

# DCP 325 Working Group Meeting 19

05 February 2025 at 10:00am

Web-Conference

Attendee	Company
<b>Working Group Members</b>	
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
<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”. 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 discuss which option(s) are to be taken forward and to review the draft Change Report within the Working Group and agree next steps.

## 3. Discussion of Option(s) to Progress to Change Report

- 3.1 The Chair informed the group that conversations between Working Group members have occurred offline whereby a concern was raised around the decision to take both Option A and Option B to Change Report.

- 3.2 It was highlighted within these discussions that for this change to be accepted, either Option A or Option B will have to reach a preferred vote of at least 65% for the change to be accepted and implemented. This means that if neither Option A or Option B meet 65% preference, the change in its entirety will ultimately be rejected.
- 3.3 After highlighting the above, Working Group members suggested it may be more beneficial to only progress one Option to Change Report, decreasing the risk of the change being rejected.
- 3.4 CO stated that raised concerns around Option A and whether it is the right approach to take forward as after conducting further analysis, it appears that the current ARPs that are being produced are misleading.
- 3.5 One Working Group member suggested there may be a way to improve Option A to make it more suitable as a solution as it was noted that receiving a forecast of any sort is more beneficial than not receiving a forecast at all.
- 3.6 The Chair did note that whichever decision is made, it can be a majority Working Group decision as does not have to be unanimous; but a decision does need to be made.
- 3.7 In terms of a preferred solution, KB suggested that it may be easier to start by removing unnecessary/unhelpful information to the Cost Information Template as opposed to adding new information in. KB did highlight that NGED use the tariffs output in one of their reports and queried whether there are any caveats that they include when this report is produced (i.e., the figures are indicative only). RN agreed to take this away and talk internally for more information.

**ACTION 19/01: RN to speak internally for more information around what caveats are used within NGEDs reports that state that the figures used (from the tariffs output) are indicative only.**

- 3.8 KB informed the group that after reviewing the previous RFI and Consultation responses, the industry feedback appears to show that it would be beneficial to have either the ARP, or the information that is currently within the ARP in some format.
- 3.9 CO raised a concern around how different the forecasting may be in later years (i.e., 2029/2030) - KB stated that additional caveats can be included to say that based on allowed revenues for those years, forecasts could vary largely from what they may actually be.
- 3.10 One member queried whether votes for this change can be aggregated – the Chair confirmed that yes it can. In previous changes, two solutions were progressed to voting and preferred choice was provided. The second option would then be their second preference, meaning that the change will be accepted with either Option A or Option B as the preferred solution.
- 3.11 The Chair asked the Working Group to vote on whether they would prefer to take both options forward, 1 option only, or abstain. The vote outcome can be found below:

	Option A <b>AND</b> Option B	Option A <b>OR</b> Option B	Abstain
	0	6	1

- 3.12 Following the votes, the Working Group believe that the change will be more successful taking forward one Option only. The option chosen to progress with will depend on the criteria needed for the solution.

- 3.13 It was suggested that the discussions around the potential solution could be presented to the DCMDG or Post-Panel Q&A session for wider industry to gain knowledge prior to voting and to also provide feedback if they wish to do so.
- 3.14 After further discussion, the Working Group agreed to a hybrid Option A solution to progress voting.
- 3.15 KB shared the Cost Information Template on screen for the Working Group to review. KB suggested that the multiple sheets of calculations could be hidden with a button which can also be clicked to view them again. It was also queried whether the sheets that enable the user to create averages for each year are needed.
- 3.16 The Working Group agreed to hiding a number of sheets that are not used on a regular basis to help 'tidy-up' the template and will not be as daunting for the user. It was also agreed to change the years labelled on the sheets to align with Schedule 15.
- 3.17 JK mentioned he had seen an industry document with a drop-down box with a caveat is included within the sheet whereby the caveat has to be accepted before any tabs can be viewed and suggested that this could be useful on the Cost information Template. JK agreed to take an action to find an example of this and send to KB to see if this can be incorporated.

**ACTION 19/02: JK to send KB a drop-down caveat box example to see if this can be incorporated within the Cost Information Template.**

- 3.18 After further discussion, KB agreed to take an action to make the necessary updates to the Cost Information Template offline and circulate to the Working Group for review.

**ACTION 19/03: KB to make the necessary updates to the Cost Information Template offline and circulate to the Working Group for review.**

- 3.19 The Working Group gave a quick review of the draft legal text as it currently stands; minor amendments were made, and the Working Group were happy with the document as it is for now.
- 3.20 The Working Group discussed the draft Change Report, and the Chair agreed to take an action to make the necessary updates to the solution section offline and circulate to the group offline for review.

**ACTION 19/04: The Chair to make the necessary updates to the solution section and send to the Working Group to review offline.**

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## 4. Work Plan and Next Steps

- 4.1 The workplan will be updated after each meeting.
- 4.2 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 and circulate to the Working Group for review online.
  - KB to make the necessary updates to the Cost Information Template and circulate to the Working Group for review offline.

## 5. Any Other Business

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

5.2 There were no other items raised.

## 6. Date of Next Meeting – TBC

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6.1 The next Working Group meeting is TBC.

## 7. Attachments

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- Attachment 1\_DCP 325 Work Plan

## APPENDIX 1

### New and open actions

Action Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
<b>19/01</b>	RN to speak internally for more information around what caveats are used within NGEDs reports that state that the figures used (from the tariffs output) are indicative only.	RN	<b>New Action.</b>
<b>19/02</b>	JK to send KB a drop-down caveat box example to see if this can be incorporated within the Cost Information Template.	JK	<b>New Action.</b>
<b>19/03</b>	KB to make the necessary updates to the Cost Information Template offline and circulate to the Working Group for review.	KB	<b>New Action.</b>
<b>19/04</b>	The Chair to make the necessary updates to the solution section and send to the Working Group to review offline.	Secretariat / Working Group	<b>New Action.</b>

### Closed Actions

Action Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
<b>18/01</b>	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	<b>Closed.</b>
<b>18/02</b>	KB to put together a modelling request to CEPA/TNEI.	KB	<b>Closed.</b> <i>Modelling has been updated but the request has not yet been made and will be made at a later date.</i>
<b>18/03</b>	KB to make the necessary updates to the Cost Information Template.	KB	<b>Closed.</b>