

Code of Practice Panel Minutes

Teleconference
2.00pm, Friday 10th January 2020

Attendees

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| Mike Scowcroft, Chair | MS | SPEN |
| Steve Rogers | SR | UKPN |
| Brian Hoy | BH | ENWL |
| Paul Smith | PS | WPD |
| Maryline Guinard | MG | SSEN |
| Neil Fitzsimons | NF | Power On Connections |
| Patrick Daly | PD | PN Daly Ltd |
| Chris Roe | CR | UCCG |
| Dave Overman | DO | GTC |
| John Spurgeon | JS | ENA |

Minutes

1. Welcome and introductions

MS welcomed the group to the meeting. Apologies were received from Tim Hughes, WPD.

2. Awareness of Competition Act

MS reminded the Group of the need to adhere to the obligations of the Competition Act. The group agreed to comply and no issues were raised.

3. Review of previous minutes

The group agreed that the minutes were an accurate record of the previous panel meeting and no points of accuracy were raised.

4. Panel Liability Insurance Renewal - Clause 4.10 Protections for Panel Members and Others

JS informed that panel that in accordance with the code that ENA were in the process of renewing liability insurance and that the new policy will start from 1 February 2020.

5. AOB

Requirement for a letter of authority: PD raised a question regarding the allocation of load without the requirement for a letter of authority that shows there is a named client that has or is willing to contract in for the requested load. PJ said that there doesn't appear to be a uniform application or approach in respect of this across the DNOs. He asked if this is something that the panel could consider and that he would like for inclusion within the code

and for there to be a uniform requirement across both licensed and CIC connections and consistent across all DNOs. PD recognised that this may not be the view of all ICPs but that his view is that it would be in the interest of all ICPs. PD confirmed that this covered both generation and demand requests. He explained that this would help to avoid situations where an assessment requires investment in an upgrade in order to connect, but the assessment includes ‘speculative’ applications (load); in this case ‘speculative’ means applications that do not have any real contractual authority behind them. PD said that this would help to ensure a level playing field and ensure that when any load allocation is made that there is a valid commercial arrangement for the delivery of that load and therefore no chance of an applicant receiving favourable or preferential treatment.

DO said that there needs to be consistency between DNOs, IDNOs and ICPs. He was aware that some DNO’s had stopped requesting letters for demand connections as opposed to generation due to the inconsistency between IDNOs and ICPs, so was of the view that there are some inconsistencies. DO suggested that he and PD consider this issue further and return to the panel for further discussion (potentially with a draft modification proposal) before the next panel meeting.

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| Action DO/PD | To consider ‘requirement for a letter of authority’ with option of further discussion (potentially on a draft modification proposal) before the next panel meeting on 7 April. |
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Budget 2020/21: JS informed the panel that work had begun on preparing a budget proposal for financial year 2020-21. This would be taken forward consistent with the code.

New Panel Chair: MS notified the panel that he will be retiring end April and invited panel members to consider nominations for his replacement. The non-DNO members agreed to consider. MS notified the panel that beyond the next meeting Beverley Hudson will represent SPEN.

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| Action Non-DNO Panel Members | To consider nominations for Panel Chair, for consideration at meeting on 7 th April. |
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6. Date of next meeting

Next Panel meeting scheduled for **7th April 2020 2.00pm-3.00pm.**

| # | Date | Description | Owner | Status |
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| 1 | 10-Jan-20 | To consider ‘requirement for a letter of authority’ with option of further discussion (potentially on a draft modification proposal) before the next panel meeting on 7 April. | DO/PD | Open |
| 2 | 10-Jan-20 | To consider nominations for panel Chair, for consideration at the next panel meeting on 7 April. | Non-DNO Panel Members | Open |