

DCUSA SIG Meeting 128 Minutes

28 January 2022 at 10:00am: Web Conference

| Attendee | Company |
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| Working Group Members | |
| Kara Burke [KB] | Northern Powergrid |
| Lee Wells [LW] | Northern Powergrid |
| Donna Townsend [DT] | Energy Assets Networks |
| Donald Preston [DP] | SSEN |
| Karl Maryon [KM] | Haven Power |
| Peter Waymont [PW] | UKPN |
| Simon Vicary [SV] | EDF Energy |
| Finn Davies-Clarke [FD] | SSE Energy Supply |
| Code Administrator | |
| Angelo Fitzhenry (AF) (Chair) | ElectraLink |
| Richard Colwill [RC] | ElectraLink |

1. Administration

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed the members to the meeting.
- 1.2 The Group reviewed the “Competition Law Guidance”. All members agreed to be bound by the Competition Law Guidance for the duration of the meeting.

2. Issues Log

- 2.1 The SIG reviewed the Issues Log. There was one open item, which was on the agenda for discussion (DIF 62). An updated issues log can be found in Attachment 1.

3. DIF 62 - Additional Clarification for correct application of the LV Sub Site Specific Tariff

Overview and Review of DIF 62

- 3.1 AF informed the SIG that this issue was presented at the DCMDG meeting held on 20 January 2022. Some feedback had been received and this would be covered in the general discussions later in the meeting.
- 3.2 DT provided an overview of DIF 62, full details of which can be found in Attachment 2.
- 3.3 The circumstances under which an LV Sub Site Specific Tariff can be accurately applied are defined in Schedule 16, Clause 141 of DCUSA. It notes the following:

Note 3: LV Sub applies to customers connected to the DNO Party's network at a voltage of less than 1 kV at a substation with a primary voltage (the highest operating voltage present at the substation) of at least 1 kV and less than 22 kV, where the current transformer (CT) used for the customer's settlement metering is located at the substation. For these purposes, 'at the substation' means:

- a) an HV/LV substation with the metering CT in the same chamber as the substation transformer; or*
- b) an HV/LV substation with the metering CT in a chamber immediately adjacent to the substation transformer chamber.*

- 3.4 DT informed SG members that their understanding is that for LV Sub site specific tariffs, the end customer is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the LV circuits beyond the CTs and metering which would be installed at (or adjacent to) the substation supplying their property. However, when discussing this application with their end customers or contractors, they often query where it states that the customer owns the LV circuit for LV Sub tariffs.
- 3.5 KB had provided some feedback prior to the meeting, and this was discussed by SIG members. The feedback provided can be found in the bullet points below:
 - LV Sub depends on where the CTs are located and not where the metering is located.
 - Must be either in the substation or “immediately adjacent”. This term isn't defined but NPG take it to mean on the other side of the wall, i.e. minimal LV network
 - The customer is not using a significant amount of LV network, so it is excluded from the charges for LV Sub customers.
 - For DUoS charging we charge up to the CTs so it's irrelevant who owns the cables after that.
 - The exit point and the ownership boundary (DNO/BNO) are not always in the same place (although in most cases they would be)

- For the DCUSA it is irrelevant who owns the cables after the CTs so there should not be a change to the legal text

3.6 After reviewing the above, SIG members were in agreement, however determined that issuing an RFI to DCUSA Parties to see if any others have experienced issues would be beneficial.

3.7 SIG members discussed what is meant by “immediately adjacent” as this is not a defined term. It was agreed that we would seek feedback on how Distributors interpret this to determine whether or not it is possible to make this a defined term.

3.8 SIG members considered what questions should be posed in the RFI and agreed to the following:

- With respect to this issue, have you experienced queries from customers/Suppliers relating to the application of the LV sub site specific tariff regarding physical arrangements (i.e., LV cable ownership and boundaries)?
- With respect to the wording “immediately adjacent”, how does your organisation interpret and apply this (i.e., do you have a standard definition or is each site assessed individually and if so, how)?
- Are there any other issues experienced when dealing with customers/Suppliers regarding the application of the LV sub tariff?
- Do you believe that the legal text within the DCUSA requires amendment to remove any ambiguity and ensure consistency of application of the LV sub site specific tariff? If so, please can you provide suggestions for amendments?
- With respect to the ownership of the LV cables, as a distributor, do you or the customer own the LV cables or is there mix? In either circumstance does this alter your application of the LV sub site specific tariff?

3.9 The Secretariat took an action to create a draft RFI and circulate to members for comments.

ACTION 128/01: Secretariat to draft an RFI document and circulate to SIG members for review.
ACTION 128/02: Issue RFI to DNO and IDNO DCUSA Parties for a period of two weeks.

Post Meeting Note:

3.10 The RFI was circulated to members for review on 02 February 2022. A couple of minor amendments were received and the RFI was issued to DCUSA Parties on 04 February 2022.

Next Steps

3.11 SIG to meet again on 25 February to review RFI responses and determine next steps.

4. Any Other Business

4.1 There was no other business, and the meeting was closed.

5. Date of Next Meeting:

5.1 The next SIG meeting will take place on 25 February 2022, via Microsoft Teams.

Appendix 1

New and open actions

| Action Ref. | Action | Owner | Update |
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| 128/01 | Secretariat to draft an RFI document and circulate to SIG members for review. | ElectraLink | Completed |
| 128/02 | Issue RFI to DNO and IDNO DCUSA Parties for a period of two weeks. | ElectraLink | Completed – issued on 04 February, with a deadline for responses set at 18 February. |