DCUSA Standing Issues Group (SIG) Meeting 185 Minutes

30 October 2026 at 10:00am: Web Conference

Attendee	Company
Working Group Members	
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Sophie Fairley [SF]	Sphere Connections
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Nik Wills [NW]	Stark
Paul Ruddle [PR]	St Clements
Peter Waymont [PW]	UKPN
Paula Sampson [PS]	E.ON
Lee Stone [LS]	Npower Business Solutions
Tony Collings [TC]	Ecotricity
Urszula Thorpe [UT]	Smart Pay Energy
Victoria Burkett [VB]	EON Next
Yuleysi Perez [YP]	Utility Warehouse
Code Administrator	
Richard Colwill [RC] (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 The Chair then outlined the agenda, noting that there were two issues for discussion.

2. Review of Previous meeting, actions and minutes

2.1 The Chair asked whether there were any comments on the minutes from the meeting held on 25 September 2026 and no comments were raised. The minutes were accepted as an accurate record.

3. DIF 92 – Inconsistent Population of the REP-900

3.1 LS introduced DIF 92 (Attachment 1) and explained that, as more sites migrate to MHHS, his organisation is receiving increasing numbers of REP-900 invoices. A number of these contain inaccurate or inconsistent information, which is preventing invoices from being processed efficiently and creating additional manual work. This can also delay payment of invoices within the required timescales.

3.2 LS explained that the issue had initially been raised to understand whether there was a common industry view on how the REP-900 should be populated, rather than immediately progressing a DCUSA Change Proposal.

3.3 SIG members discussed the examples raised and noted that DCUSA and the associated data specifications already contain requirements around the use and content of the REP-900. The discussion therefore focused on whether the problem was a lack of rules or inconsistent application of the existing requirements.

3.4 SIG members discussed a few possible approaches, including a DCUSA Change Proposal, an RFI and further engagement with those parties experiencing difficulties. The group also discussed whether some of the issues could relate to particular billing systems and whether further information on the systems being used by IDNOs would help identify the underlying cause.

3.5 It was also noted that any longer-term solution should consider both existing parties and new entrants. In particular, the members discussed whether new entrants should be able to demonstrate their ability to create, receive and process the relevant billing flows as part of market qualification arrangements.

3.6 Following discussion, the SIG considered that developing a guidance note would provide a proportionate first step. The guidance would explain how REP-900 invoicing should operate and could then be consulted on with industry. This would allow parties to comment on the proposed approach, establish a common understanding and raise awareness of the existing requirements.

3.7 SIG members agreed that, once drafted, the guidance and consultation questions could initially be circulated amongst SIG attendees for comment before being issued more widely to industry.

Action: LS to prepare an initial draft REP-900 guidance note and associated consultation questions for review by the SIG.

4. DIF 93 – UMS Supplier

4.1 PW introduced DIF 93 (Attachment 2) and explained that he had received a number of enquiries from Unmetered Supplies customers regarding charges being applied by a Supplier. The examples included

festive lighting where customers were receiving fixed charges throughout the year despite electricity only being consumed for a short period.

4.2 PW explained that customers querying these charges had been referred by their Supplier to the DNO. However, the DNO does not levy the Supplier's fixed charges and was therefore having to explain to customers that the charges were a matter for their Supplier.

4.3 SIG members discussed why a Supplier might apply fixed charges throughout the year, including costs associated with maintaining Supplier arrangements while an MPAN remains live. However, members agreed that where the charge originates from the Supplier, the Supplier should be responsible for explaining the charge to its customer rather than directing the customer to the DNO.

4.4 SIG members considered whether the matter required a DCUSA Change Proposal or whether it should be addressed elsewhere. Members noted that the issue appeared to relate primarily to the relationship between a Supplier and its customer rather than to a DCUSA charging requirement. There was therefore some uncertainty over whether DCUSA was the appropriate place to introduce additional requirements.

4.5 Following discussion, the group did not identify a need to progress a DCUSA Change Proposal at this stage. PW agreed that the immediate next step would be to pursue the matter directly with the relevant Supplier.

5. Agenda Items for the Next Meeting

5.1 No additional agenda items were raised.

6.1 No other business was raised.

APPENDIX 1

New and open actions

Action Ref.	Topic	Action	Owner	Update
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**
185/01	DIF 92 – REP-900 guidance	LS to prepare an initial draft REP-900 guidance note and associated consultation questions for review by the SIG.	Lee Stone	**New**

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 a clearer fashion and add them to an action log and reissue**.**	Secretariat	**Closed.**
164/03	Secretariate 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 **t**o 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 to discuss the DIFs in more detail.	**Closed**
182/01	PW to raise a CP form to look a that the Notices in NTC process	Peter Waymont	**Completed**
182/02	AG to forward EB the meeting series for the DCMDG	Andy Green	**Completed**
182/03	AG to update the issues log and DCUSA website to show DIF 91 as closed	Andy Green	**Completed**
173/01	MB to raise to CP to look at deleting the D0164 flow	Mark Bellman	**Completed**
173/02	MB to raise a CP to see in interest charges should apply to credit cover defaults	Mark Bellman	**Completed**
164/02	Secretariate to set up a subgroup to discuss ECR changes with a new set of terms of reference.	Secretariat	**Completed**
168/03	ACL to take the output of Mays SIG meeting to the next IDNO forum to identify which data items would be required.	ACL	**Completed**
170/01	AG to correct SVs name in the minutes from SIG meeting 169	Andy Green	**Completed**
170/04	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**
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