

DCP 386 Working Group Meeting 02

10 December 2021 at 10am

Teleconference

Attendee	Company
Working Group Members	
Robert Matta [RM]	SSEN
Lorna Mallon [LM]	Scottish Power
Peter Waymont [PW]	UKPN
Peter Turner [PT]	NPg
Code Administrator	
Richard Colwill [RC] (Chair)	ElectraLink
George Dawson [GD] (Technical Secretary)	ElectraLink

1. Administration

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed the members to the meeting and noted there were no apologies.
- 1.2 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.
- 1.3 The Terms of Reference sent out prior to the meeting were agreed.

2. Purpose of the Meeting

- 2.1 The Chair set out that the main purpose of the meeting was to go through consultation responses received for DCP 386's Consultation.

3. Review of Consultation Responses

- 3.1 The Chair provided a copy of the DCP 386 Consultation responses on the screen for members to look at. The consultation responses can be found in Attachment 1 of these minutes.
- 3.2 Members noted that the responses to questions 1 and 2 showed that Parties understood the intent of the CP and were supportive of its principles.
- 3.3 In evaluation of question 3, the Working Group noted that out of all responses, it was agreed that it was reasonable to give the MIC and MEC to the landlord of the property, regardless of whether they are the direct customer or not.
- 3.4 In relation to question 4, all respondents agreed that Distributors should be able to disclose the MIC or MEC at a property to a prospective purchaser of that property.
- 3.5 There were mixed views in relation to how these requests should be dealt with some respondents stating formal evidence of a legitimate reason should be provided and others leaning towards no evidence being required. This drew discussions regarding the ESQCR, in particular, the below text contained within in it:

Information to be provided on request

28. A distributor shall provide, in respect of any existing or proposed consumer's installation which is connected or is to be connected to his network, to any person who can show a reasonable cause for requiring the information, a written statement of—

(a) the maximum prospective short circuit current at the supply terminals;

(b) for low voltage connections, the maximum earth loop impedance of the earth fault path outside the installation;

(c) the type and rating of the distributor's protective device or devices nearest to the supply terminals;

(d) the type of earthing system applicable to the connection; and

(e) the information specified in regulation 27(1),

which apply, or will apply, to that installation

- 3.6 It was noted that much of this information is out of scope of DCP 386, however in relation to whether a Distributor should do any checks (i.e if DCP 386 is approved and someone is purporting to be a prospective owner), it was agreed to add the following to the legal text “Any person who can show a reasonable cause for requiring the information”. It would then be down to each individual Distributor to determine what they believe to be a reasonable cause.
- 3.7 Question 5 asked respondents if beyond providing details of the MIC and MEC, they believe that there is any other acceptable information that could be shared. Some did not believe other information should be in scope and others felt that information in relation to whether the connection is constrained would be of benefit. One respondent noted that consideration could be given to providing information regarding the number of phases and security of supply.
- 3.8 After discussion the Working Group agreed that the scope should be expanded to provide information on whether the connection is constrained. This should be kept to a yes/ no answer and the customer will be advised to speak to the owner if they wish to establish further information. It was agreed that no further information should be in scope of this CP.
- 3.9 The responses to question 6 noted that DCUSA General Objectives 1 and 4 would be impacted as a result of the Change Proposal. Despite a good argument made for Objective 2 in the Confidential 2 response, the Working Group agreed that on balance the Change better facilitated Objectives 1 and 4.
- 3.10 Question 7: The Working Group acknowledged and agreed with the consensus that there are no wider industry developments which may be impacted by DCP 386.
- 3.11 Question 8: The Working Group acknowledged the responses which agreed with the proposed implementation date of the Change.
- 3.12 The Working Group noted in response to Question 9, regarding the Legal Text, that despite the Consultation responses agreeing that no proposed changes would be required, the legal text would be updated in relation to the decision articulated in paragraph 3.6 above.

4. Legal Text Review

- 6.1 The Working Group updated the legal text as noted above. This can be found in Attachment 2.

5. Agree Work Plan and Next Steps

- 5.1 The Chair noted that he would arrange to speak to the Legal Advisor prior to the Christmas break regarding the proposed Legal updates alongside drafting the Change Report, which would put the change in a good position to be sent to the DCUSA Panel in January 2022.

ACTION 02/01: The Secretariat to issue the proposed legal text to the DCUSA Legal advisors for review.

ACTION 02/02: The Secretariate to draft a Change Report and issue to the Working Group for review.

6. Any Other Business

- 6.1 There were no further items of AOB, and the Chair closed the meeting.

7. Date of Next Meeting

- 7.1 The next Working Group is scheduled for Monday, 10 January 2022 between 2pm and 5pm.
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New and Open Actions

Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
02/01	The Secretariat to issue the proposed legal text to the DCUSA Legal advisors for review.	ElectraLink	Completed
02/02	The Secretariate to draft a Change Report and issue to the Working Group for review.	ElectraLink	Ongoing

Closed Actions

Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
01/01	The Secretariat to update the Change Proposal file name from 371 to 386.	ElectraLink	Closed
01/02	The Secretariat to draft a Consultation document to go alongside the Draft Minutes.	ElectraLink	Closed