

DCP 451 Working Group - Meeting 01

05 March 2025 at 10:00 - Web-Conference

Attendee	Company
Working Group Members	
Derek Fairbairn [DF]	NPg
Donna Jamieson [DJ]	IDCSL
Elaine Carr [EC]	SPEN
Laura Quinn [LQ]	SPEN
Lorna Mallon [LM]	REC
Mark Bellman [MB]	ENWL
Maxine Herron [MH]	SPEN
Nik Wills [NW]	Stark
Peter Waymont [PW]	UKPN
Victoria Burkett [VB]	SSE
Code Administrator	
Andy Green [AG] (Chair)	ElectraLink
Mel Kendal [MK] (Technical Secretariat)	ElectraLink
Apologies	
Philip Mark [PM]	SSE

1. Administration

- 1.1 The Working Group reviewed the “Competition Law Guidance” and “Terms of Reference”. All Working Group members agreed to be bound by the Competition Law Guidance for the duration of the meeting and agreed to the Terms of Reference.
- 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 and discuss the Change Proposal (CP) within the Working Group and agree next steps.

3. Overview of DCP 451 Change Proposal

- 3.1 The Chair invited the Proposer (PW) to present an overview of the CP to the Working Group. The Change Proposal can be found as **Attachment 1**.
- 3.2 The key points can be found below:
- 3.3 The Proposer explained that this CP has been created to clarify the process used by a distributor for suspending registrations for a supplier.
- 3.4 The proposer stated that the process for suspending registrations is currently unclear between DCUSA and REC. As the desire is to follow the process as per DCUSA, where a registration is suspended in SMRS and then DCUSA/REC are notified, REC are insisting that DCUSA must be notified in the first instance, and then REC is notified. The aim is to be able to take action quickly (as per the existing DCUSA process) and therefore suggesting amendments to Clauses 23.4 and 54.2 and Schedule 1.

4. Review and Discussion of Change Proposal

- 4.1 The Chair invited the Working Group to review and discuss the CP.
- 4.2 The key points can be found below:
- 4.3 LM informed the group that the REC currently have an equivalent change and believe this is a cross code change (it was noted that this was discussed recently at the Cross Code Steering Group). LM also stated that there is not yet a change number assigned yet, but this should be expected soon. It was also noted that the REC cannot yet guarantee that the timelines will match the timelines of this CPs timelines.
- 4.4 It was noted that whilst consultations for both the DCUSA and REC change didn’t necessarily have to align, the implementation dates would as the DCUSA and REC changes were dependent on each other if the process was to be clear and consistent.
- 4.5 It was noted that this is likely the first time that this process has been used by a number of DNOs at the same time under REC, and all members agreed that the process itself should be as clear as possible with additional guidance if needed.

- 4.6 EC queried whether it is possible for a DNO to know whether the process has worked after suspending a registration – LM explained that ‘failures’ would still be visible if the DNOs system was switched off and CSS was not.
- 4.7 DF queried whether a DNO has to go via DCUSA to revoke a suspended registration – LM confirmed that this does not need to be done, and the Proposer added that the action just needs to take place in the MPRS system (which is the way the suspended registration should have been done).
- 4.8 In terms of next steps, it was agreed for the Working Group to progress to Consultation, however, LM did suggest that it is signposted as a joint Consultation between DCUSA and REC.
- 4.9 The Proposer suggested that the Consultation makes it clear that there will be a REC change and there is the potential for both changes to align. Following this, LM suggested that more industry members will need to sign up to this Working Group. LM also stated that they may invite a Service Provider and/or the technical code to the next Working Group meeting.

5. Review of Draft Legal Text

- 5.1 The Chair invited the Proposer (PW) to present an overview of the CP to the Working Group. The Change Proposal can be found as **Attachment 1**.
- 5.2 The key points can be found below:
- 5.3 The Working Group reviewed the draft legal text, and there was currently no further feedback from members at this point.

6. Draft Consultation Questions

- 6.1 The Chair invited the Working Group to draft a number of Consultations questions ready to be produced and issued out to wider industry to gain further feedback.
- 6.2 The agreed draft Consultations can be found below:
 - *For Distributors only – Have you had experience of the issue explained and what was that experience like?*
 - *For Distributors only – Do you have any concerns with the process for reinstating registrations? What are those concerns?*
- 6.3 After further discussion, the Working Group agreed for the Secretariat to draft a Consultation and circulate to the Working Group for final review offline by 11 March 2025.

ACTION 01/01: The Secretariat to produce a draft Consultation and circulate to the Working Group for review offline.

- 6.4 It was also agreed that the Working Group can decide whether an additional Working Group will be needed prior to the Consultation being issued to wider industry once feedback has been provided. If the draft Consultation can be approved offline, the Secretariat will issue a doodle poll for the next meeting once the Consultation response deadline has passed.

7. Work Plan and Agree Next Steps

7.1 The Working Group discussed the next steps, and the following items were captured:

- The Secretariat to produce a draft Consultation and circulate to the Working Group for review offline.

8. Any Other Business

8.1 The Chair asked the group whether there were any other items of business to discuss.

8.2 There were no other items raised.

9. Date of Next Meeting – TBC

9.1 The next Working Group meeting is TBC. A doodle poll will be issued for the next Working Group meeting date.

ACTION 01/02: The Secretariat to issue a doodle poll to the Working Group for the next meeting date.

10. Attachments

- Attachment 1_DCP 451 Change Proposal
- Attachment 2_DCP 442 Work Plan

APPENDIX A

New and Open Actions

Action Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
01/01	The Secretariat to produce a draft Consultation and circulate to the Working Group for review offline.	Secretariat	New Action.
01/02	The Secretariat to issue a doodle poll to the Working Group for the next meeting date.	Secretariat	New Action.

Closed Actions

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