

DCP 420 Working Group - Meeting 03

14 September 2023 at 10:00 - Web-Conference

Attendee	Company
Working Group Members	
Anne-Claire Leydier [ACL]	Matrix Group
Chris Ong [CO]	UKPN
Dave Wornell [DW]	National Grid
David Fewings [DF]	Inenco
Donna Jamieson [DJ]	Energy Assets
Edda Dirks [ED]	SSE Gen
Eleanor Suter [ES]	BU-UK
Joe Boyle [JB]	SPEN
John Harmer [JH]	Waters Wye
Morven Hunter [MH]	Last Mile
Rustam Majainah [RM]	OVO
Simon Vicary [SV]	EDF
Ryan Farrell [RF]	NPg
Thomas Holdern [TH]	Ofgem
Tony Collings [TC]	Ecotricity
Victoria Burkett [VB]	SSE
Code Administrator	
Mel Kendal [MK] (Technical Secretariat)	ElectraLink
Richard Colwill [RC] (Chair)	ElectraLink
Apologies	
Craig Booth [CB]	ElectraLink

Grace March [GM]	Sembcorp
Marlon McDonald [McD]	Ofgem

1. Administration

- 1.1 The Working Group reviewed the “Competition Law Guidance”. 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 minutes of the last meeting and agreed these were an accurate reflection of the conversations 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 DCP 420 RFI collated responses document within the Working Group and agree next steps.

3. Review of Collated RFI Responses

- 3.1 The Chair invited the Working Group to review and discuss the DCP 420 collated RFI responses. The collated RFI responses document was shared live on screen during the meeting and can be found in Attachment 1.
- 3.2 The key points can be found below:

Question 1

- 3.3 One member suggested that it may be worth reaching out to the one confidential respondent to seek what information (if any) can be published publicly in relation to their response – any information agreed to be publicly published would not make any reference to the company or the client.

ACTION 03/01: The Secretariat to reach out to the confidential respondent to seek what information (if any) can be published publicly in relation to their response.

- 3.4 One member stated that the term ‘fair’ has recently been discussed by Ofgem, and the outcome is that fairness related to the impact that is had on the network – i.e., the larger the impact on the network, the larger the charges should be.
- 3.5 One respondent mentioned using a ramping up profile as a temporary solution for a Customer – members discussed this and agreed this may help resolve the issues in some cases, but would not help to resolve the original issue.

Question 2

- 3.6 Members noted that based on responses, there does not appear to be much support for this change.

- 3.7 The propose agrees that there is currently a lack of support for this change, however this is still an issue. It was also stated that no alternative solutions have been raised/suggested.
- 3.8 Another member suggested that this issue may not be able to be resolved within this CP and could potentially be further discussed within the upcoming DUoS SCR (review how high capacity but low demand sites get charged).
- 3.9 Members agreed that it may be suitable at this point to take this issue back to Ofgem to ask whether this issue was discussed at all when the original TCR was developed. The Ofgem representative stated that they are open to having these conversations moving forward.
- 3.10 One member mentioned that one of the principles of the TCR when developed was that it was a cost recovery mechanism and not a price signal setting, whereas it appears to currently be setting a price signal by potentially disincentivising installation of EV sites where high-capacity low-utilisation is likely, at least in the short-term. It was also suggested that this be reviewed by Ofgem, which the Ofgem representative agreed to take away.

ACTION 03/02: Ofgem to review whether this issue goes against the original intent TCR and whether it is now unintendedly setting price signals.

- 3.11 After further discussion, the Working Group agreed that answers will need to be sought from Ofgem prior to deciding the next steps for this Working Group.
- 3.12 The Working Group noted that an Ofgem view may not be provided; in this case, the solution may need to be presented to Ofgem via Change Declaration for a final decision on whether this solution is implemented or not.
- 3.13 The Chair also agreed to update the Work Plan offline once more information has been gathered.

ACTION 03/03: The Chair to update the DCP 420 Work Plan once more information has been gathered.

4. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- 4.1 The Working Group discussed the next steps, and the following items were captured:
 - 1. Ofgem to review whether this issue goes against the original intent of the TCR and whether it is now unintendedly setting price signals.
 - 2. Ofgem to update the Working Group offline.

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 - TBC

- 6.1 Following the discussions from the meeting, it was agreed for the next meeting to be scheduled once further information has been gathered as the timeline for completing the above actions is currently unknown.

APPENDIX A

New and Open Actions

Action Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
01/03	The proposer (DW) to contact the local council to see if they have other examples of EV charging sites where the fixed charges are currently making the sites unviable.	Proposer (DW)	Ongoing. <i>No response has been received from the council as of yet.</i>
01/05	MM to reach out to DESNZ, providing an overview of the issue raised in DCP 420 and seeking initial views on how best to address.	Secretariat	Ongoing.
02/02	Chair to review the research papers.	Chair	Ongoing.
03/01	The Secretariat to reach out to the confidential respondent to seek what information (if any) can be published publicly in relation to their response.	Ofgem	New Action.
03/02	Ofgem to review whether this issue goes against the original intent TCR and whether it is now unintendedly setting price signals.	Ofgem	New Action.
03/03	The Chair to update the DCP 420 Work Plan once more information has been gathered.	Chair	New Action.

Closed Actions

Action Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
02/01	Chair to share the links to the research papers with the Working Group.	Chair	Closed.

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02/03	Chair to follow-up the email sent by Pembrokeshire Council to see if other councils had been contacted.	Chair	Closed.
02/04	Chair to draft the RFI question(s) and circulate to the WG for review.	Chair	Closed.
02/05	GM to flag this CP to the TNUoS task force.	GM	Closed.