

DIF 72 Sub Group - Meeting 02

5 March 2024 at 10:00 - Web-Conference

Attendee	Company
Working Group Members	
Simon Wilson [SW]	EDF
Richard Hill [RH]	Centrica
Emily Waters [EW]	BUUK
Danielle Fisher [DF]	UKPN
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

- 1.2 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 and agreed to the Terms of Reference.

Previous Minutes

- 1.3 The Working Group reviewed the minutes from the last meeting held on 6 February 2024 and agreed they were an accurate reflection of the conversations held.

2. Purpose of the Meeting

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

3. DIF 72

- 3.1 The group reviewed the responses to the reissued RFI.
- 3.2 A group member expressed concern about the meter distance from the cut-out, as they stated this was not a DNO requirement. It was stated that as long as the correct protections are in place, the meter should be able to be moved freely within the property.
- 3.3 A group member noted that where the fuse board is greater than 3 metres from the cut out, additional protection needs to be put in place due to the length of the cables, as specified in the 18th Edition Wiring Regulations.
- 3.4 The group noted that 3 metres appeared to be a length that was being quoted in the responses and discussed that this could be misinterpreted, as it pertains to the length of cable on the customer’s side as part of the 18th Edition Wiring Regulations. An example was provided for new build properties where the meter is more than 3 metres from the cut-out, but for safety reasons (due to the distance between the meter and cut-out) there is a fused isolator installed.
- 3.5 The group discussed whether it was possible to have a generic set of guidelines for DNOs and Suppliers. It was agreed that having some form of guidance would be beneficial, but there may be challenges due to some scenarios that exist (e.g., a multi service distribution board). It was also agreed that the membership of the DIF 72 Subgroup was too small to define guidance for industry.
- 3.6 The Chair suggested the recommendation to produce guidance could be taken to other forums where there is a wider breadth of membership and the appropriate expertise, such as the

Interventions Working Group (“IWG”) which is due to be held on 6 March 2023. The Chair explained that this could be picked up by that group, that the membership for DIF 72 could be re-opened to bring in more members, or that it could indeed be picked up elsewhere, such as by the ENA.

- 3.7 The Chair additionally noted that any guidance produced by the DIF 72 Subgroup or the IWG would need to be consulted on with industry.
- 3.8 The group discussed whether this would require a Change Proposal to be raised or would sit outside of the DCUSA. The Chair explained that the group can output guidance, which does not need to be included in the DCUSA.

Action: Chair to take this issue to the IWG and get feedback on the approach for producing guidance.

4. Approach and Next Steps

- 4.1 It was agreed to keep the DIF 72 Subgroup open for now and any further required meetings would be arranged following a Doodle Poll.

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
02/01	Take this issue to the IWG and get feedback on the approach for producing guidance.	Chair	New

Closed 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	Closed
01/02	Share the questions on the online form used by NGED DNO.	RB	Closed
01/03	See if there are any recommendations/any guidance on the length of cable between the cut out and the meters.	All	Closed
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	Closed
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	Closed