

DCP 325 Working Group Meeting 18

27 January 2025 at 10:00am

Web-Conference

Attendee	Company
Working Group Members	
Blessing Ekpe [BE]	SSE
Chris Ong [CO]	UKPN
Ed Grimsey [EG]	BU-UK
James Knight [JK]	Centrica
Kara Burke [KB]	NPg
Monique Pereira [MP]	Indigo Networks
Rebecca Nock [RN]	National Grid
Victoria Burkett [VB]	SSE
Code Administrator	
Andy Green [AG] (Chair)	ElectraLink
Mel Kendal [MK] (Technical Secretariat)	ElectraLink

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 the reissued Consultation 2 responses document and discuss the final solution within the Working Group and agree next steps.

3. Review Reissued Consultation 2 Responses

- 3.1 The Chair presented the reissued Consultation 2 responses document on screen for the Working Group to review. This can be found as **Attachment 1**.
- 3.2 The key updates can be found below:

3.3 The Chair informed the Working Group that only two additional responses had been received to the reissued Consultation 2 document and both respondents had originally responded to the initial Consultation 2; thus not changing the outcome of a preferred solution.

3.4 The Chair noted the votes for each solution below:

Votes		
Solution A	Solution B	No Preference
5	2	1

3.5 A number of members agreed that it would be best to take both options (A/B) to vote as this change is a part 2 matter.

4. Review Draft Change Report

4.1 The Chair presented the draft Change Report document on screen for the Working Group to review. This can be found as **Attachment 2**.

4.2 VB provided feedback on the draft Change Report which can be found below:

- *The removal of paragraph 3.7.*
- *The removal of a bullet point under Q3a.*
- *Rewording of Q3c.*
- *Rewording of paragraph 5.50.*
- *Rewording of paragraph 6.3.*
- *Amended sentences under paragraph 6.5.*
- *Rewording of paragraph 6.6.*

4.3 BE also suggested rewording a bullet point under paragraph 5.6 as a sentence was not clear in what it was trying to say. This was amended during the meeting.

4.4 In regard to the legal text, the Working Group agreed that option B will potentially need to include hours, days, etc. It was agreed that this will be updated once the solution is known.

4.5 The Working Group discussed how to present the options within the Change Report for voting – there were queries raised around preferences and what that would potentially mean for the outcome of this change (i.e., providing a second preference).

4.6 The Chair advised that as this was a part 2 matter, the threshold for the change to be accepted at the voting stage would be 65%. The Working Group agreed to allow parties to vote to approve both solutions but highlight which solution was their preferred choice.

4.7 It was suggested that this approach would help to mitigate the risk on neither solution reaching the 65% threshold and therefore both solutions being rejected.

4.8 The Chair noted that this had happened previously with other changes when an alternative solution was on offer, citing DCP 414 as an example of a change which had 2 solutions to choose from and parties being invited to highlight their preferred option.

- 4.9 The Chair agreed to take an action to make the necessary updates to the draft Change Report with commentary on both solutions being taken to voting and confirmation on how the voting process will work in section 12 'recommendation'.

ACTION 18/01: The Chair to take an action to make the necessary updates to the draft Change Report with commentary on both solutions being taken to voting and confirmation on how the voting process will work in section 12 'recommendation'

- 4.10 The Chair also agreed to take an action to make the necessary updates to the draft Change Report with commentary on both solutions being taken to voting and confirmation on how the voting process will work in section 12 'recommendation'.
- 4.11 In terms of modelling, it was noted that a request to CEPA/TNEI needs to be made – KB agreed to take an action to put this together.

ACTION 18/02: KB to put together a modelling request to CEPA/TNEI.

- 4.12 The Working Group discussed the additional items from the ARP that would need to be added to the Cost Information Template – it was queried whether MPANs and volume would be needed, however, it was noted that they may add value to some but not everyone. KB agreed to add these to the spreadsheet and the Working Group can make a decision after.

ACTION 18/03: KB to make the necessary updates to the Cost Information Template.

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 make the necessary updates to the draft Change Report.
 - KB to put together a modelling request to CEPA/TNEI.
 - KB to make the necessary updates to the Cost Information Template.

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 – 05 February 2025

- 7.1 The next Working Group meeting will be held on 05 February 2025 at 10am.

8. Attachments

- Attachment 1_DCP 325 Reissued Consultation 2 Responses [CONFIDENTIAL]
- Attachment 2_DCP 325 Draft Change Report
- Attachment 3_DCP 325 Work Plan

APPENDIX 1

New and open actions

Action Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
18/01	The Chair to take an action to make the necessary updates to the draft Change Report with commentary on both solutions being taken to voting and confirmation on how the voting process will work in section 12 'recommendation'	Secretariat	New Action.
18/02	KB to put together a modelling request to CEPA/TNEI.	KB	New Action.
18/03	KB to make the necessary updates to the Cost Information Template.	KB	New Action.

Closed 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	Closed. <i>Solution A will require modelling, and the timetable may shift slightly.</i>
17/01	The Secretariat to re issue the consultation to supplier and IDNO parties with a request to answer question 3A.	Secretariat	Closed.