

DCP 325 Working Group Meeting 15

05 November 2024 at 10:00am

Web-Conference

Attendee	Company
Working Group Members	
Blessing Ekpe [BE]	SSE
Chris Ong [CO]	UKPN
Ed Grimsey [EG]	BU-UK
Kara Burke [KB]	NPg
Karl Maryon [KM]	Drax
James Knight [JK]	Centrica
Rebecca Nock [RN]	National Grid
Victoria Burkett [VB]	SSE
Code Administrator	
Andy Green [AG] (Chair)	ElectraLink
Mel Kendal [MK] (Technical Secretariat)	ElectraLink
Apologies	
Simon Vicary [SV]	EDF

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 review both the draft Consultation 2 document and draft legal text within the Working Group and agree next steps.

3. Review of Draft Consultation 2 Document

- 3.1 The Chair presented the draft Consultation 2 document on screen for the Working Group to review.
- 3.2 The key updates can be found below:
- 3.3 The Working Group agreed to the below amendments:
 - Para 1.3 point 1 – combine the **main** requirements of Clause 35a and 35B alongside the two accompanying schedules.
 - Para 1.3 point 3 – if appropriate following **this Consultation** ~~stage two~~, amend the requirements to enable DNOs to provide stakeholders with better quality information whilst reducing duplication.
 - Para 1.5 – ~~Recent~~ **Feedback** from some industry parties ~~during the process of developing the new DCUSA charging methodology models~~ suggests that **they** parties may not use the functionality to amend forecast CDCM inputs and recalculate tariffs in the ARP.
 - Para 1.5 – The sensitivity of tariffs to changes in CDCM inputs is primarily of interest for charges which have not yet been published which are now much further into the future than when the ARP was **originally** put in place.
 - Para 1.7 – This meeting could be more efficiently arranged and conducted if responsibility for it lay with the Secretariat rather than the DNOs, in line with the arrangements introduced for the Distribution Charging Methodologies Development Group (DCMDG), **which replaced the Distribution Charging Methodologies Forum (DCMF)**.
- 3.4 CO pointed out the ‘relevant objectives’ section of the Consultation and queried whether this should be measured against the DCUSA Charging Objectives as opposed to the General Objectives. The Working Group reviewed the DCUSA Objectives of DCP 421 ‘*Update the Tables in Schedule 15 of DCUSA*’, and it was agreed that as both the CDCM and EDCM are not being updated, the DCUSA Charging Objectives do not need to be included.
- 3.5 KB queried that if an alternate solution is the preferred option, a different timetable would be needed as it may delay the time it would take to go to Change Report – the Chair agreed to take an action to seek further advice around this, and feedback to the group.

ACTION 15/01: The Secretariat to speak internally around how a different timetable could be implemented for an alternate solution.

- 3.6 Following the above amendments, the Chair agreed to take an action to circulate the updated version of the Draft Consultation 2 to the Working Group offline for a final review, with the intent of the final version being issued to wider industry on 08 November 2024 (with a response deadline of 29 November 2024).

ACTION 15/02: The Secretariat to circulate the updated version of the draft Consultation 2 to the Working Group offline for a final review before issuing to wider industry on 08 November 2024.

4. Review of Draft Legal Text

- 4.1 The Chair presented the draft legal text options on screen for the Working Group to review.
- 4.2 The key updates can be found below:
- 4.3 Solution A
- 4.4 The Chair and KB have had discussions offline regarding Clause 35A and suggested sending a query to Gowlings around whether it would be best to remove the current Clause 35A and then replace with a new version, or to add a new Clause. The Working Group agreed with this approach.

ACTION 15/03: The Secretariat to seek further guidance from Gowlings in relation to Clause 35A legal text.

- 4.5 In regard to the new Clause 35X, KB suggested adding a comment to Clause 35X.3, stating that 'December' may be changed to 'January' if DCP 437 '*To Shorten the DUoS Pricing Notice Periods*' is approved.
- 4.6 Whilst reviewing the new Schedule X, KB stated that Table 3 needs to be deleted – this was then removed.
- 4.7 Solution B
- 4.8 JK noted that from a Supplier perspective, it may prove difficult to replicate what is in the CDCM without understanding the approach taken for a number of assumptions (i.e., Working Days that change year-on-year). It was suggested that this could be used as a response to the Consultation question which asks which additional items from ARP would need to be added to the Cost Information Template to ensure all the information is still available within the table.
- 4.9 It was also noted that although this may not be included at the moment, there is scope for additions to be made.
- 4.10 Following the above amendments, the Chair agreed to take an action to circulate the updated version of the draft legal text to the Working Group offline for a final review.

ACTION 15/04: The Secretariat to circulate the updated version of the draft legal text to the Working Group offline for a final review.

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 circulate an updated version of the draft legal text and draft Consultation 2 to the Working Group offline for a final review.
- The Secretariat to issue the final Consultation2 document on 08 November 2024 with a response deadline of 29 November 2024.

5.3 The Working Group discussed the potential of holding a mid-Consultation Q&A session, however all members agreed that this is not a complex change and believe the session will not be necessary.

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 – 12 December 2024

7.1 The next Working Group meeting will be held on 12 December 2024 at 10am.

8. Attachments

- Attachment 1_DCP 325 Work Plan

APPENDIX 1

New and open actions

Action Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
15/01	The Secretariat to speak internally around how a different timetable could be implemented for an alternate solution.	Secretariat	New Action.
15/02	The Secretariat to circulate the updated version of the draft Consultation 2 to the Working Group offline for a final review before issuing to wider industry on 08 November 2024.	Secretariat	Completed.
15/03	The Secretariat to seek further guidance from Gowlings in relation to Clause 35A legal text.	Secretariat	New Action.
15/04	The Secretariat to circulate the updated version of the draft legal text to the Working Group offline for a final review.	Secretariat	Completed.

Closed Actions

Action Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
14/01	The Secretariat to review what information was included around the ENA calls under DCP 421 and report back to the Working Group.	Secretariat	Closed.
14/02	The Secretariat to draft the DCP 325 Consultation and circulate to the Working Group for review prior to the next meeting.	Secretariat	Closed.