

DCP 419 Working Group - Meeting 12

14 August 2024 at 13:00 - Web-Conference

Attendee	Company
Kevin Woollard [KW]	Centrica
Nikhel Jethwa [NJ]	SSEN
Paul Abreu [PA]	ENA
Priya Punj	Alt Han Co
Lorna Mallon	Gemserv (REC)
Warren Lacey [WL]	NPg
Amy Cox [AC]	EDF
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

- 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

- 2.1 The Chair explained the purpose of the meeting was to consider a recently raised new alternative solution via the DCC, review the consultation responses in relation to the Market Message specification, consider the identified REC impacts and determine next steps.

3. Potential DCC Alternative Solution

- 3.1 PA explained that it was appointed to him the responsibility of keeping the Communications Transition Group (CTG) up to date with the DCP 419 progress and during the last update, the group were made aware of what the changes coming from this Change Proposal would bring, including the fact that the DCP 419 Working Group had considered a proposal or an idea that DCC may be able to offer an alternative, which was believed not to be appropriate.
- 3.2 It was highlighted that Suppliers at CTG suggested that we look to explore a technical solution that may have been missed. Suppliers stated that every time they do a meter change or a comms hub swap, they send a Service Request to DCC. This request could be sent to the DNO also and enable them to cancel the subsequent AD1 alert.
- 3.3 The Working Group agreed with PA, who presented this update, that this approach should be further investigated. PA will provide a further update at the next meeting.
- 3.4 It was noted that even if the DCC solution was viable, there would still need to be a new Market Message created for pre-notification of SIP and CMRC works. However, the DCC solution would reduce duplication of work for Suppliers.

ACTION 12/01: PA to provide the Working Group with an update on any further discussions in relation to the alternative DCC solution.

4. Rec interactions

- 4.1 LM explained that if the Market Message solution is progressed then a REC change will be needed to make amendments to Schedule 14 and potentially CoMCoP (if the DCC alternative does not progress). Further details of the required changes will be communicated in the coming weeks.

5. Review Consultation 2 Responses

- 5.1 The Chair presented the collated responses for the Working Group for comment. The collated version, along with Working Group responses can be found in Attachment 1.
- 5.2 In summary, following review of the responses, Working Group members agreed to explore amending the current structure of the proposed Market Message as per one respondent's comment and also to consider further whether the cancelled appointment field is needed. They also noted the potential alternative for the CMRC to notify DNOs via the CMR Frontier System and will give this consideration when deciding on the final solution. The Working Group also noted a comment regarding whether an alternate solution was explored where Distributors would wait a period of time on receipt of a POA to see if power is restored. It was noted that this was explored but agreed not to progress further.

ACTION 13/02: RC to reach out to REC technical team to explore amending the structure of the Market Message.

6. Determine Next Steps

- 6.1 The Working Group agreed the following next steps:
- Explore the potential alternative DCC solution further;
 - Review the Market Message structure to see if changes are necessary
 - Consider whether the cancelled appointment field is needed within the Market Message; and
 - To progress the necessary REC changes.

7. Any Other Business

- 7.1 The Chair asked the group whether there were any other items of business to discuss.
- 7.2 There were no other items raised.

8. Date of Next Meeting

- 8.1 The next meeting will be held on 25 September (10am-1pm).

9. Attachments

- Attachment 1: DCP 419 Collated Consultation 2 Responses with WG Comments

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	Ongoing
11/02	The Chair to create draft Change Report and issue to Working Group for review at the next meeting.	Chair	Ongoing
12/01	PA to provide the Working Group with an update on any further discussions in relation to the alternative DCC solution.	PA	New Action
12/02	RC to reach out to REC technical team to explore amending the structure of the Market Message.	RC	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	Closed. <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>
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	Closed. <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> Closed.
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	Closed. <i>11/01/2024 – Secretariat to follow-up.</i>
07/04	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>

07/05	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>
07/06	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.
10/01	CS to share slide and commentary of the potential way forward via DCC infrastructure route during the meeting with The Secretariat	CS	Closed.
10/03	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.
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	Completed
11/03	The Chair to reach out to Ofgem to discuss possibilities of utilising these POA to establish unauthorised activities.	Chair	Completed