Agenda Items for the next meeting

- 5.1 There were no agenda items raised for the next meeting.

6. Any Other Business (AOB)

- 6.1 One member informed the group that an email has been circulated to the DNOs regarding the annual LC14 draft template document and for DNOs to comment if any changes are required before using later in the year.
- 6.2 One other member questioned on the TCR banding information which had some missing information and wanted to know if other Suppliers had the same problems. The member was informed that this could possibly have been because the some of the information would not be available until September 2021.

7. Date of Next Meeting

- 7.1 The next DCMDG meeting will be held on 05 August 2021 via Microsoft Teams/Teleconference at 10am.

8. DNO Operational Matters

- 8.1 There were no DNO Operational Matters raised at this meeting.

9. Attachments

- Attachment 1 – Updated DCMDG Actions Log
- Attachment 2 – Updated DCMDG Forward Work Plan