

Competition in Connections (CiC) Code of Practice Panel

Self Design Approval Processes Working Group

Tuesday 15 December 2015 10:00

Teleconference

Meeting Notes

Attendees:

Catherine Falconer	(CF)	SSE
Brian Hoy	(BH)	Electricity North West
Ian Cobley	(IP)	Northern Powergrid
Kevin Millward	(KM)	Sterling Power Group
Michael Catling	(MC)	Northern Powergrid
Martyn Crocker	(MCr)	UK Power Networks
Mike Scowcroft	(MS)	Scottish Power
Paul Smith	(PS)	Western Power Distribution
Andrew Hood	(AH)	Western Power Distribution
Richard Bradburn	(RB)	Poweron Connections
Chris Hambly	(CH)	SSE
Mark Askew	(MA)	Energy Networks Association
Alexandra Moore	(AM)	Energy Networks Association

Apologies

David Overman	(DO)	CNA
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Welcome

AM welcomed the group to the first meeting, and members introduced themselves.

Competition act awareness

MA introduced some slides to the group, outlining their obligation to adhere to the competition act. MA discussed what ENA as the secretariat for the group were doing, such as adding guidance notes to agendas.

Election of Chair

AM told the group that she had received one nomination for Chair of the working group from IC. As there were no further nominations, IC became the Chair of the working group.

Review of Working Group timeline

The group looked over the circulated timeline for working groups and said that they would try to have a consultation out by mid January. They would then allow for a

longer period to look over the consultation responses to allow further discussion and consultation with stakeholders if necessary.

Review and revise Proposed Modification

IC covered the intent of the proposal and the group reviewed it. The group discussed the tables that had been included in the modification form, to replace the text in section 4.17 of the code of practice. The group discussed the first table and how it would be useful for this to be left blank. CF said that all DNOs differed with their design approval, with BH saying that they would like to keep some flexibility to change DNO processes to align with best practice, without having to go through a formal governance change each time. The group decided that they were happy for the tables suggested to go to the consultation, to see if they answered the obligations from Ofgem.

Identify Future Actions

The group discussed what the next steps would be to create the consultation, starting with creating a draft consultation template. The group worked on a draft of this, working from the example used by DCUSA. IC took an action to tidy up the template, and to circulate. AM took an action to create a CiC Code of Practice consultation template from what had been developed, which could then be circulated. AM also took an action to develop a standard response form for stakeholders to submit consultations responses within.

The group discussed the timescales and referred back to the working group timeline that had been circulated. They highlighted that if they could have a draft consultation document ready for the meeting on 12 January 2016, they would be able to send the consultation out to stakeholders by mid January. The group agreed that this was the best approach.

IC took an action to with AM to develop the consultation document and circulate to the group prior to the next meeting on 12 January. BH suggested that it might be best to have this meeting as a teleconference.