

## DCP 436 Working Group Meeting 03

24 April 2024 at 10:00 - Web-Conference

Attendee	Company
<b>Working Group Members</b>	
Cathy Mulliss [CM]	EON
Donna Jamieson [DJ]	IDCSL
Frank Shackelford [FS]	SSE
Megan Goss [MG]	Indigo Networks
Paul Nicholson [PN]	NPg
Sam Townend [ST]	ENWL
Samuel Fisher [SF]	Energy Networks
Simon Vicary [SV]	EDF
Victoria Burkett [VB]	SSE
<b>Code Administrator</b>	
Craig Booth [CB]	Chair
Hannah Proffitt [HP]	Secretariat

### Apologies

Attendee	Company
<b>Working Group Members</b>	
Emily Waters [EW]	BUUK

## 1. Administration

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### **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.

### **Apologies**

- 1.2 Apologies are noted in the table above.

### **Competition Law Guidance and Terms of Reference**

- 1.3 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.

### **Action Log**

- 1.4 Updates are provided in the Action Log within the appendix.

### **Minutes of the previous meeting**

- 1.5 The Chair asked members if they had any feedback on the minutes. There were no comments from the Working Group.
- 1.6 DJ highlighted that at the previous meeting, they discussed timelines and the possibility that two weeks would be a suitable period for iDNOs. DJ advised that they had checked this and that 2 weeks is not a suitable timeframe and that 4 weeks would be. The Chair noted this correction and confirmed that this was not recorded in the consultation responses document.

## 2. Purpose of the Meeting

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- 2.1 The Chair set out that the purpose of the meeting was to continue reviewing the consultation responses and consider next steps.

## 3. Continue the Review of the Responses to the DCP 436 Consultation

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- 3.1 The Working Group continued to review the consultation responses.
- 3.2 The Working Group discussed the possibility that it could be made clearer on the powercut105 website that the identifier on the website is the most up to date. SF took an action to investigate the possibility of adding this information to the website.

Action 03/01 – SF to investigate the possibility of updating the powercut105 website to clarify that it provides the most up to date identifiers.

- 3.3 Members discussed that DCUSA currently allows 12 months to inform customers of their code and agreed that this process could be improved to benefit customers. The Working Group highlighted that Suppliers work to get this information to customers as soon as they can rather than in the 12 month period DCUSA allows. The Working Group acknowledged that improving the process is outside the scope of the change.
- 3.4 One member reiterated that the risk some quarterly billed customers would not receive their revised block letter until after the risk period had passed, already exists but recognised that moving the date further back could result in more customers being affected.
- 3.5 One member asked whether it would be possible to ascertain the percentage of customers who are billed monthly, quarterly and six monthly to quantify how big the risk is. The group agreed that this data does not exist currently and that a Request For Information (RFI) would likely be needed.
- 3.6 One member asked how many customers have their identifier changed each year, noting that if a customer did not receive theirs they could find it on their bill for the previous year unless it had changed. The Working Group discussed the possibility of looking at numbers of changes for previous years to help in assessing the scale of the issue.
- 3.7 Another member highlighted that the past two or three years would not provide an accurate reflection as work was taking place that led to a significant amount of changes being made. The Working Group agreed to look into the feasibility of completing a review of historical data on identifier changes.

Action 03/02 – SV to investigate the feasibility of completing a review of historical data on identifier changes.

- 3.8 One response highlighted the possible situation that the identifier was changed between the snapshot being taken and the Rota Load Data process being initiated and questioned which identifier would be used. A member clarified that it would be based on what is on the network at the time.
- 3.9 The Working Group noted that the powercut105 website is currently updated annually and discussed the possibility of it being updated more often. The group agreed that it could be a possibility, however that this is outside the scope of the change. One member raised concern over having two data sets that could become misaligned.
- 3.10 Regarding the DESNZ and Electricity System Operator (ESO) Working Group, one member clarified that the group are looking at communication in the event that the Demand Control Rotation protocol is instigated, rather than the routine communication of customers identifiers.
- 3.11 The Working Group discussed the comment regarding the data being updated to use the letter 'V' for Protected Site identification rather than 'F' and 'O'. One member noted that if this is not captured by the DNO, it would be captured by the check process that has been implemented. The Working Group discussed that it may be valuable for these data discrepancies to be referred back to the network operator to check the validity of the data, but that this is outside of the scope of this CP.

3.12 The Working Group discussed the need for a derogation to Schedule 8 paragraph 13.2 if the change is rejected or not approved by 30 June 2024 as there would not be time to complete the work by the current DCUSA date.

## 4. Agree Dates/Approach

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4.1 The Working Group agreed the next steps:

- Working Group to agree the solution and the dates to be proposed in the legal text
- The Chair to draft a Change Report
- The Chair to issue the legal text for legal review
- Discussion surrounding Action 03/02, the Working Group to consider the feasibility of this and the impacts of waiting on that analysis

4.2 The Working Group discussed the possibility of arranging a session to review the lessons learned and the process that is now followed by network operators. The Chair noted that this is outside of the scope of the change.

4.3 The group also discussed the possibility of inviting a representative of the DESNZ and ESO Working Group to the next meeting to provide an overview of their work. PN agreed to provide a contact to the Chair.

Action 03/03 – PN to provide the Chair with a contact from the DESNZ ESO Working Group.

4.4 The Working Group considered the timeline of the change and noted that if the standard timescales were followed, the Change Report would not be presented to the DCUSA Panel until the June meeting, which would be too late for the deadline. The Chair agreed to look into the timeline.

4.5 The next Working Group meeting will be held on Tuesday 07 May 2024 at 1pm.

## 5. Review/Update Work Plan

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5.1 This will be discussed at the next meeting.

## 6. Any Other Business

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6.1 No other business was raised.

## New and Open Actions

Action Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
02/01	Chair to investigate reconvening SIG sub-group to discuss data quality and compliance.	The Chair	Action ongoing The Chair of the SIG is currently on leave. Will follow up next week.
02/02	PN and ST to contact ENA to discuss the potential for the timeline to be clear on how long it takes for each activity.	PN and ST	Action ongoing An update will be provided following a meeting on 09 May at which this will be raised.
03/01	SF to investigate the possibility of updating the powercut105 website to clarify that it provides the most up to date identifiers.	SF	New action
03/02	SV to investigate the feasibility of completing a review of historical data on identifier changes.	SV	New action
03/03	PN to provide the Chair with a contact from the DESNZ ESO Working Group.	PN	New action

## Closed Actions

Action Ref.			Update