

DCUSA SIG Meeting 167 Minutes

25 April 2025 at 10:00am: Web Conference

Attendee	Company
Working Group Members	
Peter Waymont (PW)	UKPN
Ladie Adekanle (LA)	Scottish Power
Edda Dirks (ED)	SSEG
Ryan Farrell (RF)	NPg
Jacqui Fellows (JF)	valdaenergy
Lauren Roy (LR)	SPEN
Hazel Paterson (HP)	SPEN
Owen Black (OB)	SPEN
John Greene (JG)	SSE
Laura Quinn (LQ)	SPEN
Peter Douglass (PD)	Ethical Power
Kayva Kaya (KK)	Brook Green Supply
Isaac Hale (IH)	EDF
Dave Wornell (DW)	NGED
Mark Bellman (MB)	ENWL
Code Administrator	
Andy Green [RC] (Chair and 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 Previous meetings actions

- 2.1 There were no comments on the last meetings minutes.

3. Review of DIFs 80 ‘De-energised sites’

- 3.1 The SIG started to discuss DIF 80 De Energised Sites. Further detail on this issue can be found in attachment 1.
- 3.2 PW reemphasised that the issue here is that there are sites that are De-Energised but they are still holding onto their capacity without paying the fixed charge or capacity charge.
- 3.3 PW noted that at the last SIG it was believed that the REC process wasn’t working correctly as there were potentially parts from the old MRA code for this process that hadn’t been carried over to the REC.
- 3.4 It was noted by PW that he couldn’t find where these gaps were in other codes, but he did highlight that VB was also going to conduct a review of the other processes in additional industry codes.
- 3.5 It was noted that an approach might be to wait until the MHHS changes have landed in 6 months before tackling the issue otherwise it could lead to two processes running at the same time.
- 3.6 It was hoped that the MHHS changes would review the gaps, and appropriate changes would be raised to close remedy any issues. It was agreed to see if there are any flaws in the process that get highlighted by VB before deciding on what action to take next.

ACTION 167/01: The Secretariat to contact VB to see if any gaps in the process were highlighted.

- 3.7 MB mentioned that he had some ideas on this process and agreed with PW to set up a separate bi-lateral call to discuss and then bring the outcome of this discussion back to the SIG in May.

ACTION 167/02: MB And PW to set up a Bi-Lateral call to discuss the issue and bring the output of this call to the SIG in May

4. Review of DIFs 81 ‘Making RAV uplift consistent with PCFM inflation basis’.

- 4.1 MB provided an overview of DIF 81 (see Attachment 2).
- 4.2 MB explained that within the DCUSA the calculation in RAV uses RPI but with the price control it uses RPI up to March 2023 and then CPIH from April 2023 so there is an inconsistency.

- 4.3 MB noted that the impact is relatively small at present, but it would become more material if RPI diverges from CPIH in the future.
- 4.4 MB walked the SIG through a proposed solution which was to replace references to 'RPI all index' with 'CPIH'.
- 4.5 It was noted by ED that currently the issue has been raised as a potential part 2 matter and called attention to the fact that these matters do not go to Ofgem for approval.
- 4.6 The Chair noted that the threshold for part 2 matters was 65% for industry approval so it is higher than a part 1 matter and drew attention to the point that the DCUSA panel do review all change proposals and as such, would decide on whether the CP needed to be raised as a part 1 or 2 matter.
- 4.7 MB noted that he was comfortable with the CP being raised either as a part 1 or 2 matter as it wouldn't change the timeline for the CP getting reviewed and a Working Group being raised.
- 4.8 It was agreed to initially raise the CP as a part 2 matter as the change doesn't make a significant material impact to any market participants, doesn't impact consumers and doesn't distort competition.
- 4.9 RF offered an alternative solution which was to align to the PI index referred to in the PCFM and make this clear in any legal text drafting.
- 4.10 DW offered another solution which was to take the RAV value for the appropriate year directly from the PCFM which would eradicate the need to refer in the DCUSA to RPI, CPIH or any other pricing index.
- 4.11 DW noted that this would be a much simpler approach to take.
- 4.12 MB thanked the SIG for the suggestions and advised he would take them away and consider these when drafting the CP for this.

ACTION 167/03: MB to update a DCUSA CP with the aspiration to have this reviewed at the May Panel meeting.

5. DCP 417 Guidance document review

- 5.1 The Chair moved on to the review of the DCP 417 guidance document. This can be found in Attachment 3.
- 5.2 It was noted that the document used the word 'group' throughout and at times in different contexts. It was requested that the document is updated to make it clear as to who can vote, how many times a group can vote and what is meant by 'group' in the context of party voting.
- 5.3 It was also agreed to rename the document to something along the lines of 'Guidance on Secretariat raising DCPs' as DCP 417 will eventually become an older CP and going to back to find the change based on the CP number wasn't as an efficient approach as just having the a more literal title.
- 5.4 It was also agreed to include a pre-amble/context to the document e.g. this document provides guidance on the process for the secretariat raising DCPs pursuant to clause xxx of DCUSA....

6. MHHS Stakeholder Group comparison of data items in EMDS

- 6.1 The SIG moved on to discuss the issues with the data held within EMDS and the Chair noted that a data comparison had been shared with the SIG and MHHS Stakeholder Group. This can be found in attachment 4.
- 6.2 It was explained that the ask for DCUSA members was to validate the data within the EMDS but there was some confusion as to which data source was to be used to make a comparison against.

- 6.3 PW highlighted that there were a number of errors and missing data within the data source published on the programs public website and noted that this could cause significant issues if not resolved, particularly for new market entrants in the future.
- 6.4 It was agreed that there should only be one source of data used as this would give industry parties one version of the truth. It was suggested that this 'one version of the truth' should be from the Swagger, firstly as that was the data source the program had insinuated would be the source that the industry would be using and secondly, that it was very likely that parties had been building their systems in accordance with this data.
- 6.5 An action was taken by the SIG/MHHS Stakeholder Group members to conduct a data comparison between the EMDS and the Swagger and highlight any inconsistencies at the next MHHS Stakeholder Group meeting.

ACTION 167/04: The MHHS Stakeholder Group to review the data within EMDS and the Swagger and feedback on any inconsistencies.

- 6.6 It was noted that the MHHS Stakeholder Group are scheduled to meet again on 02 May 2025 so feedback on the data comparison could be provided then and the Stakeholder Group could then agree on the principles of which data source to use to validate the data within the EMDS.

7. Any Other Business

- 7.1 There was no AOB raised.

8. Date of Next Meeting:

- 8.1 The next SIG meeting will take place on 30 May 2025 at 10:00am, via Microsoft Teams.

9. Attachments

- Attachment 1 DIF 80 de_energised_Sites
- Attachment 2 Makin_RAV_Uplift_Consistent_With_PCFM_Inflation_Basis
- Attachment 3 DCP 417_Guidance_Document
- Attachment 4 EMDS_ECS_DTC_Data_Item_Comparison

APPENDIX 1

New and open actions

Action Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
164/02	Secretariat to set up a subgroup to discuss ECR changes with a new set of terms of reference.	Secretariat	To be progressed shortly.
166/03	RC to create raise DIF 80 at DCMDG.	Secretariat	New Action
167/01	The Secretariat to contact VB to see if any gaps in the process were highlighted.	Secretariat	New Action

167/02	MB And PW to set up a Bi-Lateral call to discuss the issue and bring the output of this call to the SIG in May	Mark Bellman and Peter Waymont	New Action
167/03	MB to update a DCUSA CP with the aspiration to have this reviewed at the May Panel meeting.	Mark Bellman	New Action
167/04	The MHHS Stakeholder Group to review the data within EMDS and the Swagger and feedback on any inconsistencies.	MHHS Stakeholder Group	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.
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	Closed.
164/03	Secretariate to ensure that the panel receives regular updates on the ECR change requests	Secretariat	Closed
165/01	AG to update the January meeting minutes so that the actions correctly show as 164/2 and 164/3	Secretariat	Closed
165/02	AG to create a subgroup to continue to investigate the issue.	Secretariat	Closed
165/03	AG to create a subgroup to continue to investigate the issue.	Secretariat	Closed

165/04	SIG members who have experienced this issue to see who had installed the generators	Secretariat	Closed
165/05	AG to create a subgroup to continue to investigate the issue.	Secretariat	Closed
165/06	AG to support KB with the REC to draw a high-level process map for the installation of generators.	Secretariat	Closed
165/07	MB to raise a DCUSA change proposal to resolve the issues raised in DIF 79.	Mark Bellman	Closed
165/08	MB to raise an issue for March's SIG meeting to discuss the use of RPI and CPIH	Mark Bellman	Closed
166/01	RC to update the minutes and post new version on website.	Secretariat	Closed
166/02	RC to reach out to REC to explore reviewing the de-energisation processes.	Secretariat	Closed