

DCP 344 Working Group Meeting 11

08 February 2022 at 14:00

Teleconference

Attendees	Company
Working Group Members	
Donna Townsend [DT]	Energy Asset Pipelines
Peter Waymont [PW]	UKPN
Diandra Orodan [DO]	BUUK
Mark Jones [MJ]	SSE
Apologies	
George Barnes [GB]	Utilita
Code Administrator	
Richard Colwill [RC] (Chair)	ElectraLink

1. Administration

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed the members to the meeting.
- 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 Working Group reviewed the minutes from the last meeting and agreed that the minutes were an accurate reflection of the discussions held.
- 1.4 An update on actions can be found in Appendix 1.

2. Purpose of the Meeting

- 2.1 The Chair noted that the purpose of this meeting was to address some comments received from the DCUSA Panel in relation to the DCP 344 Change Report which was circulated prior to the meeting.

3. Review and Finalise DCP 344 Change Report

- 3.1 The DCP 344 Change Report was presented to the DCUSA Panel at the January meeting. The Panel requested additional information within the Change Report in relation to the following:
 - Why procurement of the e-billing service was the preferred option.
 - Details of costs associated with the solution.
 - What will happen to Parties already using the e-billing service
- 3.2 The Working Group reviewed the comments received from the DCUSA Panel and updated the DCP 344 Change Report accordingly. Key points to discussions can be found below:
 - Clarity was added to the Change Report that the creation of a new DTC flow was considered; however, it was deemed costly particularly as the service already exists through the e-billing service. It was also noted that ElectraLink claims ownership of the IPR for the DUoS e-billing solution and therefore creation of an identical DTC flow is deemed not feasible. Procurement of the e-billing service was deemed the best way to create consistency across all Parties.
 - A sentence was added within the Change Report to refer DCUSA Parties to the recently published DCUSA Budget, which provides an indicative cost for this proposed solution. Some examples of how the costs would be calculated based on an illustrative cost of £200,000 were also added to the Change Report.
 - A sentence was also added to the Change Report to clarify that Parties already contracted with ElectraLink for the e-billing service will be transferred to these new arrangements if DCP 344 is approved and would not be at risk of being charged twice.
- 3.1 One Working Group member raised a concern in relation to a risk if ElectraLink stopped providing this service in the future. After discussion, it was agreed to add a sentence in the legal text that states that if the e-billing service is unavailable, manual billing will be used (at least in the interim period).

Post Meeting Note

- 3.2 The updated DCP 344 Change Report was issued to the DCUSA Panel on 09 February. It will be reviewed at the Panel meeting scheduled for 16 February and if approved will be issued for voting on 18 February, with a deadline for responses set for 11 March. A Change Declaration will be issued to DCUSA Parties and Ofgem (for their decision) on 15 March 2022.

4. Any Other Business

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

New and open actions

Action Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
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5. Closed actions

Action Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
07/01	PW investigate with ElectraLink the potential costs associated with DCUSA Ltd procuring the DUoS e-billing service.	Peter Waymont	Closed
07/02	Secretariat to research into what fields would be necessary in the manual invoice template for Option A.	ElectraLink	Closed
09/01	Secretariat to draft DCP 344 Change Report for January DCUSA Panel meeting.	ElectraLink	Closed
