

DCP 419 Working Group - Meeting 08

11 January 2024 at 14:00 - Web-Conference

Attendee	Company
Working Group Members	
Amy Cox [AC]	EDF
Collette Baldwin [CB]	REC
David Brown [DB]	Power Data Associates
David Jones [DJ]	Alt Han Co
John Orr [JO]	SPEN
Kevin Woollard [KW]	Centrica
Nikhel Jethwa [NJ]	SSE
Paul Abreu [PA]	ENA
Peter Skirvin [PS]	ENWL
Richard Brady [RB]	National Grid
Victoria Burkett [VB]	SSE
Warren Lacey [WL]	NPg
Code Administrator	
Mel Kendal [MK] (Technical Secretariat)	ElectraLink
Richard Colwill [RC]	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 the outstanding actions and further discuss potential solutions within the Working Group and agree next steps.

3. Review of Options for a Solution

- 3.1 In regard to Action 07/04, AC informed the group that there is no update as of yet, however re-iterated that the aim is to look at alternative solutions that are not to do with sending a data flow prior to the power outage.
- 3.2 KW queried whether the potential solution of using smart alerts to see whether a supply has gone back on after a power outage – AC confirmed that this was previously discussed, and it was agreed that this may not be the best solution as the restoration alert is not always received.
- 3.3 NJ suggested using an N9 alert which is generated by the DCC and will be received by the DNO to show that a comms hub has been de-commissioned. It would need to be confirmed by the DCC whether all comms hub changes will need to be de-commissioned beforehand – if yes, this could potentially be used as a pre-notification.
- 3.4 It was agreed to ask the DCC the below questions:
 - *Does the comms hub get de-commissioned when it replaced (i.e., an N9 alert)?*
 - *What alerts are sent via the DCC when there is a loss of supply to the meter or comms hub happens – which Parties do they go to?*
 - *Are there any alerts that are sent by the DCC users prior to any activity on site that will lead to loss of supply to the meter or comms hub?*
 - *Which DCC users can take actions that lead to the generation of these alerts?*
 - *What does the overall alert process look like?*
 - *Timescales – could a POA alert come without receiving the N(X) alert, for example?*
- 3.5 Members agreed that it may be beneficial to invite the DCC to the next Working Group to provide more information around the alternate solutions of using both the N1 and N9 data flows. The Secretariat also agreed to take an action to invite the SEC.

ACTION 08/01: The Secretariat to provide the DCC with context of the CP and ask what alerts are sent when the meter is not communicating.

ACTION 08/02: The Secretariat to invite a member of the DCC and the SEC to the next Working Group meeting.

4. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

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

- The Secretariat to provide context of the CP to the DCC and provide them with the agreed questions above.
- The Secretariat to invite the DCC and the SEC to the next Working Group meeting to provide further information in order to develop a better alternate solution.

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 It was agreed that the Secretariat will seek availability from the DCC and the SEC and then issue a Doodle Poll to the Working Group to determine the best availability for the next meeting.

ACTION 08/03: The Secretariat to seek availability from the DCC and the SEC and then issue a Doodle Poll to the Working Group to determine the next meeting date (WG 09).

7. Attachments

- Attachment 1_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. <i>15/11/2023 - Additional changes may be needed to the DCP 394 legal text, if a new flow is developed and it is utilised for SIPs to fulfil their pre-notification requirements</i>
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. <i>15/11/2023 - It was noted that there is currently no update as of yet, however, the RFI responses may provide more information.</i>
07/02	The Secretariat to check the Ofgem regulation for the process of contacting a Customer and share what this looks like with the Working Group.	Secretariat	Ongoing.
07/03	The Secretariat to contact the Suppliers that provided large numbers to Q7 of the RFI to seek an understanding of the types of jobs that have been included.	Secretariat	Ongoing. <i>11/01/2024 – Secretariat to follow-up.</i>

07/04	AC to speak internally to seek further information around whether using N1 alerts would be a potential option moving forward (Q9 of RFI).	AC	Ongoing. <i>11/01/2024 – AC to follow-Up.</i>
07/05	The Secretariat to speak with the DCC to seek further information around whether using N1 alerts would be a potential option moving forward (Q9 of RFI).	Secretariat	Ongoing. <i>11/01/2024 – Secretariat to follow-up.</i>
07/06	The Secretariat to check the DCP 400 draft legal text to see if it states that the Crowded Meter Room [CMR] have an obligation to notify the DNO.	Secretariat	Ongoing.
08/01	The Secretariat to invite a member of the DCC to the next Working Group meeting.	Secretariat	New Action.
08/02	The Secretariat to invite a member of the DCC to the next Working Group meeting.	Secretariat	New Action.
08/03	The Secretariat to seek availability from the DCC and the SEC and then issue a Doodle Poll to the Working Group to determine the next meeting date (WG 09).	Secretariat	New Action.

Closed Actions

Action Ref.		Update	
07/01	The Secretariat to update the incorrect spelling within the previous meeting minutes (WG 07).	Secretariat	Closed.
07/07	The Secretariat to issue a Doodle Poll to the Working Group to determine the next meeting date (WG 08).	Secretariat	Closed.