

Competition in Connections (CiC) Code of Practice Panel

Tuesday 26 July 2016 13:00

Teleconference

Meeting Notes

Attendees:

Paul McGimpsey (Chair)	(PM)	Scottish Power
Brian Hoy	(BH)	Electricity North West
Geoffe Earle	(GE)	Northern Powergrid
Colin Jamieson	(CJ)	CNA
Donald Mackinnon (alternate)	(DM)	SSEPD
Neil Magrath	(NM)	UK Power Networks
Neil Fitzsimons	(NF)	MCCG
David Overman	(DO)	CNA
Graham Smith	(GS)	UCCG
Tim Hughes	(TH)	Western Power Distribution
Gareth Pritchard	(GP)	UCCG
Glyn Jones	(GJ)	MCCG
Alexandra Moore	(AM)	Energy Networks Association
Mark Askew	(MA)	Energy Networks Association

Apologies

Catherine Falconer (Chair)	(CF)	SSEPD
Stephen Perry	(SP)	Ofgem (observer)
Ray Farrow (observer)	(RF)	Customer Representative

Welcome

PM welcomed everyone to the meeting, informing them that CF was unable to attend and that he would chair in her absence. He also welcomed GE, who has joined the Panel as the new representative for Northern Powergrid.

PM informed the group that Ofgem had approved modification 0003 CiC Code of Practice Reporting Requirements and that this was now included within the Code of Practice document.

Competitions Act

PM reminded the group of the need to adhere to the obligations of the Competition Act and these were listed at the back of all agendas.

Northern Ireland Electricity – Observer status

MA joined the Panel meeting to inform the group of a discussion he had had with Northern Ireland Electricity. He had said that they had expressed interest in the connections work of the DNOs in Great Britain and would be interested in potentially joining future meetings as an observer.

The group said that they had no issue with this and that the governance would allow them to attend. BH questioned if upcoming meetings would be useful to them to observe as there may not be many modifications. He discussed how they had had a similar conversation with NERSAP. The group agreed that they would invite NIE to attend on a meeting by meeting basis, if they believed that the discussion would be useful to them.

The group agreed that NIE would be invited to the next face to face meeting. MA took an action to facilitate this.

Review of Previous Minutes

The group reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting and agreed it was a true and accurate reflection. Some spelling mistakes were highlighted for AM to correct.

Update from Administration Corrections Working Group

BH gave an update on the work of the working group. He said the group were sent out a brief report ahead of the meeting. He informed the group that they looked over SSE's original proposals and added more corrections. This included changes to the text that needed to be removed for Reporting Requirements, which had been omitted in the final submission. BH said that they had run this past Ofgem and that they had been happy for this correction to be included in this modification.

Meeting Dates

The group discussed whether the next meeting would be a face to face or take place via teleconference. There was some discussion that if there were no new modifications, then they would not need to have a face to face. NF discussed that he was currently in the process of putting together a potential modification proposal.

The group decided that at the next meeting could be used to look over the proposed modification, as well as to confirm whether the Administration Corrections Report can be sent to Ofgem. AM took an action to send out a Doodle poll, for a meeting to be held in October.

Any Other Business

BH wanted to update the group on some of the discussions that had taken place at the NERSAP meeting. He said that there had been some confusion around some scopes, these being PoC and Switching and Linking. He said that the group would be looking into this further.