

# DCP 419 Working Group - Meeting 04

08 August 2023 at 10:00 - Web-Conference

Attendee	Company
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## 1. Administration

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- 1.1 All Working Group members agreed to be bound by the Competition Law Guidance for the duration of the meeting.
- 1.2 The Working Group reviewed the previous meeting minutes and agreed them to be an accurate reflection of the discussions held.
- 1.3 An action log has been created and all updates are provided in **Appendix A**.

## 2. Purpose of the Meeting

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- 2.1 The Chair explained that the purpose of this meeting is review and discuss the DCP 419 Consultation responses within the Working Group and agree next steps.

## 3. Review Consultation Responses

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- 3.1 The Chair invited the Working Group to review and discuss the DCP 419 Consultation responses. The collated Consultation responses document was shared live on screen during the meeting.
- 3.2 The key points can be found below:

### **Question 1**

- 3.3 The Working Group noted that all ten participants confirmed that they understand the intent of DCP 419.

### **Question 2**

- 3.4 The Working Group noted that six participants confirmed that they support the principles of DCP 419. Two participants confirmed they support the intent of DCP 419 but have some concerns around the proposed solution. Two participants confirmed they do not support the principles of DCP 419.
- 3.5 It was noted that the pre-notification will be for planned works and not emergency works.
- 3.6 One member suggested it may be worth finding out how many Power Outage Alerts (POAs) are received and a timeline of when the Networks believe they will be ready to action them. This could then help decide when this change would need to be implemented.
- 3.7 Another member stated it would be helpful to gain a better understanding of why this change is being proposed and the impact it is currently having on DNOs.
- 3.8 It was also agreed for the Secretariat to see if any analysis had previously been carried out under DCP 394 '*Allow any REC Accredited Meter Operator to De-Energise any Metering Point*' (where this was initially raised) as this may be of benefit to the Working Group.

**ACTION 04/01: The Secretariat to see if any analysis had previously been carried out under DCP 394, as this may be of benefit.**

- 3.9 Following the above discussions, the Working Group agreed that it would be beneficial to this change for the Secretariat to draft an RFI and circulate to all DNOs to help get a better understanding of the impacts of this change.

**ACTION 04/02: The Secretariat to draft an RFI and circulate to all DNOs to help get a better understanding of the impacts of this change.**

- 3.10 It was understood that it is a one-off cost to develop a new Market Data Flow, however, discussions were held previously around the use of emails as an alternative solution. Following this, members suggested it may be beneficial to include more information within the change around the various solutions that were discussed and reasons as to why certain solutions were decided to not take forward.
- 3.11 A concern was raised around mass smart meter comms hubs replacement scheme and 2G/3G Sunsetting – members discussed this and agreed that this could make this change a lot more complex.
- 3.12 To aid with the proposed solution, members discussed having a conversation with the DCC directly to ask whether they can confirm the expected process for comms hub decommissions and also ask whether there is a way to filter alerts based on how the alerts are being generated. The Secretariat agreed to reach out to the DCC and ask the above questions.

**ACTION 04/03: The Secretariat to contact the DCC to ask whether they can confirm the expected process for comms hub decommissions and also ask whether there is a way to filter alerts based on how the alerts are being generated.**

- 3.13 After further discussion, it was agreed that the information received from the RFI and the data collected by DNOs for analysis will help to develop the solution of this change further.
- 3.14 **Question 3**
- 3.15 The Working Group noted that five participants confirmed that they agree that Revenue Protection Agents should be excluded from this CP. Two participants did not confirm whether they agree or disagree that Revenue Protection Agents should be excluded from this CP.
- 3.16 One participant confirmed that although they agree that Revenue Protection Agents should be excluded from this CP, they suggest that where the Revenue Protection Agent leaves the Customer off supply by withdrawing the main fuse, an immediate notification of that action is provided by the Revenue Protection Agent.
- 3.17 Two participants confirmed they do not agree that Revenue Protection Agents should be excluded from this CP.
- 3.18 A suggestion was put forward to state that Suppliers should be notified where a site is unable to be energised on the same day, however the Working Group noted that this is already within the DCUSA.
- 3.19 It was noted that Revenue Protection Agent jobs are divided into three priorities. Theft of electricity priority 1 jobs are classed as emergencies and therefore pre-notification will not be possible. However, theft of electricity priority 2 and 3 jobs are expected to be visited by RP agents within 20

and 30 working days respectively so will be planned work. It was therefore considered that priority 2 and 3 jobs should be included in the scope of this CP.

- 3.20 One member stated that they believe the data flows should be able to be sent by MEMs as a number of small businesses with smart meters are handled through Meter Operators separately (i.e., making appointments with the Customer without the Supplier having knowledge of this).
- 3.21 Following these discussions, it was suggested that there may also need to be a REC change to accommodate the MEMs being able to send the data flows – the Secretariat agreed to contact REC for further guidance around this.

**ACTION 04/04: The Secretariat to contact REC in regard to a potential REC change to allow MEMs to able to send the data flows.**

3.22 **Question 4**

- 3.23 The Working Group noted that nine participants confirmed that they agree that with the exception of SIP work, pre-notification of de-energising a whole current metering point should only be required where there is no smart meter installed. One participant did not agree with the above.
- 3.24 The Working Group noted that bar one participant, all other participants agreed to the above.

3.25 **Question 5**

- 3.26 The Working Group noted that eight participants confirmed that they agree that this new Market Message should be utilised for SIP Parties to provide pre-notification of all Safe Isolation Works in order to fulfil the requirements of DCP 394 as well as DCP 419, if this CP is approved. Two participants did not agree with the above.
- 3.27 Members discussed the D0396 data flow (SIP Event Completed) and considered whether this would be a more appropriate way of for SIPs to fulfil their DCP 394 obligations. At present only Suppliers receive this flow.
- 3.28 One member raised a concern around the linkage between DCP 394 and DCP 419 as they both have different objectives – DCP 394 is a SIP-only obligation, and DCP 419 is an obligation on all Suppliers.
- 3.29 The Working Group agreed to ask a question to DNOs asking whether they agree that the D0396 should be amended to allow it to be sent to the DNO as well as Supplier. It was also noted that the DCP 394 legal text will need amending if the D0396 is to be used and at present it starts that the DNO should receive pre-notification of SIP works. The Secretariat agreed to take an action to look further into this.

**ACTION 04/05: The Secretariat to re-look at the DCP 394 legal text and compare what potential amendments may be needed.**

3.30 **Question 6**

- 3.31 The Working Group noted that nine participants confirmed that they agree that this new Market Message should be utilised for SIP Parties to provide pre-notification of all Safe Isolation Works in

order to fulfil the requirements of DCP 394 as well as DCP 419, if this CP is approved. One participant did not agree with the above.

- 3.32 One participant suggested using an existing D0368 flow as opposed to creating a new flow - members noted that if this flow is not valued by Suppliers, this could be used. One member suggested that the cost may be similar to reintroduce the D0368 flow as creating a new data flow.
- 3.33 Overall, the majority of respondents believe it would be more appropriate to create a new flow. The Working Group's view is to support the majority view.
- 3.34 **Question 7**
- 3.35 The Working Group noted that seven participants believe that the current version of the DCP 419 Market Message specification is sufficient to deliver the proposed solution. One participant did not provide any comments, and two participants do not believe that the current version of the DCP 419 Market Message specification is sufficient to deliver the proposed solution.
- 3.36 Members discussed whether the Supply Fault Information Centre (SFIC) and Distributor are one in the same – it was agreed for the Secretariat to contact REC and confirm this to ensure that all DNOs/IDNOs will receive the flows.

**ACTION 04/06: The Secretariat to contact REC to confirm if the Supply Fault Information Centre (SFIC) and Distributor are one in the same.**

- 3.37 One participant raised concerns around the value of the new market message - the Working Group agreed that further analysis would help in this instance, and it was noted that the RFI will be circulated with the aim to gather additional information that will help to support this change.
- 3.38 The Working Group confirmed that the new Market Message specification will be a DTN flow, however, it was noted that there may be potential interactions with the DIP moving forward.
- 3.39 One SIP participant has indicated in their response that they would like to be able to send a cancellation flow if necessary, as if this was not sent, and there was subsequently an incident on site, it may appear as though they were the last to attend a specific site (when in fact they did not attend at all). It is believed the utilising the D0396 flow for SIPs to fulfil the DCP 394 requirements will mitigate against this risk.

## 4. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- 4.1 The Working Group discussed the next steps, and the following items were captured:
- The Working Group to continue reviewing the Consultation responses during the next meeting.
  - The Secretariat to draft an RFI for the Working Group to review during the next meeting.

## 5. Any Other Business

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

## 6. Date of Next Meeting

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- 6.1 The next Working Group meeting will be held on 22 August 2023 at 2pm.

## 7. Attachments

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- Attachment 1\_DCP 419 Work Plan
- Attachment 2\_DCP 419 Collated Consultation Responses\_WG Comments

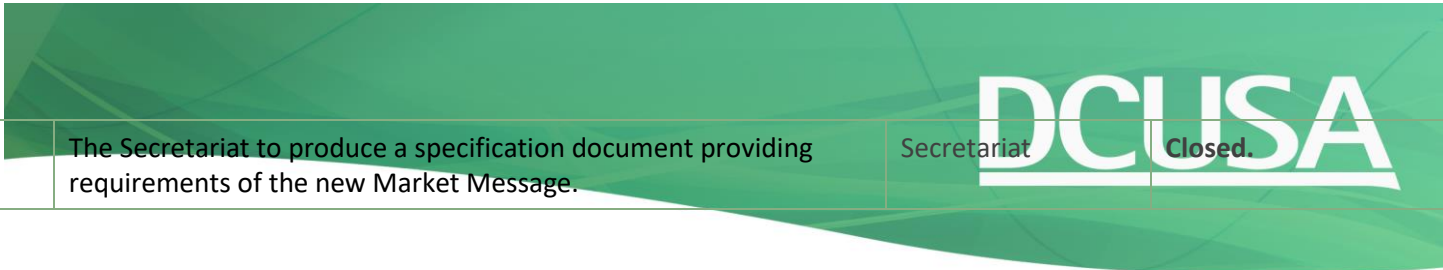
## APPENDIX A

### New and Open Actions

Action Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
04/01	The Secretariat to see if any analysis had previously been carried out under DCP 394, as this may be of benefit.	Secretariat	Ongoing.
04/02	The Secretariat to draft an RFI and circulate to all DNOs to help get a better understanding of the impacts of this change.	Secretariat	Ongoing.
04/03	The Secretariat to contact the DCC to ask whether they can confirm the expected process for comms hub decommissions and also ask whether there is a way to filter alerts based on how the alerts are being generated.	Secretariat	Ongoing.
04/04	The Secretariat to contact REC in regard to a potential REC change to allow MEMs to be able to send the data flows.	Secretariat	Ongoing.
04/05	The Secretariat to re-look at the DCP 394 legal text and compare what potential amendments may be needed.	Secretariat	Ongoing.
04/06	The Secretariat to contact REC to confirm if the Supply Fault Information Centre (SFIC) and Distributor are one in the same.	Secretariat	Ongoing.

### Closed Actions

Action Ref.			Update
03/01	The Secretariat to look further into the costs of this change and include analysis within the Consultation.	Secretariat	Closed.



03/02

The Secretariat to produce a specification document providing requirements of the new Market Message.

Secretariat

Closed.