

# DCP 419 Working Group - Meeting 11

11 July 2024 at 10:00 - 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
David Brown [DB]	Power Data Associates
Code Administrator	
Richard Colwill [RC] (Chair)	ElectraLink
Alysson Peña [AP] (TechSec)	ElectraLink
Apologies	
N/a	

## 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 were no apologies 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 The 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 the legal text and be able to draft a consultation document with better understanding.
- 2.2 The Chair welcomed the Working Group and explained that the first step should be to agree the legal text, the workflow possibilities and development of a consultation document.

## 3. Review of Legal Text

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- 3.1 Prior to reviewing the legal text, a member raised a couple of questions. The first being how long it takes for a flow to be sent; i.e. could the flow be sent on the day of the work being undertaken. After review, it was agreed that the flow should be issued no later than 1 working day prior to the work. It was acknowledged that some jobs may be cancelled but this would lead to a POA not being received and therefore the Distributor would not need to act. It was noted that it is possible but extremely unlikely that a customer has a genuine POA alert, after a job is cancelled and then maybe the pre-notification received would lead to this not being acted on. The Working Group noted that where possible DCUSA Parties could issue a cancellation data flow to the Distributor but this would not be mandated.
- 3.2 The second point raised was around the roll out of the 4G comms hubs and that replacement of these hubs results in a POA being received. The programme have been updated regarding the need to send a pre-notification of such works if this is approved and are considering the impacts of this on the programme.
- 3.3 The Working Group reviewed the current drafted legal text and agreed that it was still fit for purpose, with the exception of adding the need for pre-notification of comms hub replacements. The updated legal text can be found in Attachment 1.

## 4. Proposed Data Flow Solution

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- 4.1 In relation to the proposed solution of creating a new data flow one member highlighted the interest in having clearer figures and numbers to justify the change for Suppliers given that the implementation of a new flow means further resources which is the main reason for Suppliers not being supportive of this change.

- 4.2 Further to the point above, the Chair reminded the members that this information was requested in a previous DCP 419 RFI. After review, the Working Group concluded that whilst these figures were a year old requesting the same information again was unlikely to add any extra value.
- 4.3 The Working Group reviewed the current data flow specification, and the agreed updated version can be found in Attachment 2.
- 4.4 The Chair took an action to contact REC to start the process of formally agreeing to the creation of this new flow if this CP is approved.

**ACTION 11/01: The Chair to reach out to REC to start the process of formally agreeing to the creation of this new flow if this CP is approved.**

- 4.5 After conclusion of the draft legal text and Market Message specification review, the Chair informed the group that they would create a draft Change Report for review at the next meeting.

**ACTION 11/02: The Chair to create draft Change Report and issue to Working Group for review at the next meeting.**

- 4.6 One member noted an unintended benefit of this CP being approved would be that it could act as a deterrent for unauthorised pulling of the Distributor fuse. For example, if a Distributor believed a POAS received was a genuine outage and contacted the customer and the customer informed them there is electrical work taken place, this may be an indication of unauthorised pulling of the fuse. The member asked what would happen in these instances and is there an opportunity for further action to be taken in these circumstances. The Chair took an action to reach out to Ofgem to explore this further.

**ACTION 11/03: The Chair to reach out to Ofgem to discuss possibilities of utilising these POA to establish unauthorised activities.**

## 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 Consultation

## 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 Wednesday, 7 August 2024 at 2pm to 4pm.

## 8. Attachments

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- Attachment 1: DCP 419 Legal Text

- Attachment 2: DCP 419 Market Message Specification

## APPENDIX A

### New and Open Actions

Action Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
10/02	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	New Action.
11/01	The Chair to reach out to REC to start the process of formally agreeing to the creation of this new flow if this CP is approved.	Chair	New Action.
11/02	The Chair to create draft Change Report and issue to Working Group for review at the next meeting.	Chair	New Action.
11/03	The Chair to reach out to Ofgem to discuss possibilities of utilising these POA to establish unauthorised activities.	Chair	New Action.

### Closed Actions

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

08/01	The Secretariat to invite a member of the DCC to the next Working Group meeting.	Secretariat	Closed.
08/02	The Secretariat to invite a member of the DCC to the next Working Group meeting.	Secretariat	Closed.
08/03	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.
04/05	The Secretariat to re-look at the DCP 394 legal text and compare what potential amendments may be needed.	Secretariat	<p>Closed.</p> <p><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></p>
05/02	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	<p>Closed.</p> <p><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></p> <p>Closed.</p>
07/02	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	Closed.
07/03	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	<p>Closed.</p> <p><i>11/01/2024 – Secretariat to follow-up.</i></p>

<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	Closed.  <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	Closed.  <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	Closed.
<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	Closed.
<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	Closed.