

DIF 72 Sub Group - Meeting 01

6 February 2024 at 10:00 - Web-Conference

Attendee	Company
Working Group Members	
Simon Wilson [SW]	EDF
Kevin Woollard [KW]	Centrica
Emily Waters [EW]	BUUK
Charlotte Precious [CP]	Energy Assets
James Crawford [JC]	Scottish Power
Danielle Fisher [DF]	UKPN
Richard Brady [RB]	NGED
Michael Turrington [MT]	EDF
Code Administrator	
Richard Colwill [RC]	Chair
Craig Booth [CB]	Secretariat

1. Administration

Recording

- 1.1 The Chair asked members if they were comfortable for this Working Group to be recorded. No members objected to this request. The purpose of this recording is purely to aid the Technical Secretariat in producing an accurate report of the meeting. The recording will be deleted after 15 Working Days.

Competition Law Guidance and Terms of Reference

- 1.2 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.

2. Purpose of the Meeting

- 2.1 The Chair set out that the purpose of the meeting was to review the RFI responses and agree next steps.

3. DIF 72

- 3.1 The group reviewed the responses to the RFI.
- 3.2 The group briefly discussed what constituted a meter move versus a service alteration. It was noted that a service alteration would be the moving of the cutout and service cable. The group discussed that customers are being informed the meter can only be moved so far from the cut-out.
- 3.3 A Supplier member noted that its policy was to keep the meter on the meter board. It was also stated that part of the intention was to not have an overly long cable run that could be disturbed.
- 3.4 A DNO group member stated that, as far as it is concerned, the meter could go anywhere, and that the cut-out does not necessarily need to be moved.
- 3.5 Another DNO member noted that they can move the meter if the cabling work needs to be altered by the DNO at the same time.
- 3.6 The group discussed that it would be useful to have examples of when customers are referred to the DNO for their meter to be moved.

Action: Group members to collate examples of customers requesting meter moves or being referred to DNOs, and in what circumstances this happens.

- 3.7 One DNO member stated they have an online form which is used for requesting service alteration work.

Action: RB to share the questions on the online form used by NGED DNO.

- 3.8 It was discussed whether there was anything in the regulations that specified a maximum distance between the meter and the cutout. BS7671 was identified as a potential place for this to be held, but this was discounted by the group as only affecting the cabling after the meter (i.e., to the consumer unit and beyond).
- 3.9 The group agreed to check what guidance exists regarding the cable lengths between the meter and the cut-out.

Action: Group members to see if there are any recommendations/any guidance on the length of cable between the cut out and the meters.

- 3.10 Post meeting, the Secretariat identified a guidance document for the Electricity Safety, Quality and Continuity Regulations 2002, which may be relevant:

24. Equipment on a consumer's premises

24(1)	<p>Equipment belonging to distributors and meter operators which is installed on consumers' premises must be suitable for its purpose and safe. Examples of such equipment include: cables, meters, distribution boards, isolators and switches.</p> <p>Such equipment must also be electrically protected by fuses, cut-outs or circuit breakers. For safety and technical reasons the protective device should be situated as close as reasonably practicable to the supply terminals. Where flats are supplied by rising mains, duty holders should ensure that all equipment upstream of the supply terminals at each flat benefit from adequate electrical and mechanical protection.</p> <p>In order to demonstrate compliance with the requirements of regulation 24(1) duty holders should adopt the standards of construction and installation necessary to comply with BS7671 <i>Requirements for Electrical Installations</i>.</p>
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This guidance document can be found at:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/5a79ece6e5274a684690d165/GuidElectSafety_Quality.pdf

Action: DNOs to check with local experts whether there is any guidance within BS7671 that could be/is being relied upon when determining cable lengths between a cut-out and meter.

- 3.11 The group noted there was a lack of Supplier responses. The Chair agreed to reissue the RFI for a further 2 weeks and include some of the above actions (ref cable lengths and examples) in the RFI.

Action: Chair to reissue the RFI for a further 2 weeks and include questions around the cable length between the cut-out and meter and to request examples.

4. Approach and Next Steps

- 4.1 The group agreed to reconvene on 5 March at 10:00am to review the responses to the RFI.

5. Any Other Business

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

New and Open Actions

Action Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
01/01	Collate examples of customers requesting meter moves or being referred to DNOs, and in what circumstances this happens.	All	New Action
01/02	Share the questions on the online form used by NGED DNO.	RB	New Action
01/03	See if there are any recommendations/any guidance on the length of cable between the cut out and the meters.	All	New Action
01/04	Check with local experts whether there is any guidance within BS7671 that could be/is being relied upon when determining cable lengths between a cut-out and meter.	DNO Members	New Action
01/05	Reissue the RFI for a further 2 weeks and include questions around the cable length between the cut-out and meter and to request examples.	Chair	New Action