

Competition in Connections Code of Practice Panel

Minutes

Tuesday 7 May 2024 3:00 – 4:00pm

David Overman (Chair)	DO	GTC/Independent Networks Association
Kelly McLaughlin	KM	NGED
Clare Roberts	CR	NPG
Jeff Graham	JG	NPG
Tracey Taylor	TT	ENWL
Beverly Hudson	BH	SPEN
Steve McLaren	SM	SPEN
Daniel Melis	DM	SSE
David McGonigal	DMcG	Ofgem
Paul Costelloe	PC	Lloyds Register Quality Assurance
Neil Fitzsimons	NF	Metered Connections Customer Group
Jayson Whitaker	JW	Metered Connections Customer Group
Julia Phillips (Secretariat)	JP	ENA

Apologies: Gareth Pritchard, Maryline Guinard, Brian Hoy, Clare Maynard, Colin Jamieson

1. Welcome and introductions

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

Welcomed DMcG to the group.

2. Minutes of previous meeting/actions

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

3. AOB

CR raised a comment on design ICP. NPG receive design ICP from construction ICP, they can subcontract to a design ICP but they do not submit for approval. Framework agreement for NPg is that the construction ICP submits the design. DO suggested this is something to be raised at NERSAP. NF asked if a design only ICP wanted to submit a design for approval, would they be able to enter into an agreement? No, likely not, the design ICP would need to enter an agreement with a construction ICP, it is the party constructing the asset who enters into the agreement. KM commented that NGED are looking at an updated framework removing some of the liabilities, with legal team to simplify for design houses. KM will share an update when able.

TT raised that there is a requirement in the CiCCoP, Paragraph 4.8.2 for DNOs to annually assess the areas where accreditation is not available in the NERS scheme, in the November 2023 NERSAP meeting. The NERSAP Group agreed that this should also be raised in this group. DO replied that this has been raised at a previous meeting and Brian Hoy gave a very succinct response, and suggested TT discuss with Brian Hoy.

JG raised a query on allowable situations for changing metering arrangements, going from a DNO to an IDNO connection. Do we expect IDNOs to comply with the [Fair and Effective](#)

[management of DNO connection queues best practice guide](#) which DNOs comply with? Situation where there is a disallowable change and customer considering moving to IDNO because they would allow the change and be accepted. Our expectation was that IDNOs would follow this document as well. IDNOs on the call not aware of this document. TT commented that this is something that has been raised at the ENA connections COG. As the document is a best practice, may not stand up to criticism as not underpinned by the charging methodology. DM and TT will pick this up at the next Connections COG and update this group as appropriate.

Next meeting date:

6th August 2024 15:00-16:00