

Embedded Capacity Request DCUSA Subgroup Meeting 05

05 May 2026 at 10:00

| Attendee | Company |
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| Working Group Members | |
| Dario Minissale (DM) | SSE |
| Frasier Gascoigne (FG) | NPg |
| Sarah Kenny-Levick (SKL) | |
| Steve Halsey (SH) | UKPN |
| Phil Moseley (PM) | NGED |
| Christopher Ibeh (CI) | NESO |
| Conner Reid (CR) | SPEN |
| Peter Douglass (PD) | Ethical Power |
| Julie Richmond (JR) | SPEN |
| Code Administrator | |
| Andy Green | Chair |
| Apologies | |
| None | N/A |

1. Administration

Recording

- 1.1 The Chair advised members that this meeting will be recorded. The purpose of this recording is purely to aid the Technical Secretariat in producing an accurate report of the meeting. The recording will be deleted once these minutes have been approved.

Competition Law Guidance and Terms of Reference

- 1.2 The Working Group reviewed the “Competition Law Guidance” and “Terms of Reference”. All subgroup members agreed to be bound by the Competition Law Guidance for the duration of the meeting.

2. Purpose of the Meeting

- 2.1 The Chair set out that the purpose of the meeting was to continue the connection reforms / gateway discussion that FG had raised at the previous meeting and then conduct a review of ECR change request examples for the NESO ECR change request.

3. Connection Reforms – ECR Gateway Status.

- 3.1 The subgroup discussed how Gate 1 and Gate 2 schemes should be represented within the ECR, particularly for hybrid schemes where different technologies may sit in different gate statuses.
- 3.2 FG noted that, under current arrangements, all schemes with accepted connection agreements are included within the ECR regardless of gate status. It was noted that Gate 1 schemes do not reserve capacity and may therefore present a misleading view of network availability if retained within the register.
- 3.3 Particular complexity arises in respect of hybrid schemes, where different technologies may sit within different gate statuses within a single project.
- 3.4 The subgroup considered the following options:
- (i) removing Gate 1 schemes entirely;
 - (ii) retaining Gate 1 schemes with zero capacity; and
 - (iii) introducing additional gate status fields. It was noted that while additional fields could improve transparency, they would introduce complexity and potential system impacts.
- 3.5 It was noted that the ECR is primarily used to understand available capacity and therefore, including schemes that do not reserve capacity risks distorting the dataset. It was highlighted that whilst removing Gate 1 components from hybrid schemes may reduce visibility of project composition, it was generally agreed that Gate 1 technologies no longer provide meaningful signals.
- 3.6 Working Group members further noted the risk of misleading commercial stakeholders and highlighted technical implications of introducing complex data structures.
- 3.7 There was broad agreement that Gate 1 schemes should be removed from the ECR, including within hybrid schemes. The Chair confirmed that there was clear majority support for this approach.

- 3.8 The Chair agreed to send FG the ECR change request form so it could be completed and submitted to the DCUSA as a formal ECR change request.

4. Review of ECR Change Request Examples

- 4.1 The Chair noted that limited feedback had been received on the examples that CI had shared.
- 4.2 CI resent the examples during the meeting and the subgroup agreed to defer detailed review until stakeholders have had time to review the materials.
- 4.3 A follow-up session was agreed on Thursday 21st at 10:00. It was noted that this can be cancelled if sufficient feedback is provided offline.

5. A.O.B

- 5.1 SKL raised whether a comparison has been undertaken between the data fields proposed for the Embedded Demand Register and the existing ECR fields, to ensure alignment where feasible.
- 5.2 SKL noted that there had previously been some slides shared on this topic in a different forum and as such, it was agreed that the comparison materials slides would be shared with the DCUSA ECR Subgroup and the topic revisited at the next meeting to see if there is support to create consistency across registers.

6. Next Meeting

- 6.1 The next meeting is to be held on Thursday 21st at 10:00.

7. Any Other Business

- 7.1 There was no other business raised

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