

## DCP 465 Working Group - Meeting 04

30 April 2026 at 13:00 - Web-Conference

Attendee	Company
<b>Working Group Members</b>	
Charles Mott [CM]	SSEN
Dave Wornell [DW]	NGED
Ed Grimsey [EG]	BU-UK
Edda Dirks [ED]	SSE Generation
John Harmer [JH]	Waters Wye
Lorna Murray [LM]	SPEN
Ryan Farrell [RF]	NPg
Thomas Holderness [TH]	Ofgem
<b>Apologies</b>	
Chris Ong	UKPN
<b>Code Administrator</b>	
Mel Kendal [MK] (Secretariat)	ElectraLink
Richard Colwill [RC] (Chair)	ElectraLink

## 1. Administration

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### **Recording**

- 1.1 The Chair noted that the meeting is being recorded. The purpose of this recording is purely to aid the Technical Secretariat in producing an accurate report of the meeting.

### **Apologies**

- 1.2 The Chair noted received apologies. These can be found in the attendees list above.

### **Competition Law Guidance and Terms of Reference**

- 1.3 The Working Group agreed to be bound by the Competition Law Guidance for the duration of the meeting.

### **Previous Minutes**

- 1.4 ED queried whether a spreadsheet referenced in earlier minutes had been circulated and suggested that, if not, circulation of this should be recorded as an action.
- 1.5 The Chair noted that the spreadsheet in question had been circulated previously as part of the draft consultation issued on 10 April, with the aggregated impact assessment included as an attachment.
- 1.6 It was agreed that the matter was resolved, as the relevant document had been circulated in advance, and no further action was required.

### **Actions**

- 1.7 The Chair noted that the two relevant actions for this meeting had been completed and would be reviewed in the meeting.

## 2. Purpose of the Meeting

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- 2.1 The Chair explained that the purpose of this meeting is to review the draft legal text and consultation.

## 3. Review of Draft Legal Text

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- 3.1 The Working Group reviewed the draft legal text.
- 3.2 JH explained that he had taken on an action to draft some text, but found the task was more complex than he had initially expected. He noted that it was still unclear where the drafting would sit within Schedule 16.
- 3.3 JH explained he had tried to draft the text logically and identified two key questions:
  - 3.3.1 how the lead DNO should be appointed if agreement cannot be reached; and
  - 3.3.2 whether the lead DNO should have any obligation beyond using the data provided to them, specifically whether they should be required to verify the values provided by other DNOs.

## Lead DNO

- 3.4 The Working Group agreed that the drafting should avoid appointing a lead DNO and instead place a clear obligation on all DNO Parties to provide the required data and carry out the calculation collectively, without setting out a prescriptive step-by-step process.

## Approach to Averaging Methodology (Weighted vs Unweighted)

- 3.5 The Working Group discussed whether the calculation should use a weighted average or an unweighted average, noting that either approach was straightforward to implement algebraically.
- 3.6 The Working Group discussed that applying a weighted average at the initial stage was statistically more appropriate and reduced the risk of distortion from individual large customers, with an unweighted average applied at a later stage if required.
- 3.7 The Working Group agreed to proceed with a weighted average for the first stage of the methodology (Option A), recognising that while the overall process was not fully robust, no better alternative had been identified and this approach represented the best available option.

## Acronyms

- 3.8 The Working Group discussed that the use of multiple acronyms made the draft text difficult to follow.
- 3.9 The Working Group agreed to simplify the drafting by removing unnecessary elements from the acronyms, such as removing “NFD” from “ANFDDF”, and applying the revised terminology consistently throughout.
- 3.10 The Chair agreed to tidy the document up offline.

Action 04/01	Chair to tidy the document up offline, by simplifying the acronyms.
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## Implementation Calculation Within Charging Models

- 3.11 The Working Group agreed that the calculation would be implemented automatically within the CDCM models during tariff setting, using a nationally-derived average discount percentage input, and that the drafting should reflect this model-based approach rather than manual calculations by individual parties.

## 4. Review of the Draft Consultation

### RFI Response

- 4.1 The Working Group agreed that missing data for one licence area across the additional two years should be followed up before issuing the draft, with placeholder wording added to transparently reflect expected quantification unless doing so would delay publication, in which case an appropriate caveat would be included.

## DCUSA Charging Objectives

- 4.2 The Working Group agreed that the section on relevant charging objectives should be presented as the Working Group view, as no member explicitly expressed disagreement with this.

## Impacts

- 4.3 The Working Group agreed to clarify that the impacts to the larger customer base would be negligible, with clarifying text added to state that this conclusion is based on the RFI analysis, to ensure the statement is appropriately evidenced and not forward-looking.

## 5. Agreed Next Steps

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- 5.1 The Working Group discussed the next steps, and the following items were captured:
- The Secretariat to follow up on DNO responses to the RFI.
  - The updated consultation and legal text will be circulated to the Working Group.
  - The next meeting will be arranged via a meeting poll.

## 6. Any Other Business

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- 6.1 The Chair asked the group whether there were any other items of business to discuss.
- 6.2 There were no other items raised.

## 7. Date of Next Meeting – TBC

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- 7.1 The next Working Group meeting is to be confirmed. A meeting poll will be issued to members in due course.

## APPENDIX A

### New and Open Actions

Action Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
<b>01/03</b>	CB to review the DCP 138 Change Report for potentially useful explainers on NUFs and how these are derived.	CB	<b>Ongoing.</b>
<b>04/01</b>	Chair to tidy the document up offline, by simplifying the acronyms.	Chair	<b>New Action.</b>

### Closed Actions

Action Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
<b>02/01</b>	The Secretariat to make the suggested tracked-changes to paragraph 3.10 of the previous meeting minutes (WG 01).	Secretariat	<b>Closed.</b>
<b>02/02</b>	The Secretariat to issue the second RFI to DNOs requesting the same data for 2025/26 and 2027/28.	Secretariat	<b>Closed.</b>
<b>03/01</b>	JH to produce first draft of legal text.	JH	<b>Closed.</b>
<b>03/02</b>	Secretariat to produce first draft of consultation.	Secretariat	<b>Closed.</b>