

# DCP 419 Working Group - Meeting 10

25 June 2024 at 15:00 - Web-Conference

Attendee	Company
Conroy Saunders [CS]	Gemserv
David Jones [DJ]	Alt Han Co
John Orr [JO]	SPEN
Kevin Woollard [KW]	Centrica
Kev Duddy [KD]	Gemserv
Nikhel Jethwa [NJ]	SSE
Paul Abreu [PA]	ENA
Peter Skirvin [PS]	ENWL
Warren Lacey [WL]	NPg
Amy Cox [AC]	EDF
Richard Brady [RB]	National Grid
Collette Baldwin [CB]	REC
Victoria Burkett [VB]	SSE
Code Administrator	
Richard Colwill [RC] (Chair)	ElectraLink
Alysson Peña [AP] (TechSec)	ElectraLink
Apologies	
David Brown [DB]	Power Data Associates

## 1. Administration

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- 1.1 All Working Group members agreed to be bound by the Competition Law Guidance for the duration of the meeting.
- 1.2 The Chair noted that there was one apology for this meeting.
- 1.3 The Working Group reviewed the previous meeting minutes and agreed them to be an accurate reflection of the discussions held.
- 1.4 An action log has been updated **Appendix A**.

## 2. Purpose of the Meeting

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- 2.1 The Chair explained that the purpose of this meeting was to review the outstanding actions and further discuss potential solutions within the Working Group and agree next steps.

## 3. Discussion with SEC representative

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- 3.1 The Chair welcomed the SEC to the meeting.
- 3.2 CS, the representative presented to the Working Group members with a presentation to cover the proposed alternate solution to this change proposal.
- 3.3 There are two proposed solutions that were discussed:
  - a) The original solution presented in the change proposal which is to create a new industry market message to allow DCUSA Parties to provide pre-notification to Distributors.
  - b) An alternative whereby DCUSA Parties would send a service request via de DCC, which would then send an alert to Distributors providing them pre-notification of any planned works.
- 3.4 After through review of the alternative solution it was identified that it would need a SEC change raised, and therefore it is likely that this would take longer to implement compared to the initial proposed solution.
- 3.5 Secondly, it was acknowledged that the cost of DCC solution would be significantly higher than a DTN solution.
- 3.6 It was also noted that a using the DTN to provide this type of market message would be more aligned with the current industry process.
- 3.7 An action was taken by CS to share slide and commentary of the potential way forward via DCC infrastructure route during the meeting with The Secretariat.
- 3.8 The Working Group also discussed the 4G comms hub programme and the concerns raised by the programme on increased workload if they were to have to send a pre-notification of these works.

3.9 An action came out of this, for CS to raise awareness at the TCSO (Trust Centre Swap Out) working group and expected impact of POA (Power Outage Alerts) on DNOs (raised by DJ) Members noted further discussions will be held during the next meeting.

3.10 VB noted the existing wording of Ofgem's 'Regulatory Instructions and Guidance (RIG): Annex F – Interruptions' as below:

#### Section 2.11

Single premises power outage alerts originating from a smart meter are not reasonably expected to indicate no supply. Where an outage alert is received, the DNO should contact the customer as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter to check whether the customer is without power, but only between 8am and 9pm. However, this should not restrict the DNO from contacting a customer outside of those hours if the DNO considers it in the customer's interest to do so. The single premises power outage alert originating from a smart meter will be deemed to have been received at the earliest of either 8am or when there is contact with the customer.

3.11 VB questioned whether this would need to be updated if this CP was approved, as it does state that receiving a pre-notification should lead to a POA being ignore. The Chair took an action to raise this with Ofgem.

## 4. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

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4.1 After discussion, the Working Group were minded to progress with the initial proposed solution and therefore The Secretariat will start a Draft Change Report based on this approach. However, if a working group member did wish to progress the alternative, they should express their desire to do so prior to a Change Report being presented to the Panel.

## 5. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

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5.1 The Working Group discussed the next steps, and the following item was captured:

- Review of Draft Change Report

## 6. Any Other Business

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6.1 The Chair asked the group whether there were any other items of business to discuss.

6.2 There were no other items raised.

## 7. Date of Next Meeting

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7.1 The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 11 July 2024 at 10am to 1pm.

## 8. Attachments

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- Attachment 1\_DCP 419 Work Plan

## APPENDIX A

### New and Open Actions

Action Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
<b>04/05</b>	The Secretariat to re-look at the DCP 394 legal text and compare what potential amendments may be needed.	Secretariat	<b>Ongoing.</b>  <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>
<b>05/02</b>	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	<b>Ongoing.</b>  <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>
<b>07/02</b>	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	<b>Ongoing.</b>
<b>07/03</b>	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	<b>Ongoing.</b>  <i>11/01/2024 – Secretariat to follow-up.</i>

<b>07/04</b>	AC to speak internally to seek further information around whether using N1 alerts would be a potential option moving forward (Q9 of RFI).	AC	<b>Ongoing.</b> <i>11/01/2024 – AC to follow-Up.</i>
<b>07/05</b>	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	<b>Ongoing.</b> <i>11/01/2024 – Secretariat to follow-up.</i>
<b>07/06</b>	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	<b>Ongoing.</b>
<b>10/01</b>	CS to share slide and commentary of the potential way forward via DCC infrastructure route during the meeting with The Secretariat	CS	<b>New Action.</b>
<b>10/02</b>	CS to raise awareness at the TCSO (Trust Centre Swap Out) working group and expected impact of POA (Power Outage Alerts) on DNOs (raised by DJ) Members noted further discussions will be held during the next meeting.	CS	<b>New Action.</b>
<b>10/03</b>	The Chair to reach out to Ofgem in relation to whether approval of this CP could result in the REC needing an update.	The Chair	<b>New Action.</b>

## Closed Actions

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

<b>08/01</b>	The Secretariat to invite a member of the DCC to the next Working Group meeting.	Secretariat	Closed.
<b>08/02</b>	The Secretariat to invite a member of the DCC to the next Working Group meeting.	Secretariat	Closed.
<b>08/03</b>	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	Closed.