

# DCP 394 Working Group Meeting 02

22 November 2021 at 10:00 - Web-Conference

Attendee	Company
<b>Working Group Members</b>	
Dave Hill [DH]	Magnum Utilities
David Jones [DJ]	Alt Han Co.
Finn Davies-Clark [FDC]	SSE
Frank Bertie [FB]	NAPIT
Geoff Huckerby [GH]	Power Data Associates
George Barnes [GB]	Utilita
Irmeen Khan [IK]	Alt Han Co.
Justin Maltby-Smith [JMS]	NAPIT
Kevin Liddle [KL]	NPg
Kevin Woollard [KW]	Centrica
Lee Stone [LS]	EON
Martyn Allen [MA]	Electrical Safety First
Paul Abreu [PA]	Energy Networks Association (ENA)
Richard Brady [RB]	Western Power
Richard Hill [RH]	British Gas
<b>Code Administrator</b>	
Richard Colwill [RC] (Chair)	ElectraLink
George Dawson [GD] (Technical Secretariat)	ElectraLink

## 1. Administration

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- 1.1 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.
- 1.2 There were no additional comments or feedback relating to the Working Group Terms of Reference.
- 1.3 Updates on all actions are provided in **Appendix A**.

## 2. Purpose of the Meeting

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- 2.1 The Chair set out that the purpose of the meeting was to review the Request for Information (RFI) document and any and all suggested changes to the document were done on-screen by the Chair.

## 3. Review and Discussion of the RFI

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- 3.1 The Working Group both reviewed the RFI document provided to the Working Group prior to the meeting.
- 3.2 It was noted that the ‘Impacted Parties’ section of the RFI needs to include ‘Meter Operator’.
- 3.3 The main purpose of the RFI is to seek early feedback in relation to the legal relationships that would be required if this CP was approved, in particular, in relation to liability.
- 3.4 The initial view is that this will set three new relationships within Section 2 of DCUSA as below:
  - Distributor to Meter Operator relationship
  - Supplier to Meter Operator relationship
  - Gas Supplier to Meter Operator relationship (potentially if they damaged the comms hub)
- 3.5 It is believed that the relationships will look similar in nature to that of Section 2D, E and F of DCUSA and an action was taken to seek a legal view on this prior to issuing an RFI.
- 3.6 If DCP 394 is approved, there will also need to be changes made to the REC. For example, the Meter Operation Code of Practice (MOCOP) will need to be updated to articulate that a Meter Operator may perform de-energisation and re-energisation works without working under the instruction of the Supplier. The REC would also need to indicate that a Metre Operator would need to accede to DCUSA to allow this.
- 3.7 The Working Group discussed the potential consequences of a Meter Operator not undertaking work in accordance with Good Industry Practice or a Meter Operator working independently but not acceding to DCUSA and it has been considered that under these circumstances a Meter Operator may be subsequently removed as a DCUSA Party and therefore unable to operate independently and potentially removed as a REC Party and therefore unable to provide this service to a Supplier. This would need to be covered in the performance assurance aspect of REC.
- 3.8 The RFI will seek views on the above.

## Post Meeting Note:

- 3.9 The Secretariat has approached the legal advisors for their views on the likely legal relationships needed if this CP is approved and an updated RFI for will be circulated to the Working Group for review shortly.

**ACTION 02/01: Secretariat to circulate update RFI document, once available.**

## 4. Any Other Business

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- 4.1 The Chair asked the Working Group if there was any other business to discuss.
- 4.2 There were no other items of business raised.

## 5. Date of Next Meeting

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- 5.1 The date of the next meeting has been scheduled for 06 January 2022 at 10am. The purpose of this meeting will be to review the RFI responses and look to further define the solution ahead of an industry consultation.

## APPENDIX A

### New and Open Actions

Action Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
<b>01/01</b>	Secretariat to draft an RFI to be circulated to Suppliers and MOPs seeking views on the liabilities of MOPs working independently.	ElectraLink	<b>Ongoing.</b>
<b>01/02</b>	Secretariat to contact an Ofgem seeking representation for this CP and to seek guidance of any potential challenges around this change.	ElectraLink	<b>Ongoing.</b>
<b>01/03</b>	Secretariat to look at the Gas Supplier accession process to consider whether this would be suitable for the accession of MOPs.	ElectraLink	<b>Ongoing.</b>
<b>01/04</b>	RC and CB to discuss offline aligning the timetables of this change with REC.	RC / CB	<b>Ongoing.</b>
<b>02/01</b>	Secretariat to circulate update RFI document, once available.		