

Competition in Connections Code of Practice Panel

Minutes

Tuesday 6 August 2024 3:00 – 4:00pm

David Overman (Chair)	DO	GTC/Independent Networks Association
Kelly McLaughlin	KM	NGED
Clare Roberts	CR	NPG
Simon Barons	SB	UKPN
Tracey Taylor	TT	ENWL
Beverly Hudson	BH	SPEN
Daniel Melis	DM	SSE
Rory Fulton	RF	Ofgem
Paul Costelloe	PC	LRQA
Neil Fitzsimons	NF	Metered Connections Customer Group
Patrick Daly	PD	Metered Connections Customer Group
Gareth Pritchard	GP	Unmetered Connections Customer Group
Julia Phillips (Secretariat)	JP	ENA

Apologies: Brian Hoy, Matthew Crittenden

1. **Welcome and introductions**

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

The group welcomed RF, new representative from Ofgem.

2. **Minutes of previous meeting/actions**

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

3. **AOB**

An email from Shropshire Council to ENA was raised. Not covered by CiC Code of Practice. Would it be appropriate for KM to respond or DO can respond. KM agreed to respond.

PD commented that the issue seems to be their difficulty in interpreting what they've received and wouldn't be appropriate for the chair of the group to respond, best that NGED responds.

SB asked about how other DNOs/IDNOs may look at connecting LV linked network, new to UKPN. Any learnings that others are open to sharing would be appreciated, also open to discussions outside of this forum where appropriate. DO replied that it depends on who is doing the final connection. PD commented that if a DNO states there must be a link box then it must be in the connection agreement, most IDNOs have clear policies on when link boxes are required or not. Testing is carried out the same way procedurally. CR clarified that NPG policy is that a link box will be installed. The agreed that they are happy to discuss this further off the call.

PC asked about the minutes from the last meeting, was there an update from NGED on the design submission question? No.

Action for all to review the website and ensure that representatives are up to date.

4. Next meeting date:

Tuesday 5th November 3-4pm