

# DCP 443 Working Group - Meeting 09

07 April 2025 at 14:00 - Web-Conference

Attendee	Company
<b>Working Group Members</b>	
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Charles Mott [CM]	SSE
Chris Barker [CB]	ENWL
Chris Ong [CO]	UKPN
Donna Jamieson [DJ]	IDCSL
Ed Grimsey [EG]	BU-UK
Edda Dirks [ED]	SSE Gen
Kara Burke [KB]	NPg
Michael Hewitson [MH]	Trident Utilities
Monique Pereira [MP]	Indigo Networks
Nik Wills [NW]	Stark
Peter Waymont [PW]	UKPN
Rachel Wallace [RW]	BU-UK
Robert Mottershead [RM]	Sedulity Energy
Victoria Burkett [VB]	SSE
<b>Code Administrator</b>	
Andy Green [AG] (Chair)	ElectraLink
Mel Kendal [MK] (Technical Secretariat)	ElectraLink

## 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 The Working Group reviewed the previous meeting minutes and agreed them to be an accurate reflection of the discussions held.
- 1.3 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 updated RFI data and updated modelling within the Working Group and agree next steps.

## 3. Review Updated Modelling

- 3.1 The Chair invited CB to run-through the updated modelling with the Working Group for further discussion – this was presented on screen.
- 3.2 The key points can be found below:
- 3.3 CB provided an overview of the modelling to the Working Group for review and explained that he has introduced a simple methodology to adjust the unit rates down to maintain the cost reflectivity of the model. This was done using a similar approach used for revenue matching.
- 3.4 CB noted that the inputs from all DNO areas have been run through the model so each result can be seen.
- 3.5 CO queried whether there was any negative residual in any of the DNO areas that were tested – CB stated that the negative residual effect has not been looked at, however, noted that this all happens before residual matching.
- 3.6 ED stated that a written narrative of the changes made to the modelling would be beneficial – CB agreed to take an action to produce a narrative outlining the changes that have been made.

**ACTION 09/01: CB to produce a written narrative outlining the changes that have been made to the modelling.**

- 3.7 CM noted that within the SEPD model, it is causing the HV site specific band 4 to error – CB explained that if there is a negative residual, it will mean the error would come earlier.
- 3.8 Following the above discussions, it was agreed for all Working Group members to take an action to review the test models offline. It was also agreed that it would be beneficial to contact DNOs that are not currently represented within the Working Group to also test the models and provide feedback for the Working Group to review.

**ACTION 09/02: Working Group members to review the test models offline and provide feedback at the next meeting.**

**ACTION 09/03: The Secretariat to all contact DNOs via email and ask them to test the models and provide feedback for the Working Group to review at the next meeting.**

## 4. Review Updated RFI Data

- 4.1 The Chair invited the Working Group to review the updated RFI data, which was presented on screen.
- 4.2 The key points can be found below:
- 4.3 Members confirmed that now the averages have been included within the aggregated RFI data as opposed to totals, the data now looks consistent across each table.
- 4.4 The Working Group stated that the data provided is sufficient, and providing a further breakdown of data would not be beneficial.
- 4.5 It was also noted that a further breakdown into the data at DNO level, even if the DNO names were anonymised could still lead to individuals being able to identify who some of the DNOs were.
- 4.6 It was also agreed for the Secretariat to enhance the data and include visual representation of what the data is showing to help provide a better understanding to the readers. It was also agreed to include the average monthly proportion of customers exceeding their capacity and the average monthly proportion of excess capacity revenue in chart format.

**ACTION 09/04: The Secretariat to enhance the data and provide visual representation of what the data is showing for the Working Group to review at the next meeting.**

## 5. Review of Pro's and Con's

- 5.1 The Chair invited the Working Group to produce a Pro's and Con's list, which was created live during the meeting – the table can be found below:

Pro's	Con's
Drives a more cost reflective customer behaviour.	
Drives a more efficient management of the network by DNOs.	
Reduces the risk of smearing the costs of reinforcement of exceeding capacity onto users who are keeping their capacity.	
Reduces the risk of customers gaming where a customer has an artificially low capacity.	
Increases network reliability.	
Reduce the risk of health and safety issues as assets would not be utilised above the intended capacity.	

- 5.2 It was highlighted by ED that until fully tested, it cannot be confirmed that this solution is more cost reflective and this needs to be considered before the table is finalised.
- 5.3 The Chair agreed to circulate the table to Working Group members for offline review and this can be revisited at the next meeting.

**ACTION 09/05: The Secretariat to circulate the Pro's and Con's table to the Working Group for offline review.**

## 6. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

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

- The Secretariat to contact all DNOs and ask to test the modelling and provide feedback to the Working Group.
- CB to produce a written narrative for the updated modelling.
- The Secretariat to enhance the data and provide visual representation of what the data is showing.

## 7. Any Other Business

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

7.2 There were no other items raised.

## 8. Date of Next Meeting – 23 April 2025

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8.1 The next Working Group meeting will be held on 23 April 2025 at 10am.

## 9. Attachments

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- Attachment 1\_DCP 443 Work Plan

## APPENDIX A

### New and Open Actions

Action Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
09/01	CB to produce a written narrative outlining the changes that have been made to the modelling.	CB	<b>New Action.</b>
09/02	Working Group members to review the test models offline and provide feedback at the next meeting.	Working Group	<b>New Action.</b>
09/03	The Secretariat to contact all DNOs via email and ask them to test the models and provide feedback for the Working Group to review at the next meeting.	Secretariat	<b>New Action.</b>
09/04	The Secretariat to enhance the data and provide visual representation of what the data is showing for the Working Group to review at the next meeting.	Secretariat	<b>New Action.</b>
09/05	The Secretariat to circulate the Pro's and Con's table to the Working Group for offline review.	Secretariat	<b>New Action.</b>

### Closed Actions

Action Ref.			Update
08/01	MH to confirm whether the NTC states that the reinforcement is the responsibility of the Customer that has caused the faults due to overuse of the network.	MH	<b>Closed.</b>  <i>Noted that specific information could not be found and may have been a misinterpretation.</i>

08/02	The Secretariat to recheck the aggregated data tables to confirm that the figures are correct offline, and any anomalies identified.	Secretariat	<b>Closed.</b>  <i>Noted that the figures are correct, but there is one DNO with a large volume of data and sections where not all DNOs have provided data.</i>
08/03	The Secretariat to amend the data to show average across all respondents for each year provided.	Secretariat	<b>Closed.</b>
08/04	CB to update the modelling in accordance with the differential approach for the Working Group to review as this may highlight what the pro's and con's of this approach will look like once tested.	CB	<b>Closed.</b>