

Competition in Connections Code of Practice Panel

Minutes

Wednesday 8th December 2021

Attendees:

David Overman (Chair)	DO	GTC
Brian Hoy	BH	ENWL
Maryline Guinard	MG	SSEN
Gareth Pritchard	GP	HEA
Beverly Hudson	BH	SPEN
Chris Roe	CR	ECO Energy
Gwen MacIntyre	GM	SSEN
Neil Fitzsimons	NF	Power on Connections
Les Thomas	LT	LR
Vanessa Buxton (part)	VB	WPD
Julia Philips	JP	ENA

1. Welcome and introductions

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

2. Minutes of previous meeting/actions

BH provided an update on the Ofgem competition consultation. Ofgem are progressing largely as per the consultation. The timescales for completing the review of the DNO data submissions is unclear but likely in the new year.

DO suggested an agenda item for the next meeting will be any impacts on the code from ED2. BH suggested that the Access SCR, particularly changes to the connection boundary may impact. Some minor housekeeping tweaks may be required.

3. Lloyds NERs scheme

BH raised that Lloyds are selling the business unit that discharges NERs. Lloyds have been asked for clarification on the legal basis for doing so.

BH also raised that only three of six DNOs attended the last NERSAP meeting. He suggested that it was an important form and encouraged all DNOs to have representation at the meetings.

BH asked if anyone has any thoughts on the working of NERS and can share in this forum. LT added that they are currently putting together a strawman as requested for the next meeting. LT also added that with the changes the three levels of management above have not changed and they have expanded the resource as well and will be looking to expand the resource further.

LT flagged that the strategic working group will be meeting on the 13th January and more attendees are welcome and encouraged.

Action for DNOs and iDNOs to support this working group, contact Mel Swift – Chair of the Lloyds NERSAP, for more information.

Date of next meeting: 8th March 2022, from