

Distribution Charging Methodologies Development Group (DCMDG) - Meeting 50

21 April 2022 at 10:00

Teleconference via Microsoft Teams

Attendees	Company
Ahna Taylor [AT]	SSE
Alan Fradley [AF]	SSE
Chris Barker [CB]	ENWL
Claire Campbell [CC]	SPEN
Dave Wornell [DW]	WPD
David Fewings [DF]	Inenco
Edda Dirks [ED]	SSE Generation
Finn Davies-Clark [FDC]	SSE Energy Solutions
George Moran [GM]	British Gas
Kara Burke [KB]	NPg
Kyran Hanks [KH]	Waters Wye Associates
Laura Waldron [LWa]	Engie
Lee Stone [LS]	EON
Lee Wells [LWe]	NPg
Mark James [MJ]	UKPN
Mark Jones [MJ]	SSE
Pamela Howe [PH]	NPg
Rustam Majainah [RM]	OVO
Shannon Murray [SM]	Ofgem
Simon Vicary [SV]	EDF
Thomas Cadge [TCa]	BUUK
Tom Faulkner [TF]	Cornwall Insight
Tony Collings [TC]	Ecotricity
Virginia Patey [VP]	St Clements Services
Secretariat	
Angelo Fitzhenry [AF] (Chair)	ElectraLink
Hannah Proffitt [HP] (Technical Secretariat)	ElectraLink
Melissa Kendal [MK]	ElectraLink

1. Administration

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed the DCMDG attendees to the meeting.
- 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 March 2022 and agreed they were an accurate reflection of the discussions held.
- 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.
- 2.2 The Chair confirmed that there were no new issues.
- 2.3 The Chair gave a brief overview of the DCUSA Charging Methodology Change Proposals and External Activities within the Forward Work Plan. All updates can be found within the current version, which can be found as **Attachment 3**.
- 2.4 The Chair highlighted that Andy Pace from Energy Potential had previously presented a draft Change Proposal to the group regarding backup connections. The Chair noted that Hartree Partners Supply (UK) Limited have agreed to sponsor the Change and that it will be presented at an ex-committee Panel meeting on 26 April 2022.

3. Ofgem Update

- 3.1 SM provided a verbal update to the group, advising that Ofgem’s decision concerning DCP 387¹ would be expected to be made in early June.
- 3.2 SM also noted that Ofgem are planning to publish their Significant Code Review (SCR) decision in the coming weeks and that they are working with the Energy Networks Association (ENA) and delivery group to ensure any outstanding issues are addressed. SM advised that the Access Team ask anyone with questions to contact their delivery group representative.
- 3.3 SM noted that Ofgem are still working towards an April 2023 go-live and that the DCUSA Working groups are due to start in May 2022. SM noted that the Distribution Use of System (DUoS) SCR will commence after the Access SCR decision has been issued.

¹ DCP 387 - Amendment to the Definition of Non-Final Demand Site to Align with CUSC

4. Annual Review of Charging Methodologies

- 4.1 The Chair noted that this item was added to the agenda as it is a standing item, however that the discussion is not necessary given the Significant Code Reviews currently in place.

5. Access SCR Change Proposals

- 5.1 The Chair advised that they are expecting the final decision from Ofgem at the end of April with respect to the Access SCR that will then give rise to a number of DCUSA Change Proposals.
- 5.2 The Chair noted that placeholders for the Working Group meetings have been amended due to changes in Ofgem's publication of decision date , and that these will be converted into formal meeting invites once the DCUSA Change Proposals have been presented to the DCUSA Panel and approved to progress to the Definition (Working Group) stage.
- 5.3 The Chair advised that the draft Change Proposals are well developed as of current information and expectations, and that placeholders have been issued for an ex-committee DCUSA Panel meeting during the week commencing 09 May.
- 5.4 The Chair highlighted that ENA are leading a workshop on 25 April to provide an update to those who have not been directly involved in the development of the Access SCR to date.

6. Agenda Items for the Next Meeting

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

7. Any Other Business (AOB)

- 7.1 The Chair asked members if there were any other items of business to be raised.
- 7.2 LW advised the group that the first DCUSA sandbox application is currently going through the assessment phase and will be presented at the May 2022 DCUSA Panel meeting. LW noted that the corresponding Balancing and Settlement Code (BSC) sandbox application has been raised successfully and approved. LW gave an overview of the application, noting that Emergent are working with Northern Powergrid to address issues associated with DCP 328².
- 7.3 SV raised a further item regarding the BSC Modification P432 'Half Hourly Settlement for CT Advanced Metering Systems'. SV noted that the Modification proposes to align the BSC definition of an Advanced Meter with that in the Standard License Conditions (SLC) and to set explicit Half Hourly (HH) Settlement obligations for Current Transformer (CT) Advanced Meters ahead of the migration to Market-wide Half-Hourly Settlement (MHHS).

² DCP 328 - Use of system charging for private networks with competition in supply

- 7.4 SV noted that the consultation closes on 22 April 2022 and asked for DNO's opinions on the solution and whether they feel they are prepared to deliver the solution if the Modification is implemented.
- 7.5 LS noted that he brought this to the attention of DNOs in December and that there are concerns surrounding the solution and necessary coordination piece. SV noted that if DNOs are not aware, it will cause issues for Suppliers and customers. SV asked whether DNOs are able to provide reassurance there will be no issues.
- 7.6 The group suggested that DNOs enquire internally and provide updates at the next meeting. LS suggested that the next meeting may be too late and agreed to raise this as an issue instead.
- 7.7 The group discussed and agreed that a more effective group is required to assess and communicate the cross-code impacts of Changes/Modifications. SV suggested that BSC modifications could be included on the DCMDG Issues Log. The Chair agreed and asked that if there are any relevant changes, these are flagged by members so they can be included going forward.
- 7.8 There were no further items of business raised.

8. Date of Next Meeting

- 8.1 The next DCMDG meeting will be held on 19 May 2022 via Microsoft Teams/Teleconference at 10am.

9. DNO Operational Matters

- 9.1 The Chair invited members to raise any DNO operational matters.
- 9.2 CB noted that the LRIC EDCM model is currently limited to 1200 columns and that they have some instances where this is not sufficient. CB asked that this is increased by around 200 to 300 columns.
- 9.3 The Chair agreed to raise this with CEPA.

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- 9.4 There were no further DNO Operational Matters raised.

10. Attachments

- Attachment 1 - DCMDG Meeting 49 - Final Minutes v1.0
- Attachment 2 - DCMDG Actions Log
- Attachment 3 - DCMDG Forward Work Plan and Issues Log