

DCP 416 Working Group - Meeting 01

13 December 2022 at 14:00 - Web-Conference

Attendee	Company
Working Group Members	
Hazel Paterson [HP]	SPEN
Karl Maryon [KM]	DRAX
Laura Quinn [LQ]	SPEN
Laurie Harman [LH]	Centrica
Peter Waymont [PW]	UKPN
Robert Short [RS]	SSE
Tim Porter [TP]	SSE
Tom Perryman [TP]	St-Clements
Tracey Dunn [TD]	ENWL
Tracey Pitcher [TP]	National Grid
Code Administrator	
Andres Alvarez [AA]	ElectraLink
Andy Green [AG] (Chair)	ElectraLink
Mel Kendal [MK] (Technical Secretariat)	ElectraLink
Apologies	
Donna Jamieson [DJ]	Energy Assets

1. Administration

- 1.1 The Working Group reviewed the “Competition Law Guidance” and “Terms of Reference”. All Working Group members agreed to be bound by the Competition Law Guidance for the duration of the meeting and agreed to the Terms of Reference.
- 1.2 An action log has been created and all updates are provided in **Appendix A**.

2. Purpose of the Meeting

- 2.1 The Chair explained that the purpose of this meeting is to review and discuss the DCP 416 Change Proposal within the Working Group and agree next steps.

3. Overview of DCP 416

- 3.1 The Chair introduced the proposer [PW] to provide an overview of the CP to the Working Group.
- 3.2 The purpose of this CP is to create a new DCUSA owned DIP data message for electronic Distributor billing post MHHS.
- 3.3 A new flow needs to be introduced for site specific electronic billing in the post MHHS environment. MHHS introduces new data flows using the DIP and JSON format, including for the HH consumption data. There will be removal or renaming of certain data items used in the current invoicing processes. By introducing a new DIP flow in JSON format, to be sent for electronic invoicing of counterparties post the implementation of the MHHS environment.

4. Review and Discussion of DCP 416

- 4.1 The Chair invited the Working Group to both review and further discuss the CP.
- 4.2 RS queried whether this is a future proofing exercise, i.e., the flow will still remain for the time being. PW confirmed this is correct and confirmed that the new flow will be there for Customers who have already migrated to market wide half hourly to use.
- 4.3 TP queried whether there is a potential for two flows to be sent to the same Customer if they have both migrated and non-migrated – PT stated that there are no barriers preventing all invoices via the new method at some point.

Ebill Strawman

- 4.4 The Chair informed the Working Group that a DTS representative [AA] will be joining the meetings to provide a sense check of the discussions and potential solution.
- 4.5 RS queried whether there is any information that shows the difference between the current d-flow and the proposed DIP flow that exists – AA agreed to take an action to carry out a gap analysis that shows the key differences between the two flows and share with the Working Group.
- 4.6 The Working Group agreed that it would be beneficial to review the comparison between the two flows before progressing further with the Ebill strawman.

ACTION 01/01: The DTS representative [AA] to carry out a gap analysis that shows the key differences between the current d-flow and the proposed DIP flow and share with the Working Group.

Draft Legal Text

4.7 The proposed amendments are to Clause 21.5 as shown:

- *“Electronic invoice” means an account providing the data items set out in data flow D2021 (as amended from time to time) sent using the Data Transfer Network **for non-MHHS customers and the [REP-ebill] for MHHS customers.***

4.8 AA informed the group that this change is doable from an ElectraLink perspective, and any technical changes can be supported. The Working Group noted confusion as to ElectraLink’s involvement with the flow as it will be sent from the Distributors billing systems, and over the DIP to the Supplier Systems.

4.9 One consideration raised was whether Distributors and Suppliers will have the capacity to absorb this new flow into their field whilst preparing for half hourly settlement. This was noted by the Working Group.

4.10 In regard to the implementation date of this change, PW stated that this may need to be ready alongside SIT (System Integration Testing). TP confirmed that this is currently set out to be February 2024. Following this, the Working Group agreed to a proposed implementation date of April 2024.

Consultation Questions

4.11 The Working Group drafted the below Consultation questions:

- *Do you have any comments on the strawman flow structure for site specific billing? Are there any other data items that you would add or remove?*
- *Would you support expanding E-Billing to other invoice types? If so, which invoice types?*
- *Would you be supportive of E-Billing being mandatory? Please provide your rationale.*
- *Do you have any preferred lead time to implement any of the potential E-Billing changes and what would that lead time be?*
- *Would you be supportive of cutting over to the new flow at a point in time, or running both flows in parallel? Is there an impact from credit/re-bills?*
- *Do you currently use the D2026 flow? If so, is further consideration needed?*
- *How might the legal text need to be changed if other invoice types are included?*

4.12 After further discussion, the Working Group agreed to the Secretariat to draft a Consultation for the Working Group to review and approve offline via email. Once approved by the Working Group, the Secretariat agreed to finalise the Consultation document to wider industry before end of the year with a response deadline of 20 January 2023.

ACTION 01/02: The Secretariat to draft the DCP 416 Consultation and circulate to the Working Group for review/approval.

ACTION 01/03: The Secretariat to finalise the Consultation and circulate to wider industry with a response deadline of 20 January 2023.

- 4.13 It was then agreed for the Working Group to meet on 31 January 2023 to review the Consultation responses and agree next steps.

5. DCP 416 Workplan

- 5.1 The Working Group reviewed the workplan for DCP 416 and agreed with the proposed dates. The updated workplan can be found as **Attachment 1**.
- 5.2 The workplan will be updated after each meeting.

6. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- 6.1 The Working Group discussed the next steps, and the following items were captured:
1. The Secretariat to finalise the Consultation and circulate to wider industry once the Working Group have provided their approval.
 2. The Working Group to review the Consultation responses on 31 January 2023.

7. Any Other Business

- 7.1 The Chair asked the group whether there were any other items of business to discuss.
- 7.2 There were no other items raised.

8. Date of Next Meeting

- 8.1 The next Working Group meeting will be held on 31 January 2022 at 2pm.

9. Attachments

- Attachment 1_DCP 416 Workplan

APPENDIX A

New and Open Actions

Action Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
01/01	The DTS representative [AA] to carry out a gap analysis that shows the key differences between the current d-flow and the proposed DIP flow and share with the Working Group.	DTS Rep [AA]	Ongoing.
01/02	The Secretariat to draft the DCP 416 Consultation and circulate to the Working Group for review/approval.	Secretariat	Ongoing.
01/03	The Secretariat to finalise the Consultation and circulate to wider industry with a response deadline of 20 January 2023.	Secretariat	Ongoing.

Closed Actions

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