

DCP 419 Working Group - Meeting 06

28 September 2023 at 10:00 - Web-Conference

Attendee	Company
Working Group Members	
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David Brown [DB]	Power Data Associates
David Jones [DJ]	Alt Han Co
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Nikhel Jethwa [NJ]	SSE
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Victoria Burkett [VB]	SSE
Warren Lacey [WL]	NPg
Code Administrator	
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Dylan Townsend [DT]	ElectraLink
Mel Kendal [MK] (Technical Secretariat)	ElectraLink
Richard Colwill [RC] (Chair)	ElectraLink

1. Administration

- 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

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

3. Review of Updated Draft Consultation Document

- 3.1 The Chair invited the Working Group to review and further discuss the updated draft Consultation document. This document was presented live on screen and edited during the meeting; an updated version can be found as **Attachment 1**.

- 3.2 The key updates can be found below:

- In regard to paragraph 2.3, it was agreed to add wording that explains the importance of DNOs identifying genuine Power Outage Alerts (POAs) (i.e., ‘...are genuine faults at an individual property...’ as opposed to why certain POAs should be dismissed.
- The Working Group were happy with the offline amendments made to Section 3 of the document.
- In regard to Section 4 of the document, the Working Group raised concerns around putting a timeframe around receiving restoration alerts – it was noted that the feedback around this from wider industry would be interesting.
- In regard to paragraph 4.1, the Working Group agreed to add wording to state that programme for 2G/3G Communications Hubs with 4G Communications Hubs have been considered. It was also noted that the Working Group are keen to understand how long each comms hub replacement will take – this will be added as a question to the RFI.
- The Working Group discussed potentially the Customer receiving an automated text message when a POA has been received to help determine whether it is planned works or not.
- Members agreed it would be beneficial to highlight within the document that this is only around POAs received by the DNO for a single premise. The aim is to avoid contacting the Customer unnecessarily.
- It was noted that DNOs already have systems for working out the effects of an outage from simultaneous alerts, from multiple properties. The timestamps of the POAs will all be identical, for example.
- The Working Group reviewed the questions that have been drafted within the RFI – it was noted that the questions need to be carefully considered so that the responses are all in line with each other and the necessary answers are provided.
- It was agreed to amend the current question 2 within the RFI to ask: ‘*Please share your views on what proportions of these individual POAs will be planned work by any DCUSA Party*’, as concerns were raised that the original wording was impossible for DNOs to respond to.

- It was noted that DNOs are able to provide the number of POAs received on a monthly basis, however, distinguishing which cases are single sites gone down due to a network fault may prove to be more difficult to get.
- The Working Group agreed to include 'Meter Equipment Managers' (MEMs) within the current question 6, along with Suppliers.
- After further review, the Working Group were happy with the questions being asked within the RFI.

3.3 After reviewing the draft Consultation document, the Working Group agreed for the Secretariat to circulate the current version to members offline for a final review. Once feedback has been received, the Secretariat agreed to circulate the draft Consultation to wider industry for a period of 4-weeks.

ACTION 06/01: The Secretariat to circulate the updated version of the draft Consultation to the Working Group offline for a final review.

ACTION 06/02: The Secretariat to issue the final Consultation document to wider industry with a response period of 4-weeks.

Post Meeting Note:

3.4 The DCP 419 request for feedback was issued on 4 October, with a deadline set for 31 October.

4. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

4.1 The Working Group discussed the next steps, and the following items were captured:

- The Secretariat to circulate the updated version of the draft Consultation to the Working Group offline for a final review.
- The Secretariat to issue the final Consultation document to wider industry with a response period of 4-weeks.

5. Any Other Business

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

6.1 The next Working Group meeting will be held on 09 November 2023 at 10am.

7. Attachments

- Attachment 1_DCP 419 Request for feedback v1.0
- Attachment 2_DCP 419 Work Plan

APPENDIX A

New and Open Actions

Action Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
04/05	The Secretariat to re-look at the DCP 394 legal text and compare what potential amendments may be needed.	Secretariat	Ongoing.
05/02	The Secretariat to speak with Ofgem to explain the current discussions being held in relation to the alternate solution (i.e., power restoration alert) and also ask for their view on the 2G/3G comms hub swap-outs in the next few years.	Secretariat	Ongoing.
06/01	The Secretariat to circulate the updated version of the draft Consultation to the Working Group offline for a final review.	Secretariat	New Action.
06/02	The Secretariat to issue the final Consultation document to wider industry with a response period of 4-weeks.	Secretariat	New Action.

Closed Actions

Action Ref.			Update
04/06	The Secretariat to contact REC to confirm if the Supply Fault Information Centre (SFIC) and Distributor are one in the same.	Secretariat	Closed. <i>It was confirmed that yes, they are one in the same.</i>
05/01	The Secretariat to draft a consultation to include the alternate solution and additional questions as discussed.	Secretariat	Closed.