

Distribution Charging Methodologies Development Group (DCMDG) - Meeting 49

17 March 2022 at 10:00

Teleconference via Microsoft Teams

Attendees	Company
Ahna Taylor [AT]	SSE
Alan Fradley [AF]	SSE
Andrew Neves [AN]	Engage Consulting
Chris Barker [CBa]	ENWL
Chris Berry [CBe]	Ineco
Chris Ong [CO]	UK Power Networks
Dafydd Burton [DB]	Ofgem
Dave Wornell [DW]	WPD
David Fewings [DF]	Inenco
Donald Preston [DP]	SSEN
Edda Dirks [ED]	SSE Generation
Finn Davies-Clark [FD]	SSE Energy Solutions
George Moran [GM]	British Gas
Grant Elder [GE]	SSE
Helen Tsang [HT]	EDF
Laura Waldron [LWa]	Engie
Lee Stone [LS]	EON
Lorna Murray [LM]	SPEN
Mark James [MJa]	UKPN
Mark Jones [MJo]	SSE
Matthew Patrick [MP]	Ofgem
Pamela Howe [PH]	NPg
Rowan Hazell [RH]	Cornwall Insight
Rustam Majainah [RM]	OVO
Ryan Roberts [RR]	Energy Potential
Thomas Cadge [TCa]	BUUK
Tom Chevalier [TCh]	Power Data Associates
Tony Collings [TC]	Ecotricity
Secretariat	
Angelo Fitzhenry [AF] (Chair)	ElectraLink
Hannah Proffitt [HP] (Technical Secretariat)	ElectraLink

Apologies	Company
Claire Campbell [CC]	SPEN
Peter Tubey [PT]	Scottish Power
Shannon Murray	Ofgem

1. Administration

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting and noted the above apologies.
- 1.2 The Group reviewed the DCUSA “Competition Law Guidance” and agreed to be bound by this for the duration of the meeting.
- 1.3 Attendees reviewed the draft minutes from the last meeting, held on 17 February 2022 and agreed they were an accurate reflection of the discussions held. The final version can be found as **Attachment 1**.
- 1.4 Attendees were informed of the Actions Log progress and the group noted the updates. All updates can be found as **Attachment 2**.

2. DCMDG Forward Work Plan and Issues Log

- 2.1 The group reviewed the DCMDG Forward Work Plan and Issues Log - the current version can be found as **Attachment 3**.
- 2.2 The Chair confirmed that there were no new issues.
- 2.3 The Chair gave a brief overview on the DCUSA Charging Methodology Change Proposals and External Activities within the Forward Work Plan.

3. Ofgem Update

- 3.1 MP advised that there were no updates further to the update due to be given under the Distribution Use of System (DUoS) Significant Code Review (SCR) item below.

4. DUoS SCR

- 4.1 DB presented the letter from Ofgem outlining the decision to descope the review of DUoS charges from the current Electricity Network Access and Forward-Looking Charges SCR and take it forward under a dedicated SCR with a revised timescale
- 4.2 AN asked what the review is trying to achieve and how long it will take. DB advised that when DUoS was part of the Access SCR, they were looking at ways of increasing the effectiveness of DUoS and making it more appropriate for today’s energy system. DB noted they are mindful that they are removing a level of granularity and that without DUoS changes this will be missing. DB noted that Ofgem felt that DUoS charges needed reform and required their own vehicle. Regarding timescales, DB noted that the earliest possible date for implementation is 2025.



- 4.3 ED note that they wish to be involved but that with the work on the Access SCR, resource planning will be important. ED advised that a more detailed idea of the amount of resource required and when, will be important. DB noted that they do not have this information currently, however that they aim to provide the first steps and likely commitments as soon as possible following the conclusion of the Access SCR. DB indicated that this will likely be the end of March or start of April.
- 4.4 RM emphasised that lots of changes have taken place in the industry since 2018, and that Parties have changed, along with their priorities. DB noted that this is useful feedback and agreed to share this internally.
- 4.5 LS reinforced that Parties have a large number of burdens at present and that implementing two SCRs will require a lot of work. DB agreed to provide this feedback.
- 4.6 AN highlighted the charging review and noted that the Market Wide Half Hourly Settlement (MWHHS) programme may have an impact, changing tariffs and leading to more significant costs. TC agreed that the MWHHS should be kept in mind, as when the SCR was first considered, there were not thought to be any impacts on DNOs, however that things have changed since then.

5. Agenda Items for the Next Meeting

- 5.1 There were no additional items requested to discuss at the next DCMDG meeting.

6. Any Other Business (AOB)

- 6.1 The Chair asked if there were any other matters to discuss.
- 6.2 ED noted that the next meeting clashes with a placeholder for a Potential Access SCR Related Working Group meeting. The Chair confirmed that the meetings are not confirmed as yet and that they would try to avoid clashes wherever possible.
- 6.3 ED asked that an agenda item is added to the next meeting to discuss the Access SCR Change Proposals.
- 6.4 There were no further items of business raised.

7. Date of Next Meeting

- 7.1 The next DCMDG meeting will be held on 21 April 2022 via Microsoft Teams/Teleconference at 10am.

8. DNO Operational Matters

- 8.1 There were no DNO Operational Matters raised at this meeting.

9. Attachments

- Attachment 1 - DCMDG Meeting 48 - Final Minutes v1.0

- Attachment 2 - DCMDG Actions Log
- Attachment 3 - DCMDG Forward Work Plan and Issues Log