

DCP 399 Working Group - Meeting 01

25 May 2022 at 13:00

Location/ Web-Conference/Teleconference

Attendee	Company
Alan Creighton (AC)	NPG
Donna Townsend (DT)	ENA
Joseph Kavanagh (JK)	BUK
Steve Halsey (SH)	UPN
John Orr (JO)	SPEN
Aneesa Parker (AP)	ESO
Richard Colwill (RC) (Chair)	Electralink
Andy Green (AG) (Technical Secretariat)	Electralink
Apologies	
Phillip Lawson	WEP

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 All Working Group members introduced themselves to the group.

2. Purpose of the Meeting / Timeline for Delivery

- 2.1 The Chair explained that the purpose of this meeting is to review and discuss the DCP 399 Change Proposal and legal text within the Working Group and agree next steps. Purpose of Change Proposal is to lower the threshold for entries to the ECR from 1MW to 50kW.
- 2.2 Chair explained that it was initially suggested that this CP progress straight to change report as considered a simple change, however some IDNO’s have raised queries. 1; why lower to 50kW and 2; what is the lead time for this to become licence conditioned. It was noted that DCUSA Parties had been unable to view the CP on the website when it was originally raised in January and that this

meant they were unable to form a view on this CP. The Chair stated that they will ensure that this scenario does not happen again in the future.

- 2.3 Chair advised that DCP 350 was the Change Proposal that introduced the Embedded Capacity Register (ECR) and that during that CP some industry participants had queried whether the threshold could go lower than 1MW. Chair also alluded to some concerns raised re data protection although most sites will be large businesses so risk would be minimal. Chair hands over to the proposer who gives an overview of DCP 399

3. Review & Discussion of DCP 399

- 3.1 RC asks if it's just a review of the implementation date and the rationale for lowering to 50kW that's needed here? It was agreed that expansion on the rationale for the 50kW decision would be of benefit, but the main concern was the implementation date of June 2022.

Rationale for lowering to 50kW

- 3.2 The Working Group discussed the rationale for lowering to 50kW. It was noted that DCP 350 ensured that the ESO had access to up to date and more granular information related to distribution connected sites. This is used to support analysis in setting out their recommendation for the target capacity to be procured in each year's capacity market. ESO believe that the proposed changes to lower the threshold to 50kW will improve visibility of embedded assets connected to the system and can deliver significant consumer benefit.
- 3.3 An action was taken for AP to provide some commentary in relation to the benefits ESO will gain with ECR threshold being lowered to 50kW.

Implementation Date

- 3.4 It was noted that there is limited IDNO representation within the ENA Open Networks workstream that reviewed and proposed the lowering of the threshold to 50kW and that along with not seeing this CP until recently, IDNOs have had limited time to prepare for this CP. After review, the Working Group agreed that an implementation date of 03 November (DCUSA Standard Release) would be more appropriate and would give sufficient lead time for IDNOs to prepare for the change.

Consultation

- 3.5 The Working Group discussed whether it would be beneficial to issue a consultation prior to producing the Change Report. Based on the limited IDNO input in the lead up to this change it was agreed that issuing a consultation would be beneficial. In particular, this consultation would provide industry with the rationale for lowering the threshold to 50kW, and the proposed implementation date and seek feedback.
- 3.6 The Secretariat took an action to produce a draft consultation and to circulate to the Working Group for review.
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Action 01/01: AP to provide some commentary in relation to the benefits ESO will gain with ECR threshold being lowered to 50kW.

Action 01/02: Secretariat to produce a draft consultation document and circulate to the members for review.

- 3.8 The Working Group discussed the possibility of Distributors providing this data earlier than the implementation of DCP 399 if they wished to. It was noted that a derogation may be needed as technically going lower than 1MW at present could be deemed non-compliant to DCUSA. After discussion it was agreed that it would be sensible to wait for Ofgem's decision on DCP 399 and if approved share the additional data from the 03 November implementation date.

4. Agenda items for next meeting

- 4.1 The Chair agreed to send out the consultation post meeting for review and once agreed issue to industry with a 3-week response time. After which another Working Group will be convened to progress the change.

5. Any Other Business

- 5.1 There was no other business and the Chair closed the meeting.

Appendix 1 – Actions Log

New and Open Actions – (Open/Closed Session) or (Board)

Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
01/ 01	AP to provide some commentary in relation to the benefits ESO will gain with ECR threshold being lowered to 50kW.	Secretariat	
01/02	Secretariat to produce a draft consultation document and circulate to the members for review.	Secretariat	