

# DCP 394 Working Group Meeting 13

04 August 2022 at 13:00 - Web-Conference

Attendee	Company
<b>Working Group Members</b>	
Colette Baldwin [CB]	Gemserv
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Kevin Liddle [KL]	NPg
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Lee Stone [LS]	E.ON
Richard Brady [RB]	Western Power
Warren Lacey [WL]	NPg
<b>Code Administrator</b>	
Richard Colwill [RC] (Chair)	ElectraLink
Hannah Proffitt [HP] (Technical Secretariat)	ElectraLink
<b>Apologies</b>	
Paul Abreu [PA]	Energy Networks Association (ENA)

## 1. Administration

- 1.1 The Working Group (WG) reviewed the “Competition Law Guidance”. All WG members agreed to be bound by the Competition Law Guidance for the duration of the meeting.
- 1.2 Updates on all actions are provided in **Appendix A**.
- 1.3 The group reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting. Members approved the minutes as a fair and accurate representation of events.

## 2. Purpose of the Meeting

- 2.1 The Chair set out that the purpose of the meeting was to continue the review of the consultation responses.

### 3. Review of DCP 394 Consultation Responses

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- 3.1 The WG continued their review of the collated consultation responses. A summary of their responses can be found within **Attachment 1**.

- 3.2 Additional discussions were held surrounding the following areas.

#### Communications/Publications

- 3.3 Regarding discussions on Question 6, one member asked how customers will gain visibility of the solution if DCP 394 is approved. The group agreed that a list of Safe Isolation Providers (SIPs) would be available on the REC portal and that the DCUSA website would also highlight this.
- 3.4 A Distribution Network Operator (DNO) representative noted that DNOs do already highlight on their website that if a customer requires a safe isolation, they should refer to their Supplier. The member suggested that this message could also link to the REC/DCUSA list of SIPs.
- 3.5 The Chair agreed to consider appropriate messaging for customers to be included on the DCUSA, REC and DNO websites, regarding SIPs.

13/01: The Chair to consider appropriate communications/publications to be included on the DCUSA, REC and DNO websites, regarding SIPs.

#### Competition Law

- 3.6 Regarding discussions on Question 11, specifically UK Power Networks response regarding Competition Law, the WG noted that they are not aware of any barriers to parties becoming multiple party types. The Chair agreed however to check this with the DCUSA legal advisers.

13/02: The Chair to refer to Gowling regarding UK Power Networks query on Competition Law (response to Question 11).

#### Implementation Date

- 3.7 The WG discussed British Gas's response to Question 12, which suggested that the implementation date should be brought forward to November 2022. The response outlined that system changes relate to a small proportion of the isolations required and that it is unreasonable to delay implementation. The response suggested that the WG consider what would be required to allow an earlier implementation date, possibly using alternative communication methods.
- 3.8 The group noted that they had discussed the possibility of alternative communication methods previously and that it was clear Suppliers wanted to be made aware of visits to their meters. One member noted that a November implementation is too soon for system changes to be made and that alternative, interim messaging would be messy.

- 3.9 The group agreed that stopping illegal work as soon as possible is important, however that communications need to be in place.
- 3.10 The WG discussed the possibility of some aspects of the change being implemented ahead of the official implementation date, such as Suppliers providing communications/publications sooner. The WG suggested that this could be raised at the Interventions Working Group (IWG).
- 3.11 The Chair also suggested that SIP applications could open ahead of implementation, with it being made clear that no work is to be carried out until DCP 394 implementation.
- 3.12 The Chair agreed to refer this to the DCUSA Panel at the next meeting.

13/03: The Chair to refer to the DCUSA Panel regarding opening SIP applications ahead of the implementation date of DCP 394.

#### **Other Comments**

- 3.13 The WG discussed UKPN's response to Question 13, noting that regarding point 4, this should be included in the wider review around liability. One member suggested that perhaps the same rules should be applied to SIPs that apply to Suppliers currently when acceding to DCUSA.
- 3.14 The Chair agreed to raise the matter of a liability review with the DCUSA Panel.

13/04: The Chair to refer to the DCUSA Panel regarding a possible review of the liability cap across DCUSA/cross code, and the matter of how to ensure SIPs are able to meet liabilities when acceding to DCUSA.

- 3.15 Regarding point 1 of UKPN's response, the Chair agreed to refer to the DCUSA Panel on the possibility of introducing a DCUSA website function to allow SIPs to notify DNOs ahead of carrying out work.

13/05: The Chair to refer to the DCUSA Panel regarding the possibility of introducing a DCUSA website function to allow SIPs to notify DNOs ahead of carrying out work.

## **4. Next Steps & Work Plan**

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- 4.1 The Secretariat agreed to produce a draft Change Report and to issue this to members for review.

## **5. Any Other Business**

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- 5.1 The Chair asked the Working Group if there was any other business to discuss, to which nothing was raised.

## **6. Date of Next Meeting**

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- 6.1 The date of the next meeting is TBC.

## Attachments

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- Attachment 1 - DCP 394 Collated Consultation Responses - Working Group Comments

## APPENDIX A

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### New and Open Actions

Action Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
13/01	The Chair to consider appropriate communications/publications to be included on the DCUSA, REC and DNO websites, regarding SIPs.	The Chair	New action.
13/02	The Chair to refer to Gowling regarding UK Power Networks query on Competition Law (response to Question 11).	The Chair	New action.
13/03	The Chair to refer to the DCUSA Panel regarding opening SIP applications ahead of the implementation date of DCP 394.	The Chair	New action.
13/04	The Chair to refer to the DCUSA Panel regarding a possible review of the liability cap across DCUSA/cross code, and the matter of how to ensure SIPs are able to meet liabilities when acceding to DCUSA.	The Chair	New action.
13/05	The Chair to refer to the DCUSA Panel regarding the possibility of introducing a DCUSA website function to allow SIPs to notify DNOs ahead of carrying out work.	The Chair	New action.