

DCMDG Private Networks Subgroup Meeting 05

27 February 2024 at 12:00

Teleconference via Microsoft Teams

Attendees	Company
Andrew Malley [AM]	Ofgem
Brian Clark [BC]	SSE
David Fewings [DF]	Inenco
Dave Wornell [DW]	National Grid
Diandra Orodan [DO]	BU-UK
Edda Dirks [ED]	SSE Gen
Eleanor Suter [ES]	BU-UK
Giao Le [GL]	SSE
Kara Burke [KB]	NPg
Sally Musaka [SM]	SSE
Victoria Burkett [VB]	SSE
Secretariat	
Dylan Townsend [DT] (Chair)	ElectraLink
Alysson Peña [AP] (TechSec)	ElectraLink
Apologies	
Lee Stone [LS]	EON
Chris Ong [CO] part meeting	UKPN
Joe Boyle [JB]	SPEN

1. Administration

- 1.1 The group reviewed the DCUSA “Competition Law Guidance” and agreed to be bound by this for the duration of the meeting.
- 1.2 The Chair noted three apologies to this meeting.
- 1.3 The Working Group reviewed the minutes from meeting 03 and meeting 04. The working group agreed that these are an accurate summary of the discussions had during the meetings.
- 1.4 The Chair and the working group reviewed the action log with the working group, and this has been updated accordingly.

2. Purpose of meeting

- 2.1 The Chair welcomed the DCMDG attendees to the meeting and explained that the purpose of the meeting was to review the ToR (Terms of Reference), which had been drafted by the Chair with aid from the working group.

3. Review of Terms of Reference (ToR):

- 3.1 The Chair presented the ToR (Terms of Reference) attachment X. This document is created to aid the development of a solution for this specific working group, guidelines of what is expected from the working group and what Ofgem has advised be the path.
- 3.2 The Chair brought to the working group's attention the relation of the existing DCMDG terms of reference and highlighted the paragraph 9, related to Sub-groups.
- 3.3 AM agreed that the document is a reasonable ToR (Terms of Reference). Ofgem would like to address the end consumers and understand if it feels different and why it feels different to be on a private network vs IDNO vs a regular DNO. AM flagged a risk, this being how fixed charges are shared.
- 3.4 Members of the group commented that further information is to be added to the document, this is to add clarity and fill gaps where the document can restate what currently needs to be solved. DCP 328 has had changes and therefore the working group should work accordingly to those changes.
- 3.5 The working group had a discussion around understanding the consumer and how objectives should/could align.
- 3.6 Ofgem was present during this meeting and helped the working group to understand better what is being asked of them, however it has been advised that Ofgem will try to attend where they can, but that they may need to respond in other ways, e.g. comments on documents.
- 3.7 It was noted that the Terms of Reference (ToR) was a work in progress and would be updated until the point in time that the working group was ready to issue their RFI.
- 3.8 It was noted that members had no comments on this document.

ACTION 05/01: The Secretariat to circulate updated version of Draft Terms of Reference to the working group for review before the next meeting on Tuesday, 19 March 2024.

4. Review of Draft RFI

- 4.1 The Working Group did not review this item during the call due to the priority at hand, this being the Terms of Reference (ToR).
- 4.2 This is a work in progress and will be reviewed once the Terms of Reference are finalised.

4.3 No further comments were made.

5. Agreed Next Steps

5.1 Members agreed that The Secretariat would continue to develop the ToR (Terms of Reference), and to review the changes during the next meeting.

6. Agenda items for next meeting

6.1 Members agreed to add the following items to the agenda for the next meeting:

- Review Draft RFI; and
- Review Terms of Reference.

7. Any other business (AOB)

7.1 The Chair asked for any other items of business.

7.2 There were no further items of business raised.

8. Date of Next Meeting

8.1 The Working Group members agreed the next DCMDG Subgroup 01 meeting (WG 06) will be on Tuesday, 19 March 2024 and the meeting will be held via Microsoft Teams/Teleconference.

9. Attachments

- Attachment 1 – ToR (work in progress)
- Attachment 2 – Draft RFI (work in progress)

Appendix A- Actions

New and Open Actions

Action Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
01/01	The Secretariat to follow-up with RC around an action from DCP 328 regarding contacts for LENS (PNs).	Secretariat	New Action. 09/10/23 – 16/01/24 – ongoing 27/02/24 – ongoing
02/01	The Chair to explore whether data can be requested/used from internal resources related to the MTC 997.	Chair/Secretariat	New Action. 16/01/24 – ongoing, leaving this action open is handy for upcoming meetings. 27/02/24 – ongoing
04/02	The Secretariat to circulate a Draft Terms of Reference document for DCMDG Subgroup 01 to working group members for review on the next meeting.	Chair/Secretariat	New Action. 16/02/24 – 27/02/24 – ongoing
05/01	The Secretariat to circulate updated version of Draft Terms of Reference to the working group for review before the next meeting on Tuesday, 19 March 2024.	Chair/Secretariat	New Action. 27/02/24 –

Closed Actions

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01/02	The Secretariat to gather information around private networks and collate for the Working Group to review.	Secretariat	New Action. 09/10/23 – ongoing, an initial starting point has been shared with the working group.

			16/01/24 – Closed, this is now reflected in the RFI
01/03	The Working Group to revisit whether these issues may impact transmission charging arrangements.	Working Group	New Action. 09/10/23 – 16/01/24 – closed, previously addressed. Not to say new issues could arise. Reference to CMP 425.
02/02	The Secretariat to continue develop the RFI and background research and issue to the working group for review.	Chair/Secretariat	New Action. 19/12/23 – 16/01/24 – ongoing, a draft RFI has been shared with working group. 27/02/24 – this has been completed. Now closed.
02/03	The Chair to engage with Ofgem to relay the groups desire for a clear steer from Ofgem as to what they would like this workstream to achieve.	Chair/Secretariat	New Action. 19/12/23 – 16/01/24 – ongoing 27/02/24 – this has been completed. Now closed.
04/01	The Secretariat to circulate minutes from DCMDG Subgroup 01 - Meeting 03 with the working group and to upload correct version on the website.	Chair/Secretariat	New Action. 16/02/24 – 27/02/24 – this has been completed. Now closed.