



Northern Powergrid

DCP 325 Overview

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Things to be considered

Tables in 35A – Covered in DCP 421

ARP

Combining/Aligning requirements

Publication Timetable

Meetings

Tables in 35A – All covered in DCP 421

- ~~Table 1 – covered by DCP 421~~
- ~~Table 2~~
 - ~~– is this useful?~~
 - ~~– Is there a way to make it *more* useful?~~
- ~~Table 3~~
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 - ~~– Is there a way to make it *more* useful?~~
- ~~Maintenance~~
 - ~~– Option 1 – Continue to maintain the tables within DCUSA~~
 - ~~– Requires a DCP whenever any changes are needed to the tables for changes in the licence conditions~~
 - ~~– Option 2 – Amend the DCUSA to include only an obligation to complete the tables but not a strict definition of the tables themselves~~
 - ~~– DNOs could feasibly provide the same information in different formats~~
 - ~~– Option 3 – Amend the DCUSA to include only an obligation to complete the tables and for the DNOs to maintain a common template~~
 - ~~– Allows changes to be made easily but still ensures a common format between DNOs~~
 - ~~– Could the template be hosted on the DCUSA website so that if changes are made to it Suppliers can see in advance?~~
 - ~~– Similar to the way the Schedule of Charges tables are maintained?~~

ARP

- Do people use this?
- Is there anything that would make it more useful?
- View in Last Working Group
 - One member confirmed that the ARPs are useful as it provides a single model that enables the creation of a long-term view of tariffs.
 - It was suggested that the ARP becomes a quarterly review. Alternatively, the ARP could be removed completely and the CDCM updated regularly.

Combining/Aligning Requirements

- Years required for 35A and 35B are currently not aligned (following DCP178)
- Solution previously developed combined the ARP and 35A together but this was maybe not ideal?
- Is there a way to make the ARP easier to populate, so perhaps DNOs provide the forecast allowances in 35A and then anyone can just relink the ARP to this to get updated forecast tariffs?
- View in Last Working Group
 - After further discussion, the Working Group agreed on the proposed solution, whereby Tables 1, 2 and 3 will merge into the ARP which will be issued three times a year (title to be re-thought at a later date). This will then negate the need for Schedule 15 and Sections 35A and 35B will merge into the new Section 35A.

Publication timetable

- Currently by 5th working day of Feb/May/Aug/Nov
- Is this needed 4 times a year? Does anyone actually use the February one?
- Is there a different timetable that would be better?
- No longer a question about aligning to HM Treasury Forecast as RPI-X no longer used in ED2 and OBR used for inflation forecast.
- View in Last Working Group
 - It may be more beneficial to amend this to three reviews a year, but with more appropriate dates than is currently set.
 - For example,
 - mid-April – moving to new reg year,
 - September – including allowed revenues from August submission of PCFM
 - December – alongside publication of tariffs
 - It was also noted that if the dates are delayed enabling more accurate data to be provided, then the legal text should be updated to reflect what information is expected from DNOs to be included within the pack (i.e., the latest PCFM).

Meetings

- Are the meetings useful?
- Is there anything we could do to make them more useful?
- View in Last Working Group - not actually sure this was discussed, but the following is what I'd included in the proposed consultation
 - At present the date for the meetings is decided based on the availability of the representatives from the DNOs. The working group are seeking views on whether it would be beneficial to the wider industry to have the meetings on a set day within the month. This may allow more representatives to attend as they would know further in advance when the meetings were going to be.
 - The working group discussed that there are often not many questions raised in the meetings. They are seeking views on whether industry representatives would welcome the opportunity to submit questions in advance or using an online tool such as Slido.
 - Question 12 – Do you find the meetings convened under clause 35A (known as the 'DCP 066A teleconference) useful?
 - Q13 Are there any improvements that should be made, such as submitting questions in advance or use of an online tool such as slido? and
 - Q14 who should be responsible for hosting them – the ENA, the DCUSA secretariat or someone else?
 - Q15 Should the meetings be held on a fixed day?

Next Steps

- Agree solutions regarding the following:
 - Reducing/changing when in year submissions are made
 - Combination of templates (DCP421 Sch15 and current ARP templates)
 - Years that should be included
 - Sch 15 currently – Reg year $t-1$ to reg year $t+4$ (6 years total)
 - Sch 20 currently – Historical information for minimum period of 3 years and a 5-year forecast ($t-3$ to $t+4$ or $t-2$ to $t+5$ – 8 years total)
- Meeting setup
 - Set date
 - Organised by Secretariat/ENA/other