

DCP 325 Working Group Meeting 12

16 September 2024 at 10:00am

Web-Conference

Attendee	Company
Working Group Members	
Blessing Ekpe [BE]	SSE
Chris Ong [CO]	UKPN
Diandra Orodan [DO]	BU-UK
James Knight [JK]	Centrica
Kara Burke [KB]	NPg
Karl Maryon [KM]	Drax
Monique Pereira [MP]	Indigo Networks
Rebecca Nock [RN]	National Grid
Simon Vicary [SV]	EDF
Victoria Burkett [VB]	SSE
Code Administrator	
Andy Green [AG] (Chair)	ElectraLink
Mel Kendal [MK] (Technical Secretariat)	ElectraLink
Apologies	
Dave Wornell [DW]	NGED

1. Administration

- 1.1 The Working Group reviewed the “Competition Law Guidance”. All Working Group members agreed to be bound by the Competition Law Guidance for the duration of the meeting.
- 1.2 An action log has been created and all updates are provided in **Appendix A**.

2. Purpose of the Meeting

- 2.1 The Chair explained that the purpose of this meeting is to have a recap of the change within the Working Group and agree next steps.

3. Recap of DCP 325

- 3.1 The Chair invited KB to present a recap of DCP 325 to the Working Group for further discussion. The summary presentation can be found as **Attachment 1**.
- 3.2 KB informed the Working Group of the below views from the previous meeting in 2023:
 - **ARP** – 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 - 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. This will negate the need for Schedule 15 and Sections 35A and 35B will merge into the new Section 35A.
 - **Publication Timetable** – It may be more beneficial to amend this to three reviews a year, but with more appropriate dates than is currently set. It was 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).
- 3.3 KB suggested the below solutions should be agreed in regard of next steps:
 - Reducing/changing when in year submissions are made.
 - Combination of templates (DCP 421 and current ARP templates).
 - Years that should be included.
 - Schedule 15 currently – Reg year t-1 to reg year t+4 (6 years total).
 - Schedule 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.

- 3.4 KB presented the ARP Cost Information Template on screen for the Working Group to further discuss. This can be found as **Attachment 2**.
- 3.5 BE queried whether the correct understanding is that Table 3 from DCP 421 “ does not need to be included – KB confirmed that this is correct and does not need to be included as everything from Table 3 will be included on this sheet instead.
- 3.6 JK queried whether there would be any risks to changing the inputs of the current tariffs and therefore effect the rates that have already been set – KB confirmed that this is true, however, this is also a risk with the current ARP template. KB stated that it would be up to DNOs to ensure they do not accidentally change the inputs. Additional cell locking could be looked into; however, it has not been used within the current template.
- 3.7 CO mentioned that if others have stated that they are not currently using the ARP and/or not finding it useful, it may be beneficial to seek whether this level of change is needed first and whether there is a more appropriate solution.
- 3.8 Following this, CO suggested issuing an RFI to wider industry first prior to progressing the draft Consultation – the Working Group voted on this, and 60% of members agreed that this would be beneficial as next steps. 20% of the Working Group would prefer to go directly to Consultation, and 20% of the Working Group abstained. Following the vote, it was agreed to issue an RFI to wider industry for further feedback.
- 3.9 Although the Working Group have agreed to not yet progress directly to Consultation, the draft Consultation document has been included for information as **Attachment 3**.

4. Draft RFI Discussion

- 4.1 The Chair presented the draft Consultation on screen for the Working Group to review and amend the questions to use for the draft RFI. This can be found as **Attachment 4**.
- 4.2 The aim of the RFI is to seek feedback around the usefulness of the current ARP as opposed to guidance around the proposed changes.
- 4.3 The below questions were agreed to include within the RFI:
 - Do you use the ARP? If so, for what purpose?
 - Are there any elements of the ARP that you find useful or not useful? For elements are not useful, is there a reason to retain them?
 - Would it be beneficial to combine the ARP and the Cost Information Tables? Please provide your rationale.
 - Do you have any other comments?

- 4.4 The Working Group agreed to the above RFI questions, and the Secretariat agreed to take an action to produce a clean version of the draft RFI and circulate to Working Group members for review post-meeting.

ACTION 12/01: The Secretariat to produce a clean version of the Draft RFI and circulate to the Working Group post-meeting for review.

- 4.5 The Working Group also agreed to schedule a meeting on 23 September 2024 for a final review of the draft RFI document before it is issued to wider industry; however, it was noted that if the RFI can be reviewed and agreed offline, the meeting will be cancelled if no longer necessary and the RFI will be issued.

5. Work Plan and Next Steps

- 5.1 The workplan will be updated after each meeting.
- 5.2 The Working Group discussed the next steps, and the following items were captured:
- The Secretariat to produce a clean version of the draft RFI document and circulate to the Working Group post-meeting for review.

6. Any Other Business

- 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 – 23 September 2024

- 7.1 The next Working Group meeting will be held on 23 September 2024 at 10am.

8. Attachments

- Attachment 1_DCP 325 Summary
- Attachment 2_DCP 325 ARP Cost Information Template
- Attachment 3_DCP 325 Draft Consultation 2
- Attachment 4_DCP 325 Draft RFI

APPENDIX 1

New and open actions

Action Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
12/01	The Secretariat to produce a clean version of the Draft RFI and circulate to the Working Group post-meeting for review.	Secretariat	New Action.

Closed Actions

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