Competition in Connections (CiC) Code of Practice Panel

Tuesday 15 March 2016 13:00

Teleconference

Meeting Notes

Attendees:

Catherine Falconer (Chair)	(CF)	SSE
Brian Hoy	(BH)	Electricity North West
Ian Cobley	(IP)	Northern Powergrid
David Overman	(DO)	CNA
Mike Scowcroft	(MS)	Scottish Power (alternate)
Tim Hughes	(TH)	Western Power Distribution
Andrew Green	(AG)	CNA
Gareth Pritchard	(GP)	UCCG
Neil Fitzsimons	(NF)	MCCG
Glyn Jones	(GJ)	MCCG
Chris Roe	(CR)	UCCG
Stephen Perry	(SP)	Ofgem (observer)
Mark Askew	(MA)	Energy Networks Association
Alexandra Moore	(AM)	Energy Networks Association

Apologies

Paul McGimpsey	(PM)	Scottish Power
Neil Magrath	(NM)	UK Power Networks
Colin Jamieson	(CJ)	CNA
Graham Smith	(GS)	UCCG
Ray Farrow (observer)	(RF)	Customer Representative

Welcome

CF welcomed everyone to the meeting, briefly reminding the group of the intent of the session was to go over the modification proposals.

Competitions Act

AM 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.

Introduction to Modification Proposal Reports

CF gave a brief overview of the number of meetings the working groups had had. She said that she would elaborate further during agenda item nine as to why Reporting Requirements would not be going forward to Ofgem at this stage

Review of 0001 Self Determination of POC Modification Proposal

CF discussed with the group the report that had come from the working group. The group looked though some of the responses that had been submitted and discussed in the responses matrix. The group discussed how in the legal text that the deletion of the title had not been replaced. The group agreed that this would be best addressed through a separate modification, which incorporated other housekeeping changes to the text. The Panel voted on the modification proposal as follows:

Name	Decision
Andrew Green – CNA	Approve
Brian Hoy - ENWL	Approve
Catherine Falconer – SSE	Approve
Chris Roe – UCCG	Approve
David Overman - CNA	Approve
Gareth Pritchard – UCCG	Approve
Glyn Jones – MCCG	Approve
Ian Cobley – NPg	Approve
Mike Scowcroft – SP	Approve
Neil Fitzsimons – MCCG	Approve
Neil Magrath – UKPN	Approve (submitted vote via email before meeting)
Tim Hughes – WPD	Approve

The Panel voted to send the modification with a recommendation to approve. The group would make some changes to the text of the report, before it is sent to Ofgem.

Review of 0002 Self Design Approval Modification Proposal

IC introduced the final report from the Design Approval working group and looked over some of the key points that had been raised in the responses matrix, and the groups responses to them. The group also looked over the legal text. The Panel votes were recorded as follows:

Name	Decision
Andrew Green – CNA	Approve
Brian Hoy - ENWL	Approve
Catherine Falconer – SSE	Approve
Chris Roe – UCCG	Approve
David Overman - CNA	Approve

Gareth Pritchard – UCCG	Approve
Glyn Jones – MCCG	Approve
Ian Cobley – NPg	Approve
Mike Scowcroft – SP	Approve
Neil Fitzsimons – MCCG	Approve
Neil Magrath – UKPN	Approve (submitted vote via email before meeting)
Tim Hughes – WPD	Approve

The Panel voted to send the modification with a recommendation to approve. The group would make some changes to the text of the report, before it is sent to Ofgem for approval.

Future Modification Proposals

CF reminded the group that they were thinking about future modification proposals to bring forward. CF said that she had an action to put together a housing keeping modification to the Code of Practice (CoP), to edit any inconstancies in the document.

She asked the group if they had any plans for bringing forward modifications. DO suggested that he may bring one forward which would concern accreditation for training schools, and whether this would need to go through the CoP. BH suggested that this was something that would have to go through NERS, not the CoP. The group had some further discussion and DO said that he would like to put together a discussion paper on this topic, to bring to the next meeting before a formal modification proposal is submitted.

The group were informed that the next MCCG meeting in May had a modification proposal for the CoP on their agenda to discuss.

The group discussed Reporting Requirements and that after discussion between the working group and Ofgem, it was decided that it would be best to wait to hear back on the two modification proposals that would be submitted shortly, as these would affect the contents of the reporting template.

The group looked at future meeting dates and AM took an action to send around invitations for either the 24th or 25th May 2016 to set the date of the next Panel meeting.

Budget for Panel

Continuing ENA Secretariat Support

The group were asked if they were happy to keep ENA as the secretariat for 2016/17. The group confirmed they were happy for ENA to continue.

Assumptions for 2016/2017 budget

CF discussed with the group that the DNOs had looked over the budget for the upcoming year and had decided that they would need to budget for potentially 20 meeting for the year. The group agreed that this was adequate.

Greater Visibility of CiC Code of Practice Website

CF discussed with the group how ENA had looked into the cost of having the website promoted on search engines, to increase its popularity. It was concluded that it was too expensive and the best way to promote the website would be through DNOs having affective links on their respective websites, as well as Ofgem and potentially NERS. The DNOs agreed to ensure a link was available on all of their websites and other members of the group said that they would also look into this.