

DCUSA SIG Meeting 164 Minutes

31 January 2025 at 10:00am: Web Conference

Attendee	Company
Working Group Members	
Peter Waymont (PW)	UKPN
Victoria Burkett (VB)	SSE
Ladie Adekanle (LA)	Scottish Power
Edda Dirks (ED)	SSEG
Peter Douglas (PD)	Ethical Power
Rebecca Nock (RN)	NGED
Fraser Gascoigne (FG)	NPg
Ryan Tomlin (RT)	NPg
Niki Willis(NW)	Stark
Donna Jamison (DT)	IDCSL
Kevin Woollard [KW]	British Gas
Simon Vicray(SV)	EDF
Tim Ellingham(TE)	RWE Generation UK PLC
Kavya Kaya(KK)	Brook Green Energy
Code Administrator	
Richard Colwill [RC] (Chair)	ElectraLink
Andy Green [AG] (Technical Secretariat)	ElectraLink

1. Administration

- 1.1 SIG members reviewed the “Competition Law Guidance”. All members agreed to be bound by the Competition Law Guidance for the duration of the meeting.
- 1.2 The Chair advised the meeting would be recorded and asked the Standing Issues Group if there were any objections to this. It was explained that the recording would be deleted after the Draft Minutes are approved. There were no objections.

2. Review of Issues log

- 2.1 AG provided an update on issues DIF 69 (Should suppliers be compensated if a MPAN or GSP Group needs to be corrected?), 70 (legal meter bypass) and DIF 71 (Use of Generators) and explained that two meetings had been conducted with the issue raiser for DIFs 69 and 70 to agree on next steps.
- 2.2 It was noted that after reviewing the RFIs for DIFs 69 and 70 the issue raiser had agreed to close these two DIFs and that two new issues would be raised.
- 2.3 This was due to the issue raiser wanting to take a different approach to the two issues after reviewing the responses to the RFIs.
- 2.4 It was noted that another meeting was scheduled to take place 06 February to agree on the approach for DIF 71.
- 2.5 RC then went on to provide an update on DIF 72 (Moving Meters). It was noted that there was an action on the secretariate to get steer from DNOs on how far they would move a meter.
- 2.6 RC advised that one DNO advised that they would move a meter by up to 3 metres and that anything else would not be considered a service alteration and as such, would need an electrician to complete the work.
- 2.7 RC went on to advise that he would be reaching out to the rest of the DNOs to confirm if that’s a joint position across the industry. Once this is understood it was noted that another meeting would be agreed for the SIG to discuss how best to communicate DNOs policies on moving meters to customers, suppliers and other interested parties.

3. Review of Previous Minutes

- 3.1 ED highlighted that she had raised two comments on the previous meetings minutes. This was the meeting held in November 2024
- 3.2 One of the amendments raised was that the acronym for LTDS = Long Term Development Statement direction and CIM = Common Information Model, but the minutes only included the acronyms, so they needed to be amended accordingly.

- 3.3 It was agreed to update the minutes to include the full title of the acronyms and that a link would also be inserted to take the reader to the LTDS guidance page in case they wanted to read more on this project.
- 3.4 For more information on the LTDS project please click the following link [Long Term Development Statement direction | Ofgem](#)
- 3.5 The second suggested amendment was to make sure the actions that were mentioned in paragraphs 3.3, and 3.18 to 3.23 were marked more clearly and that they were added to an Action log.

ACTION 164/01: AG to update the November meeting minutes with what the LTDS acronym meant, insert a link to the LTDS guidance page and mark the actions captured within paragraphs 3.3 and 3.18-3.23 in a clearer fashion and add them to an action log and reissue.

- 3.6 3.5 It was noted that as the last meeting was back in November and as SIG meeting subjects can vary in nature, leading to the attendees for each meeting also being quite varied, the minutes are usually agreed over email.
- 3.7 It was suggested that including the minutes of the previous meeting in agenda packs moving forwards and to have a review of the previous meetings minutes included in the agenda's topics would be helpful as whilst the subjects of the SIG can vary, there were still a number of SIG members who would consistently attend all SIG meetings.
- 3.8 RC and AG agreed to review the process of how the minutes are shared with the SIG and that the suggested updated put forwards by ED for November's minutes would be made.

4. Embedded Capacity Register (ECR) Change Request Notice

- 4.1 The Chair advised that there were three different ECR change request raised last year which were agreed to be paused in November's SIG to allow the LTDS project to complete its first phase.
- 4.2 It was noted that the DCUSA panel were keen for these three ECR change requests to be progressed once the LTDS project had completed its first phase so the purpose of the today's meeting was to seek an update from DNOs on the LTDS project and to understand if the three ECR change requests could be progressed.
- 4.3 RT provided an update on what the LTDS project was seeking to deliver and advised that in summary it's looking to publish the networking model in a common format across the DNOs.
- 4.4 RT advised that the unique identifier change request could be progressed, but the LTDS project would need to be kept informed on the approach the SIG wanted to take.
- 4.5 RC suggested that opening a SIG subgroup to discuss the three ECR change requests may be the best approach as this would ensure that there's a consistent approach in terms of membership.
- 4.6 It was agreed this would be the approach taken forwards and that the subgroup would incorporate all the ECR change requests to ensure consistency. It was also agreed that this subgroup would feed into the LTDS project.
- 4.7 PD highlighted that currently there are issues with data quality and asked if this was an area that the LTDS project was considering.
- 4.8 RT advised that data quality is a topic that the LTDS project is looking at but it was unclear on how big a scope data quality would take at this stage.

- 4.9 RC agreed to send out invitations to a new SIG subgroup that would be set up to review and progress ECR change requests.
- 4.10 It was also agreed that a set of terms of reference would be created for the subgroup to ensure its remit and aims were clear.
- 4.11 RT advised that industry should know more about the progress of the LTDS project at the start of March so a meeting mid/late March would be appropriate.

ACTION 164/02: Secretariate to set up a subgroup to discuss ECR changes with a new set of terms of reference.

- 4.12 RT also suggested that him and RC join one of the LTDS project group meetings so these ECR change requests can be discussed to raise awareness to the project that work was being conducted within the ECR.

ACTION 164/03 Secretariate to ensure that the panel receives regular updates on the ECR change requests.

5. Any Other Business

- 5.1 KW stated that he had put a comment into the meeting chat which a colleague had raised. This comment is below;

'A column that set out the confirmed Acceptance Date that sets the queue position would be very helpful. There is an Accepted Quote column but that changes if there is a variation or BEGA/BELLA with some DNO's so the queue position is unable to be determined from it'.

- 5.2 RT advised that there already was an 'Accepted Date' column and that the queuing system is no longer static. This meant there are a number of different reasons as to why a scheme could move up and down in the queue, so the acceptance date wasn't the only item that drove a schemes queuing position.
- 5.3 RT advise tht it could be done but it wouldn't be as simple as just picking a date due to the dynamic nature of how the queuing system now worked.
- 5.4 KW advised that he would take this feedback to the colleague who raised this to see if they wanted to make a formal change request or not.

6. Date of Next Meeting:

- 6.1 The next SIG meeting will take place on 28 February 2025 at 10:00am, via Microsoft Teams.

7. Attachments

- Attachment 1: ECR Change Request Notices
- Attachment 2: DCUSA SIG 162 Minutes

APPENDIX 1

New and open actions

Action Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
164/01	AG to update the November meeting minutes with what the LTDS acronym meant, insert a link to the LTDS guidance page and mark the actions captured within paragraphs 3.3 and 3.18-3.23 in a clearer fashion and add them to an action log and reissue.	Secretariat	New Action.
162/02	Secretariate to set up a subgroup to discuss ECR changes with a new set of terms of reference.	Secretariat	New Action.
162/03	Secretariate to ensure that the panel receives regular updates on the ECR change requests	Secretariat	New Action.

APPENDIX 2

Closed actions

Action Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
162/01	RC to request a housekeeping change is raised to change party to a lower-case p within the DCUSA legal text were the text lays out the process for who can raise an ECR change request.	Secretariat	Closed.
162/02	RT to liaise with the technical lead on the LTDS project to understand how a change could be implemented outside the project if that meant it could be delivered quicker than if it was done via the LTDS project.	Ryan Taylor	Closed.
162/03	RC to continue to liaise with RT offline post RT speaking with their technical LTDS project lead to discuss if and how the ECR changes could be dealt with and then bring these ideas to the SIG early in 2025.	Secretariat	Closed.