

DCUSA Standing Issues Group (SIG) Meeting 182 Minutes

31 July 2026 at 10:00am: Web Conference

Attendee	Company
Working Group Members	
Erik Baguzis [EB]	Indigo Networks
Niall Simmons [NS]	Smartest Energy
Mark McLean [MM]	SPEN
Peter Waymont [PW]	UKPN
Donald Preston [DP]	SSEN Distribution
Donna Jamieson [DJ]	ICDSL
Meg Wong [MG]	Stark
Nik Wills [NW]	Stark
Laide Adekanle [LA]	SP Retail
Kavya Kavya [KK]	BrookGreen Energy
Code Administrator	
Andrew Green [AG] (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 it was explained that the recording would be deleted after the Draft Minutes are approved.
- 1.3 Given the presence of several new faces at this SIG meeting, the Chair invited attendees to introduce themselves and their organisations before progressing the agenda.
- 1.4 The Chair then outlined the agenda, noting that there was only one substantive item for discussion, DIF 91 Notices in NTC.

2. Review of Previous meeting, actions and minutes

- 2.1 The Chair confirmed that there was no previous meeting minutes presented for formal review due to recent cancellations of SIG meetings.
- 2.2 It was noted that:
 - Previous minutes had been circulated to the SIG distribution list and wider contract manager community;
 - No comments or amendments had been received; and
 - The minutes were therefore taken as read and approved by exception.
- 2.3 The Chair introduced the Issues Log and provided an update on current items:
- 2.4 A new issue was raised for discussion at this meeting which was DIF 91 Notices Under NTC.
- 2.5 An update remains outstanding in relation to DIF 88 (Excess capacity calculation in Durabill when an MPAN changes supplier) and the Chair advised he’d contacted the issue raiser for an update.

3. DIF 91 Notices Under NTC.

- 3.1 The Chair invited PW to present the issue.
- 3.2 PW explained that DNOs regularly receive formal notices under the National Terms for Connection relating to matters such as assignments of connection agreements, changes of company details and changes of registered address. The practical difficulty arises when the name included on a notice does not match the records held by the DNO. This can occur because companies change name over time or because projects are known internally under different names. As a result, notices can be difficult to identify and process efficiently.
- 3.3 PW gave examples where notices named businesses that no longer appeared within their records because the business had changed name or because the site had historically been known by a different name. It was suggested that notices would be much easier to process if they were required to include either a site address, an MPAN or another unique identifier.
- 3.4 AG summarised the potential solution as an amendment to the NTC notice requirements so that notices would include a site address and, where possible, an MPAN. However, he noted that there may be exceptions where MPANs are not applicable e.g. for CVA sites.

- 3.5 Several representatives at the meeting agreed that the issue is something they have experienced and that the solution was sensible.
- 3.6 NS commented that the proposed solution aligned with wider industry efforts to improve accuracy and data quality and highlighted ongoing difficulties across the industry caused by incomplete or inconsistent information and felt that measures improving the accuracy of notices would benefit all parties.
- 3.7 DP also voiced support for the proposed solution. From his perspective there appeared to be no obvious barriers to implementation and could not identify any GDPR concerns or other regulatory reasons why additional identifying information should not be included in notices.
- 3.8 MM sought clarification on exactly what information would be required and asked whether parties would be expected to provide the MPAN and the associated address recorded within the existing connection agreement.
- 3.9 PW clarified that the objective was simply to identify the premises to which the connection agreement relates. The key requirement was the inclusion of the site address and, where available, the relevant MPAN. This would remove ambiguity and allow DNOs to determine reliably which agreement or site was being referenced, regardless of changes to customer names or ownership structures over time.
- 3.10 He illustrated this using an example where a site originally associated with one company subsequently changes ownership. While the site remains the same, the name held in systems may not align with the name quoted in correspondence. A site address or MPAN would eliminate this uncertainty.
- 3.11 EB also expressed support for the principle but queried whether an MPAN could always be provided and sought clarification on what to do in cases where it was not possible to provide an MPAN.
- 3.12 PW explained that his primary concern related to CVA registered sites, where MSIDs rather than MPANs may be used. EB acknowledged this point and agreed that it represented the most obvious exception and that using the MSIDs for these types of sites was a sensible solution.
- 3.13 PW suggested that any future Change Proposal could accommodate this by requiring an MPAN or MSID, as appropriate. He proposed drafting an initial solution in broad terms and then refining the legal drafting through the change process.
- 3.14 AG agreed that this approach seemed sensible and noted that the governance process would provide an opportunity to develop any required carve-outs or drafting refinements. It was agreed that the proposal appeared capable of addressing both MPAN and CVA scenarios without creating unnecessary complexity.
- 3.15 Following a final check for comments, AG concluded that the discussion had demonstrated broad support among the attendees present and asked PW whether he now had sufficient feedback to progress the matter. PW confirmed that he did.
- 3.16 It was agreed that DIF 91 would be closed on the basis that a Change Proposal would be raised to take the issue forward through the formal DCUSA process. The Issues Log would be updated accordingly.

4. Any Other Business

- 4.1 Under any other business, EB requested an update regarding DCP 466 and a related derogation that had been considered by the DCMDG. He asked whether there was any indication of when a decision might be reached.
- 4.2 PW advised that the derogation had been circulated to parties for comment and would subsequently be considered at the next Panel meeting, scheduled for 19 August 2026.
- 4.3 AG confirmed that he had seen the notice and understood that further progress was expected following the Panel discussion. He added that updates would be communicated through the normal industry channels once decisions had been taken.
- 4.4 Further discussion highlighted concerns regarding tight implementation timescales. PW noted that Ofgem's expected decision date was 14 September 2026.
- 4.5 AG also offered to provide EB with the invitation to the DCMDG meeting taking place on 20 August 2026, as it was likely that this forum would discuss the outcome of the panel meeting in regard to the derogation that had been raised. Attendees also noted that updates would likely be communicated through the DCUSA newsletter and subsequent change update meetings.

5. Date of Next Meeting:

- 5.1 The next SIG meeting will take place on 28 August 2026 at 10:00am, via Microsoft Teams.

APPENDIX 1

New and open actions

Action Ref.	Topic	Action	Owner	Update
182/01	DIF 91 Notices Under NTC	PW to raise a CP form to look at that the Notices in NTC process	Peter Waymont	Completed
182/02	DCMDG invites	AG to forward EB the meeting series for the DCMDG	Andy Green	Completed
182/03	Closing down DIF 91	AG to update the issues log and DCUSA website to show DIF 91 as closed	Andy Green	Completed
173/01	DCUSA Flows	MB to raise to CP to look at deleting the D0164 flow	Mark Bellman	Completed
173/02	Credit cover	MB to raise a CP to see in interest charges should apply to credit cover defaults	Mark Bellman	Completed
164/02	ECR changes	Secretariat to set up a subgroup to discuss ECR changes with a new set of terms of reference.	Secretariat	Completed
168/03	DIF 82	ACL to take the output of Mays SIG meeting to the next IDNO forum to identify which	ACL	Completed

		data items would be required.		
170/01	SIG 169 Minutes	AG to correct SVs name in the minutes from SIG meeting 169	Andy Green	Completed
170/04	DIF 84	The Secretariat to raise a DCP to be presented to the August Panel in accordance with the direction from the SIG Group	Andy Green	Completed
170/05	DIF 85	The Secretariat to raise a DCP to be presented to the August Panel in accordance with the direction from the SIG Group	Andy Green	Completed
170/07	Housekeeping item 127 RIO ED2	The Secretariat to investigate if the' RIIO-ED1 to RIIO-ED2 references' housekeeping item is still required and if so, establish next steps.	Andy Green	Ongoing
171/01	DIF 88	EC to report back to SIG next month with update on progress in relation to DIF 88.	Emma Clarke	Ongoing

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	Secretariat	Closed.

	a clearer fashion and add them to an action log and reissue.		
164/03	Secretariat 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
166/03	RC to create raise DIF 80 at DCMDG.	Secretariat	Closed
167/01	The Secretariat to contact VB to see if any gaps in the process were highlighted.	Secretariat	Closed
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	Closed
167/03	MB to update a DCUSA CP with the aspiration to have this reviewed at the May Panel meeting.	Mark Bellman	Closed
167/04	The MHHS Stakeholder Group to review the data within EMDS and the Swagger and feedback on any inconsistencies.	MHHS Stakeholder Group	Closed
170/06	DIFs 86 and 87	AG to create a Doodle Poll to invite interested parties to a SIG Subgroup	Closed

		to discuss the DIFs in more detail.	
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