

DCP 421 Working Group - Meeting 10

08 August 2024 at 10:00 - Web-Conference

Attendee	Company
Working Group Members	
Blessing Ekpe [BE]	SSE
Chris Barker [CB]	ENWL
James Knight [JK]	Centrica
Kara Burke [KB]	NPg
David Wornell [DW]	National Grid
Monique Pereira (MP)	Indigo
Chirs ONG[CO]	UKPN
Code Administrator	
Andy Green [AG] (Chair)	ElectraLink
Apologies	
David Wornell [DW]	National Grid
Mathew Shore[MS]	UKPK

1. Administration

- 1.1 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.
- 1.2 The Working Group agreed for the meeting to be recording, this is to aid the technical secretariat produce better quality minutes and these will be deleted after the draft minutes have been approved.
- 1.3 The Chair noted that there were two apologies received for this meeting which were from Mathew Shore and Rebecca Nock but acknowledged that both had sent representation from their organisations, so they did have representation.
- 1.4 An action log has been created and all updates are provided in Appendix A.
- 1.5 The Chair explained the purpose of the meeting was to review the consultation responses and agree next steps with the aspiration to have a change report ready for review at the August panel.

2. Review of Consultation Responses.

- 2.1 The Working Group began to review the consultation responses. The full collated response document can be found in **Attachment 1_DCP 421 Consolidated Consultation 2 Responses** and a summary of the responses and Working Groups conclusions is below.

Q1- Do you have any comments on Attachment 5_Proposed Cost Information Template and do you believe its contents are fit for purpose?

- 1.6 Six of the respondents stated that they believed the template was fit for purpose.
- 1.7 One responder provided some feedback on the Proposed cost information template. The first point raised was that they did not think the “Allowed Revenue Used In CDCM Model” for years (t+2) onwards should be greyed out in row 55 of the ‘Table 1 - CDCM Input’ sheet of the template and gave the reason that in February 2025, they would have set tariffs for 2026-27.
- 1.8 With this in mind they believed it might be helpful not to grey out any of the cells in this row and instead to set future years to equal Allowed Revenue in row 40.
- 1.9 The Working Group held a vote on whether to accept this suggestion and all 7 Working Group members who were eligible to vote agreed to the above suggestion.
- 1.10 The second point raised by this responder was in relation to ‘Table 1 - Delta from Previous’. They noted that this would be the first time the new format would be in use and as such, they would like to clarify that the delta will not be required in the first publication (assuming it would be for November 2024). They also noted that if the Working Group was to agree that the legal text would require updating.
- 1.11 The Working Group agreed that the information to populate the ‘Previous Submission’ section of ‘Table 1 - Delta from Previous’ would be available even though the Template has not previously

been used, because it is necessary to calculate the allowed revenues in each submission in RIIO-ED2. Therefore, DNOs should be able to populate this the first time this template is used

- 1.12 Their final point was in relation to the 'Table 2 – Sensitivities', where they had some queries on how the table will be populated, stating they understand it should cater for additional level of detail not included in the forecast. They went on to say that it would be useful for understanding movements (for instance, UMs, Re-openers, SOLR etc) and suggested rewording the instructions to be a more descriptive of what Table 2 should be used for.
- 1.13 The Working Group agreed to amend the wording in the 'Instructions' sheet in relation to the sensitivities in Table 2 to make it clear what kind of sensitivities to include and also to clarify that the table may be left blank if there are no known sensitivities to include.

Q2 - Do you have any comments on the proposed drafted legal text?

- 1.14 Five responders said they had no comments on the draft legal text.
- 1.15 One responder highlighted that it appeared that the titles of the columns in the tables (1&2) within the screenshots incorporated within the Legal Text had some errors displaying.
- 1.16 Another responder stated that they believed it was not clear how changes to the Template are governed and proposed some additional drafting for paragraph 1.3. This alternative text can be found in Attachment 5 DCP 421 Consolidated Consultation 2 Responses
- 1.17 After reviewing the feedback to the consultation, the Working Group agreed to make minor changes to the screenshots in the legal text to resolve the errors in the titles of tables 1 and 2.
- 1.18 The Working Group reviewed the alternative text that was suggested for paragraph 1.3 and held a vote as to whether this text provided greater clarity on how changes to the Template are governed.
- 1.19 The Working Group were unanimous in that the suggested alternative legal text for paragraph 1.3 provided greater clarity on how changes to the Template are governed and agreed to amend the legal text.

Q3 - Do you agree that 5 Working Days is an appropriate timescale for the secretariat to update the website with any approved changes to the template?

- 1.20 All seven respondents stated that they agreed that 5 working days was an appropriate timescale for the secretariat to update the website with any approved changes to the template.

Q4 - Do you have any other comments?

- 1.21 There were no additional comments provided by all the respondents.
- 1.22 That concluded the review of the consultation responses. The Chair agreed that he would create a change report for the Working Group to review with the aim of having the Change Report signed off by Tuesday 14 August 2024.
- 1.23 KB also agreed to make the changes to the screenshots for the legal text and make the minor adjustments to the Proposed Cost Information Template that are noted within the conclusions to question 2 of these minutes.

4 Next Steps

- 4.1 The Working Group agreed to review the change report over email with the intention of having this ready to submit for August panel meeting.

5 Any Other Business

- 5.1 There was no other business raised.

New and Open Actions

Action Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
10/01	KB to update the template and screenshots of legal text	KB	New action
10/02	AG to create a change report and share with the Working Group	AG	New action

Closed Actions

Action Ref.			Update
01/01	Issue a call to action to Suppliers to increase engagement in DCP 421.	Chair	Closed
02/01	Add column J with explanations.	KB	Closed
01/02	Reword paragraphs in section 4, except for paragraph 4.10.	KB	Closed
02/02	Reword paragraph 4.10 and question 7.	MS	Closed
05/02	Update the objectives table to correct numbering.	Chair	Closed
06/02	Move the wider impacts question to later in the document.	Chair	Closed
01/03	Chair to add additional lines to the spreadsheet to the Revenue raised out CDCM item.	Chair	Closed

02/03	Chair to summarise Q14 in a table format so it's easier to understand the views of which objectives responders to the consultation believed were better facilitated	Chair	Closed
03/03	Chair to pick up with Dylan re removal of COVID-19 items and modelling	Chair	Closed
03/04	Chair to draft the change report in advance of the next meeting.	Chair	Closed
03/02	Seek advice on whether any elements in the proposed spreadsheet template, table 2, would ever need to be reported on the stock exchange first.	Chair	Closed
04/02	Seek advice on the governance arrangements for updating something hosted separately on the DCUSA website versus being embedded in the body of the DCUSA.	Chair	Closed
01/04	Chair to check if the references to the table in schedule 15, in other schedules of the DCUSA can be updated as part of this change proposal or if these changes require a new DCP being raised or can be made via house keeping changes.	Chair	Closed
02/04	Kara to share the clauses outside of schedule 15 where references to the information in the tables are made.	Kara Burke	Closed
03/04	KB to complete the modelling request form.	Kara Burke	Closed
06/01	Check the impact to the specific interconnector and report back to the Working Group.	KB	New action

DCUSA

06/02	Determine how to host the document on the website in as prominent a position as possible.	Chair	New action
06/03	Redraft the legal text for use with DCP 421 and circulate to the Working Group for discussion and review.	Chair	New action
06/04	Update the DCUSA website to correct the implementation date.	Chair	New action