

**COMPETITION IN CONNECTIONS
CODE OF PRACTICE PANEL**

Teleconference
Tuesday 26th June 2018, 2pm-4pm

Meeting Notes

Attendees:

Tim Hughes (chair)	TH	WPD
Brian Hoy	BH	ENW
David Overman	DO	CNA
Neil Magrath	NM	UKPN
Gwen McIntyre	GM	SSEN
Chris Roe	CR	EON
Geoff Earl	GE	NPG
Patrick Daly	PD	MCCG
Drew Johnstone	DJ	NPG
Hena Ahitan	HA	ENA
Tom Watson	TW	ENA

Apologies:

Paul McGimpsey	PM	SPEN
Jayson Whittaker	JW	MCCG
Neil Fitzsimmons	NF	Power On Connections
Sue Jones	SJ	UKPN

Welcome and introductions

TH welcomed the group to the meeting.

Competition Awareness Act

TH reminded the Group of the need to adhere to the obligations of the Competition Act and pointed out that these were listed at the back of all agendas. The Group agreed to comply and no-one had any issues.

Review of previous minutes and actions

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

Topic	Action	Whom
A&D Fees Regulation and the Code of Practice	DO to review whether any changes were needed to the Code of Practice as a result of the introduction of the Electricity (Connection Offer Expenses) Regulations and to report at the Panel meeting in June.	DO Closed
Modification Proposal G39 Authorisation	HA to find out the progress of the G39 working group and report back to the group.	HA Closed
	HA to send invitation to form a working group subject to G39 working group progress.	HA

		Closed
Potential Proposal P.J Daly	PD to submit a formal change request form regarding the modifications he feels should be reviewed and considered, ready for discussion at the next meeting in June.	PD Closed

DO confirmed that he had reviewed whether any changes were needed to the CoP as a result of the implementation of the Electricity (Connection Offer Expenses) Regulations. He reported that the CoP remained compatible with the Regulations and that no changes were required. The Panel agreed and the action closed.

G39 authorisation modification status

HA explained that she had sought an update from Mike Leppard (SHE Advisor ENA), and he stated that the matter had been discussed within the ENA SHE Committee and the consensus was that G39/2 should be included as one of documents to be reviewed within the 2018 programme of work on the ENA Engineering Catalogue carried out by Threepwood Consulting. This is intended to establish if the current wording can be viewed as compatible with CiC CoP or if a revision is required to provide alignment. A proposal document is expected from Threepwood and the ENA SHE Managers Group, which reports to the SHE Committee, will be asked to provide the necessary input.

This status was reported to GS who levelled concern about lack of clarity of progress or any timescales involved. He confirmed that the UCCG Members were insisting on the formation of a Working Group as agreed at the last teleconference.

HA confirmed an invitation to join the Working Group had been sent out and the closing date had now passed. A date for the first meeting of the Working Group would be set shortly.

ACTION

ENA

Circulate list of names for G39 working group

P. Daly modification proposal

PD took the Panel members through his Modification Proposal and reiterated his position that the area declared out of scope under 2.2.1 of the CoP is counter to the requirements of the law and principles set by Ofgem and as such should either be struck from the document or a full explanation provided as to how and on what basis such an exclusion is included in the document.

PD added that excluding DNOs from the requirements of the CIC CoP is in contravention of SLC52. DJ questioned the relevance of this statement. The Panel members felt that they had not had enough time to consider the points raised in the Modification Proposal particularly with relevance to SLC's and Competition Law. TH suggested that on the basis that Panel members had not had enough time to consider the Modification Proposal in detail it would not be appropriate to vote on whether a Working Group should be established at this point.

The Panel members agreed but that to leave it until the next CoP Panel meeting in September might be too long and so it was necessary to arrange another meeting at an

earlier date. July the 9th or 10th were proposed and, as PD had exited the meeting by then, he would be contacted to see which of these dates would best suit him.

DO suggested legal input could be useful (possible role for ENA). The other Panel members agreed but felt that this is second step – the first step is for the Panel to consider the modification Proposal and decide whether or not to set up a Working Group.

ACTION

ENA

Arrange follow up meeting 9th/10th July

ACTION

All

Review P. Daly material in advance of next call

AOB

NM queried formal process for notification of his retirement and replacement on the Panel. He confirmed that Steve Rogers will be his replacement and Martyn Crocker will replace Sue Jones as the UKPN deputy. He will send details to the ENA.

ACTION

ENA

Update website with details of new panel on appropriate dates

Next meetings

Follow up call to discuss PD Modification Proposal to take place either 9th or 10th July.

Next Panel meeting scheduled for 27th September 2018 2pm-4pm.

ACTION

ENA

Schedule future meetings

Actions

#	DATE	DESCRIPTION	OWNER	STATUS
1	26 Jun 2018	Circulate list of names for G39 working group	ENA	
2	26 Jun 2018	Arrange follow up meeting 9th/10th July	ENA	
3	26 Jun 2018	Review P. Daly material in advance of next call	ALL	
4	26 Jun 2018	Update website with details of new panel on appropriate dates	ENA	
5	26 Jun 2018	Schedule future meetings	ENA	