

Competition in Connections (CiC) Code of Practice Panel

Self Determination of Point of Connection by ICPs

Monday 11 January 2015 10:00

Teleconference

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Neil Magrath (Chair)	(NM)	UK Power Networks
Catherine Falconer	(CF)	SSE
Brian Hoy	(BH)	Electricity North West
Ian Cobley	(IP)	Northern Powergrid
Michael Catling	(MC)	Northern Powergrid
Ernest Walker	(EW)	Sterling Powergroup
Paul McGimpsey	(PM)	Scottish Power
Clive Morrison	(CM)	UK Power Networks
Jayson Whitaker	(JW)	Utility Power Systems
Paul Smith	(PS)	Western Power Distribution
Richard Bradburn	(RB)	Poweron Connections
Stephen Perry	(SP)	Ofgem
Alexandra Moore	(AM)	Energy Networks Association

Competition act awareness

AM outlined to the group their obligation to adhere to the Competition Act. She highlighted that guidance notes could be found at the back of the agendas for all code of practice working groups.

Actions from previous meeting

NM highlighted that the actions from the previous meeting were for DNOs to fill in some of the tables included in the legal text changes, to show some example data that will be entered when used. NM showed an example to the group for UK Power Networks. The other action was to create the consultation document, by first creating a template and also a response document which the group were to discuss in the meeting.

Review of Consultation Document

The group began to review the main consultation document. SP asked why unmetered had not been included in the example table. NM said that because there were already some existing obligations for unmetered with ICPs.

The group discussed the background section of the document, and how they would like the generic information on this section of the Competition in Connections Code of Practice to be similar across all of the consultations. AM took an action to ensure that the general background information was similar across all the documents.

The group discussed the appendix one, where they would show the changes to the legal text within the Code of Practice. The group discussed how they would explain the rationale for having a blank template, and how they would state that this was the most appropriate. SP suggested that there might be a risk of allowing flexibility of what the DNOs provide. He said that this might go against the harmonising objective, with BH saying that this doesn't deliver harmonisation in itself, but allows DNOs to have some flexibility and take into account the different concerns of the networks.

The group discussed moving the consultation response date to Monday 8 February 2015, and sending out the consultation as soon as possible to have a three week response window. This would be discussed with the other working groups, to ensure they all agree.

Future Meeting Dates

The group discussed when they would need to meet again, which would be after the consultation is released. The group pencilled in 22 February 2016. This would give the opportunity for the code secretariat to go through the consultation responses, and pass them onto the working groups for review.