

DCP 452 Working Group Meeting 09

Date: 28 August 2025

Time: 10:00 – 12:00

Location: Microsoft Teams

Attendee	Company
Working Group Member	
Alex Lam [AL]	National Grid Electricity Distribution
Andrew Enzor [AE] (The Proposer)	Field Energy
Emma Clark [EC]	SSEN
Kara Burke [KB]	Northern Powergrid
Louise Robinson [LR]	ESP Utilities Group
Code Administrator	
Dylan Townsend [DT] (The Chair)	ElectraLink Ltd
Mel Kendal [MK] (Technical Secretariat)	ElectraLink Ltd

Apologies	Company
Edda Dirks [ED]	SSE Generation
George Kestner [GK]	ElectraLink Ltd
Giao Le [GL]	SSEN
Lorna Murray [LM]	SPEN

1. Administration

Recording

- 1.1 The Chair opened the meeting and confirmed that the session was being recorded in accordance with the Working Group Terms of Reference.

Apologies

- 1.2 The Chair noted that four formal apologies were received.

Competition Law Guidance

- 1.3 The Chair reminded attendees of the competition law guidance, now accessible via hyperlink rather than embedded in the meeting pack. All participants were deemed to have accepted the guidance by attending.

Review of previous meeting minutes

- 1.4 The draft minutes of meeting 08 were reviewed. The Chair noted that comments had been received from AE via email and the Chair stepped through these with Working Group members:

- It had been requested to formally include an action in regard to paragraph 3.2, which was to be recorded as follows: “**ACTION 08/01:** AL to confirm internally if the understanding of Customers that are categorised as ‘Generation-dominant’ have no associated demand within the maximum demand scenario used for power flow modelling.”
- Additional wording was added to paragraph 3.6 and amendments were made to paragraph 5.5 to add further clarity to the discussion that was previously captured.

- 1.5 The Working Group were happy with the amendments to the previous meeting minutes, and no further comments were provided.

Review of Actions and Timelines

- 1.6 The Working Group reviewed the current action log, which is provided for in Appendix A to these minutes, and updates related to those actions are captured within it.

2. Purpose of the Meeting

- 2.1 The Chair stated that the purpose of the meeting was to review the progress of modelling and impact assessments, updated EDCM models and documentation, the draft consultation document, and legal text, and to agree next steps.

3. Update on Progress of Modelling and Completion of Impact Assessment by DNOs

- 3.1 The Chair explained to the Working Group that a response from NGED has been received just prior to the meeting, and that SPEN has confirmed that they will be providing their response as soon as possible.

- 3.2 The Chair explained that once all responses have been received, the data from DNOs would be used to populate a template, which would then be published alongside the consultation and the summary table incorporated into the consultation document.
- 3.3 Regarding the format of the required submission, it was confirmed that there were two elements, with the first being a preliminary impact assessment, which was to be based on the Word document previously circulated by SPEN, detailing metrics such as the number of impacted GSPs and customers with non-zero Charge 1 values. The second part was more detailed assessment using the Excel template shared with members, which had been based on a similar exercise undertaken as part of DCP 342. That would require the impacted DNOs to use data from their most recently populated EDCM model (i.e., for the 2026/27 charging year) and to populate the DCP 452 version of the EDCM with updated power flows inputs where necessary, and then to take certain data from those models and place into the template.
- 3.4 EC confirmed SSEN would submit the document shortly and clarified that the assessment would be based on SSEN's 2024/25 power flow modelling, which informed the published 2026/27 charges. It was noted that this was due to the issue of excessive residual charges and the mitigation put in place and agreed with the Authority.

4. Review of Updated EDCM Models and Documentation

- 4.1 The Chair confirmed that the updated models and documentation has been received from CEPA/TNEI, with minor amendments that had been made following some further bilateral discussions.
- 4.2 AL confirmed that the models were functioning as intended, and no issues were found.
- 4.3 Members did not provide any further feedback/comments regarding the updated models or documentation.

5. Review of Consultation Document

- 5.1 The Chair presented the draft Consultation document live on screen for the Working Group to further discuss/review. This can be found as **Attachment 1**. The Chair informed the Working Group that feedback on the draft Consultation received from AE has been included in the current version being presented for review. The Chair explained that the intent was to run through the current tracked changes and to accept or reject them and to capture any other amendments as part of the process. The sets out some of areas that were amended during the meeting.
- 5.2 The Impacted Clauses section was updated to state 'Paragraphs 2.7, 6.2 and 6.3 within Schedule 17, and Paragraphs 6.1 to 6.4 of Annex 1 to Schedule 17.
- 5.3 Members agreed to the deletion of paragraph 3.17 as the impacts will all be set out within Section 8 of the Consultation.
- 5.4 It was agreed to simplify Q2 to now ask 'Are you supportive of the principles that support this CP, as set out above?'.
- 5.5 The Chair informed the Working Group that additional wording has been added to the bullet points under paragraph 4.3 to ensure it aligns with the second request made to CEPA/TNEI.

- 5.6 The Chair agreed to add an explanatory text regarding the background to the DUoS SCR and its currently unknown scope (i.e., an intro paragraph) for the Working Group to review offline.

ACTION 09/01: The Secretariat to add an explanatory text regarding the background to the DUoS SCR and its currently unknown scope for the Working Group to review offline.

- 5.7 It was agreed to remove paragraph 4.13 from the draft Consultation, alongside the 'Request for Information and Summary of Results' section as it is no longer relevant within this section.
- 5.8 The Working Group discussed the section 'Argument 1: Consistency with Network Group Definition in the FCP Approach', and it was suggested that this section may need to be amended/redrafted. Following discussions, EC agreed to review this section of draft Consultation to see if it needs amending to better reflect the evolution of the proposed solution.
- 5.9 It was also noted that Question 3 may also need to be looked at if the counter-argument section is amended in any way to ensure that it is still suitable.

ACTION 09/02: EC to review the 'Counter Arguments' section of the consultation document and then to confirm to AE if it needs amending to better reflect the evolution of the proposed solution.

- 5.10 The Working Group confirmed that the current paragraph 8.6 has been removed and updated above in paragraphs 8.4 and 8.5. Members also agreed to the removal of paragraph 8.7 as it is no longer needed.
- 5.11 Members discussed the Impact on all EDCM Customers of DCP 452 table within the draft Consultation, and the Chair agreed to change the MPIDs to Company names as well as adding this table on a separate page in landscape for better viewing. The Chair also agreed to add a note to state that not all DNOs are impacted (i.e., only DNO using the FCP version of the EDCM).

ACTION 09/03: The Secretariat to make the necessary updates to the 'Impacts on all EDCM Customers of DCP 452' Table offline for the Working Group to review.

- 5.12 Regarding paragraph 8.11, the Chair agreed to check whether it was correct that both SSEN's Licence Areas were impacted by the excessive surplus residual issue and in doing so, include hyperlinks to the relevant documents where references are made.

ACTION 09/04: The Secretariat to check whether it was correct that both SSEN's Licence Areas were impacted by the excessive surplus residual issue and to add hyperlinks to the relevant documents within paragraph 8.11.

- 5.13 It was agreed within the Working Group that the subsection titled 'Notes related to impacts for SSEN' in section 8 (currently paragraphs 8.12 to 8.16) needed to be reviewed by SSEN as it had been written by the Chair and therefore required confirmation from SSEN that what had been written was accurate.

ACTION 09/05: SSEN to confirm they are happy with the accuracy of the section 'Notes related to impacts for SSEN' within the draft Consultation.

- 5.14 The Working Group were happy with the amendments and the Chair agreed to circulate a final version of the draft Consultation for review offline to the Working Group with all completed actions included post-meeting.

ACTION 09/06: The Secretariat to circulate the final version of the draft Consultation to the Working Group to review offline.

5.15 After further discussion, the Working Group agreed to aim for the issue of the Consultation on 04 September 2025 (if there are no further amendments needed to the draft version). The Consultation period will be for 15 Working Days, with the response deadline being 12 September 2025.

6. Comments on Draft Legal Text

6.1 The Chair presented a streamlined version of the legal text which reduced the file size while retaining accuracy. This can be found as **Attachment 2**.

6.2 The Working Group were happy with how the draft legal text and hand no further comments.

6.3 The Secretariat agreed to share the streamlined version of the legal text with the Working Group

ACTION 09/07: The Secretariat to circulate the final version of the draft legal text to the Working Group to review offline.

7. Next Steps and Work Plan

7.1 The Chair outlined the next steps:

- Finalisation of the consultation document, incorporating impact assessments from SSEN and SPEN.
- Circulation of the updated draft to Working Group members for final review.
- Target date for issuing the consultation: **Wednesday, 4 September 2025**.
- Consultation period: **15 working days**, ending **Wednesday, 25 September 2025**.
- Next Working Group meeting to be scheduled via Doodle poll for early October (between 2nd and 9th October).

7.2 The Chair confirmed that the change report would be submitted in November, allowing time for review of consultation responses and any necessary amendments.

8. Any Other Business

8.1 No additional items were raised.

9. Next Meeting – TBC

9.1 The Working Group is currently TBC. The Secretariat agreed to issue a doodle poll to the Working Group for early October 2025 (w/c 02/09 October 2025).

ACTION 09/08: The Secretariat to issue a doodle poll to the Working Group for early October 2025 (w/c 02/09 October 2025).

Appendix 1 – Actions Log

New and Open Actions

Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
07/01	preliminary impact assessment: all impacted DNO Working Group members to undertake and/or provide preliminary analysis identifying impacted customers and GSPs, without full modelling.	FCP DNOs	Update 28 August 2025: ONGOING. The Chair noted that NGED's response has been received and SSEN will submit their response later today.
08/01	To confirm internally if the understanding of customers that are categorised as 'Generation-dominant' have no associated demand within the maximum demand scenario used for power flow modelling.	AL	Update 28 August 2025: ONGOING. AL confirmed that a response has not yet been received but will continue to seek an update.
09/01	The Secretariat to add an explanatory text regarding the background to the DUoS SCR and its currently unknown scope for the Working Group to review offline.	Secretariat	NEW ACTION.
09/02	EC to review the 'Counter Arguments' section of the consultation document and then to confirm to AE if it needs amending to better reflect the evolution of the proposed solution.	EC	NEW ACTION.
09/03	The Secretariat to make the necessary updates to the 'Impacts on all EDCM Customers of DCP 452' Table offline for the Working Group to review.	Secretariat	NEW ACTION.
09/04	The Secretariat to check whether it was correct that both SSEN's Licence Areas were impacted by the excessive surplus residual issue and to add hyperlinks to the relevant documents within paragraph 8.11.	Secretariat	NEW ACTION.
09/05	SSEN to confirm they are happy with the accuracy of the section 'Notes related to impacts for SSEN' within the draft consultation.	SSEN	NEW ACTION.
09/06	The Secretariat to circulate the final version of the draft consultation to the Working Group to review offline.	Secretariat	NEW ACTION.
09/07	The Secretariat to circulate the final version of the draft legal text for the Working Group to review offline.	Secretariat	NEW ACTION.

Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
09/08	The Secretariat to issue a doodle poll to the Working Group for early October 2025 (w/c 02/09 October 2025).	Secretariat	NEW ACTION.

Closed Actions

Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
06/04	The Secretariat is to issue a formal request to FCP DNOs regarding the completion of power flow modelling needed by the Working Group to complete an impact assessment for new solution for DCP 452.	Secretariat	Update 28 August 2025: CLOSED. The Chair confirmed that this has been issued.
06/06	Working Group members are to continue offline review of the draft consultation document, providing comments or tracked changes as necessary.	Working Group	Update 28 August 2025: CLOSED. The draft Consultation will be reviewed during this meeting.
07/02	impact assessment template: the Secretariat to make updates to the impact assessment template used for DCP 342 so that it can be utilised for DCP 452 and circulate to members for review.	Secretariat	Update 28 August 2025: CLOSED.