

DCP 397 Working Group Meeting 01

17 January 2022 at 10:00 - Web-Conference

Attendee	Company
Working Group Members	
Alan Creighton [AC]	NPg
Emslie Law [EL]	SSE
Lorna Mallon [LM]	Scottish Power Retail
Paul Fitzgerald [PF]	SSEN
Simon Yeo [SY]	WPD
Code Administrator	
Angelo Fitzhenry [AF] (Chair)	ElectraLink
Hannah Proffitt [HP] (Technical Secretariat)	ElectraLink
Apologies	
Richard Ellis [RE]	WPD

1. Administration

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed attendees and advised that one apology had been received.
- 1.2 The Working Group reviewed the Terms of Reference, no comments of concern were raised.
- 1.3 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.

2. Purpose of the Meeting

- 2.1 The Chair set out that the purpose of the meeting was to introduce the new Change Proposal (CP) and to determine the next steps in developing the solution.
- 2.2 The Chair advised members that John Lawton (Senior Consultant at ElectraLink) had raised concerns that the DCP may interact with the Access & Forward-Looking Charge SCR or the Market Wide Half Hourly Settlement (MWHHS) SCR. The Chair noted that they had relayed these concerns to Ofgem who

had responded confirming they do not consider this CP to be in scope of the Access & Forward-Looking Charge SCR, however that they would need to consult with their MWHHS Programme Manager before confirming their position with this SCR.

Post meeting note: Ofgem have issued a follow up email addressing the MWHHS SCR, which has been included as Attachment 1.

- 2.3 The Proposer of the DCP, PF, noted that they did consider these SCRs when drafting the DCP however that they did not believe it would have an impact. PF clarified that the solution is intended to be an interim measure.
- 2.4 The group asked that the Secretariat circulate their email to Ofgem to the members. The email chain can be found as Attachment 2.

3. Overview of DCP 397 'Modification of the Load Managed Area Notice Template'

- 3.1 PF provided an overview of the CP to the group noting that the CP seeks to modify Schedule 8 – Demand Control, Appendix A – Load Managed Area Notice template and associated legal text, by including additional columns of useful information.
- 3.2 PF advised that EnergyUK held a number of industry meetings attended by Energy Suppliers, Network Operators and BEIS. One of the outputs of these meetings was the agreement that additional information on the Appendix A template will enable Suppliers to better understand the Load Switching Regimes that need to be replicated when replacing a Load Switching Device, such as the switching times for each contactor (space heating, water heating) and which regimes can be combined to simplify the replication.
- 3.3 PF explained that without the additional information, replicating Load Switching Regimes will remain complex with a heightened risk of error especially where separate space heating and water heating Load Switching Regimes are in place.
- 3.4 PF noted that Smart Meters are expected to be the replacement for the legacy metering systems used by Radio Teleswitching (RTS), and as such are being replaced. Where a party is replacing a Load Switching Device, it should use reasonable endeavours to replicate the existing Load Switching Regimes. PF noted that the CP simply provides additional information to aid Suppliers when attempting to replicate.
- 3.5 EL raised that Smart Meters were not designed to replicate existing Load Switching Regimes, rather to replace these. EL confirmed that this matter was raised at the EnergyUK workshops.
- 3.6 PF clarified that the aim of the CP was to update the template to include the information needed for Energy Suppliers to understand the Load Switching Regimes.
- 3.7 EL suggested that EnergyUK should be invited to the Working Group meetings going forward as they have been an integral part of the solution development so far. The Chair agreed to contact Jason Stevens and Craig Handford regarding attending future meetings.

ACTION 01/01: The Chair to contact Jason Stevens and Craig Handford at EnergyUK to invite them to attend future Working Group meetings.

4. Review and Discussion of Change Proposal

- 4.1 The group reviewed the legal text.
- 4.2 SY asked whether the term 'combined' refers to heat and water. PF confirmed that it does. SY asked if this term needs to be defined. PF noted that it is explained in the guidance document but that the group could consider adding a definition to the text.
- 4.3 The group asked that the guidance document is issued with the post meeting papers. This can be found as Attachment 3.
- 4.4 The Chair encouraged members to consider including any necessary clarification in the legal text as not all Suppliers will be aware of where to locate guidance documents.
- 4.5 The group reviewed the Proposed Load Managed Area Notice template. PF highlighted that the proposed new columns had been marked in blue.
- 4.6 SY asked whether columns M (SSC for replicating peak/off-peak) and N (New SSC description per MDD) were referring to the same SSC. PF confirmed they were, with column M noting the SSC and column N providing the description of that SSC. SY suggested that a note is added to the spreadsheet above columns M and N to clarify this.
- 4.7 SY questioned the term 'combined' and asked if the guidance document contains a detailed explanation of this and whether it includes a diagram. PF showed the group the guidance document, noting that it does explain the difference between combined and separate.
- 4.8 The Chair asked the proposer whether the CP has interactions with any other codes. PF confirmed that it is only the guidance document.
- 4.9 LM suggested the template should include effective from and effective to dates. PF confirmed that the spreadsheet contains these already, in columns B and C. LM suggested that an explanation of these columns could be added as this could be important if there is already a Smart Meter in place.

ACTION 01/02: PF to update template to include a section above columns M and N, and B and C to provide descriptions. PF to also consider including a link to the guidance document within the legal text or template.

- 4.10 The group agreed that this is a wider issue facing this area of DCUSA, however that it is outside the scope of the CP. To ensure the issue is addressed outside of the CP, the group agreed for John Lawton to be added to the Working Group as an observer to monitor discussions.

ACTION 01/03: The Chair to contact John Lawton and ask him to join the Working Group as an observer.

5. Next Steps and Work Plan

- 5.1 The Chair highlighted that during the October 2021 DCUSA Panel meeting, the Panel considered feedback received from a Party and agreed for the CP to progress to Working Group for development rather than directly to Change Report Phase. The Chair noted that therefore, the timeline of the CP has been amended and will need to be extended to include a consultation period. The Chair presented the Work Plan to members.
- 5.2 The Chair highlighted that the CP would likely fall under the June DCUSA Release, however if it is deemed necessary, a request can be issued to the DCUSA Panel for an extraordinary release.
- 5.3 The group approved the Work Plan.
- 5.4 The Working Group discussed the next steps, and the following items were captured:
 - Proposer to amend Attachment 1 of the DCP, the Proposed Load Managed Area Notice, to include a section above columns M and N, and B and C to provide descriptions. Proposer to also consider including a link to the guidance document within the legal text or template.
 - A second Working Group meeting will be scheduled for the week commencing 31 January or 7 February. At this meeting the group to agree consultation comments with a view to publish the consultation in late February or early March.

6. Any Other Business

- 6.1 The Chair asked the group whether there was any other business, to which nothing was raised.

7. Date of Next Meeting

- 7.1 As agreed, a doodle poll will be issued to establish the date of the next meeting.

8. Attachments

- Attachment 1_ Ofgem Post Meeting Update
- Attachment 2_DCP 397 Ofgem Email Chain
- Attachment 3_ Elexon RTS Guidance Step1a Draft v1.0

APPENDIX A

New and Open Actions

Action Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
01/01	The Chair to contact Jason Stevens and Craig Handford at EnergyUK to invite them to attend future Working Group meetings.	The Chair	New Action. Email issued by Chair to EnergyUK contacts attaching background of the CP and asking them to attend going forward. No response received as of yet.
01/02	PF to update template to include a section above columns M and N, and B and C to provide descriptions. PF to also consider including a link to the guidance document within the legal text or template.	PF (Proposer)	New Action.
01/03	The Chair to contact John Lawton and ask him to join the Working Group as an observer.	The Chair	New Action. John Lawton has agreed to join the group as an observer and will monitor the minutes from the group.