

Competition in Connections (CiC) Code of Practice Panel

Thursday 10 December 2015 10:00

Teleconference

Meeting Notes

Attendees:

Catherine Falconer (Chair)	(CF)	SSE
Brian Hoy	(BH)	Electricity North West
Ian Cobley	(IP)	Northern Powergrid
David Overman	(DO)	CNA
Mike Scowcroft	(MS)	Scottish power (alternate)
Neil Magrath	(NM)	UK Power Networks
Simon Yeo	(SY)	Western Power Distribution
Gareth Pritchard	(GP)	UCCG
Neil Fitzsimons	(NF)	MCCG
Glyn Jones	(GJ)	MCCG
Graham Smith	(GS)	UCCG (part)
Colin Jamieson	(CJ)	CNA
Dave Ball	(DB)	Lloyds Register (observer)
James Veaney	(JV)	Ofgem (observer)
Mark Askew	(MA)	Energy Networks Association
Alexandra Moore	(AM)	Energy Networks Association

Apologies

Paul McGimpsey	(PM)	Scottish Power
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Welcome

CF welcomed the group and outlined that the purpose of the meeting was to decide whether the modification proposal 0003 on Reporting Requirements should go forward to a working group. She outlined that stakeholders' preference at the last Panel call was to insert the detail of reporting requirements into the code of practice. Consequently, there was limited time to set up a working group and implement the changes through the governance process, given Ofgem's deadline for implementation of end of April. She apologised for the short notice of the Panel meeting and thanked members for their understanding and participation.

Competitions Act

AM reminded the group of the need to adhere to the obligations of the Competition

Act, and that they were all happy to proceed under this. CF noted that the statement for the Competition Act was now attached to all Panel agendas and would be included on all working groups.

Modification Proposals

0003 CiC Code of Practice Reporting Requirements

BH outlined the modification proposal that had been circulated, including a draft reporting template. The Panel voted on the modification proposal:

Name	Decision
Catherine Falconer – SSE	Approve
Brian Hoy - ENWL	Approve
Paul McGimpsey – SP	Approve
Gareth Pritchard – UCCG	Approve
Simon Yeo – WPD	Approve
Colin Jamieson – CNA	Approve
Neil Fitzsimons – MCCG	Approve
Ian Cobley – NPg	Approve
Neil Magrath – UKPN	Approve
Glyn Jones – MCCG	Approve
Graham Smith – UCCG	Absent at time of vote
David Overman - CNA	Approve

Following the vote, the decision was made to move the modification proposal to a working group. The group noted that it would be a good idea to use the afternoon meeting on 14 December pencilled in for a potential Panel meeting, for a working group meeting instead. BH said the benefits of having a specific working group meeting on reporting as opposed to a Panel meeting was that it allowed other stakeholders to be part of it and contribute. AM said she had already indicated to wider stakeholders that there may be a working group on reporting on the 14 December and would now confirm this.

Discussion Paper: Authorisations and Accreditations, Gareth Pritchard

GP presented his discussion paper to the group, to ask for some clarity on the text within Part C Clause 5.2.3 of the code of practice. He said that this came from concerns raised within UCCG regarding whether DNOs would authorise ICPs to work under DNO safety rules or if ICPs were required to operate under their own safety rules. BH asked if each DNO could comment in turn:

ENWL - BH said that ENWL offer all options.

SSE – CF said that SSE was now allowing ICPs to work under DNO safety rules and offer all options.

WPD – SY confirmed that WPD allowed ICPs to work under DNO safety rules and offer all options.

NPg - IC commented that NPg adopted the same position and offered all options
SP – PM said that SP allowed ICPs to operate under DNO safety rules and offer all options.

UKPN - NM said that UKPN require an ICP, for connection work to their own Distribution Safety Rules (DSR). For operational activities, UKPN require an ICP to work to UKPN DSRs on an interim basis.

For completeness, DO said that GTC offer all options to the ICP as well.

JV asked if UKPN believed their policy fully complied with the requirements in the code of practice, which NM confirmed that they did. BH reminded the Panel that compliance issues were not within the scope of the Panel to discuss.

Reminder of Governance Processes

AM gave the group a quick reminder of the governance processes of the group, stressing that any agenda items needed to be flagged in advance of any meeting. Ideally, each agenda item would either have a modification proposal or a discussion paper associated with it.

AM stated there could be more flexibility within the working groups which are open to any interested stakeholders

The group discussed booking another Panel meeting in the New Year, which AM would organise.