

Competition in Connections Code of Practice Panel

Minutes

Wednesday 15 November 2023 3:00 – 4:00pm

David Overman (Chair)	DO	GTC/INA
Kyle Smith	KS	NGED
Clare Roberts	CR	NPG
Brian Hoy	BH	ENWL
Tracey Taylor	TT	ENWL
Maryline Guinard	MG	SSE
Martyn Crocker	MC	UKPN
Chris Roe	CR	Unmetered Connections Customer Group
Jayson Whitaker	JW	Metered Connections Customer Group
Julia Phillips (Secretariat)	JP	ENA

1. Welcome and introductions

The Chair welcomed and reminded the group of the respective obligations of the Competition Act.

2. Minutes of previous meeting/actions

The group approved the minutes as an accurate record of the previous meeting.

A modification was proposed at the previous meeting and was consequently withdrawn.

There was a reminder and agreement to follow the agreed process for design submission.

There was no business for the Panel to consider.

3. AOB

Need to update the website with alternate from NGED. KS has provided this. Other issues with broken links on the website are being addressed by ENA.

Write to Lloyds for an updated correspondent. DO to find a contact and JP to liaise and confirm a representative.

Updated email for Colin Jamieson, DO to share.

Ofgem have expressed interest in attending in the future. DO will reach out to give an overview.

CR has reviewed the CoP, nothing included on self-connects, should that be included or should it be elsewhere? MG replied that should be covered, not explicitly but included in "Part C – 5. Accreditation and Authorisation of ICPs/DNOs" of the Competition in Connections Code of Practice. The competency of ICPs to undertake operational works is part of NERS Requirements and Accreditations. The criteria for this process should be set by the DNO.

CR asked a question on the legal process, where an ICP is installing an asset, it is up to the ICP to be aware of the restrictions on the route and highlight to the DNO, is that the correct interpretation? Group agreed that is correct, it is up to the ICP to have the correct agreements in place for any route.

Next meeting date: 14th February 2024 3:00-4:00