

**Competition in Connections (CiC) Code of Practice Panel**

**Wednesday 26 October 2016 10:00**

**ENA Offices, London**

**Meeting Notes**

**Attendees:**

Catherine Falconer (Chair)	(CF)	SSEPD
Paul McGimpsey	(PM)	Scottish Power
Brian Hoy	(BH)	Electricity North West
Geoffe Earl	(GE)	Northern Powergrid
Neil Magrath	(NM)	UK Power Networks
Andrew Green	(AG)	CNA (alternate) (phone)
David Overman	(DO)	CNA (phone)
Gareth Pritchard	(GP)	UCCG
Tim Hughes	(TH)	Western Power Distribution
Glyn Jones	(GJ)	MCCG
Alexandra Moore	(AM)	Energy Networks Association

**Apologies**

Graham Smith	(GS)	UCCG
Stephen Perry	(SP)	Ofgem (observer)
Ray Farrow (observer)	(RF)	Customer Representative
Neil Fitzsimons	(NF)	MCCG
Colin Jamieson	(CJ)	CNA

**Welcome**

CF welcomed everyone to the meeting, informing the group that they would be voting on whether the administrative corrections modification report should be sent to Ofgem. She also told the group that a representative from Northern Ireland Electricity had originally intended to attend the meeting, but it had been decided that they would postpone their attendance until there was another face to face meeting with a more substantial agenda.

## **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. The group agreed to comply.

## **Review of Previous Minutes**

The group reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting and agreed it was a true and accurate reflection.

## **Introduction to Modification Proposal Report**

CF introduced the Administration Corrections Modification report. She stated that the working group had concluded that because the changes being made to the document included correcting spelling mistakes and replacing missing titles, that a consultation was not necessary. The Panel agreed with this.

## **Review of COP Administration Corrections May 2016 Modification Proposal**

The group looked over the proposed changes within the document, noting the correction of spelling mistakes, the inclusion of some previously missing headings and the removal of some text which had been omitted during previous modifications.

## **Vote on Modification Proposal**

The Panel voted as follows:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Decision</b>
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
Geoff Earl – NPg	Approve
Paul McGimpsey – SP	Approve
Neil Fitzsimons – MCCG	Approve (submitted vote via email before meeting)
Neil Magrath – UKPN	Approve
Tim Hughes – WPD	Approve

The Panel voted to send the modification with a recommendation to approve. The group would have a look over the final paper before it is sent to Ofgem.

## **Discussion Paper: Potential Modification to Code of Practice, paragraphs 5.2.16 and 5.2.17 – Geoff Earle, Northern Powergrid**

GE presented a discussion paper regarding the definition of 'control', when the DNO transfers control of an asset. GE explained that they did not believe that this was clearly defined in the licence SLC26. He said that he had discussed this directly with Ofgem and that they had come to a decision that a change to the licence would not

be needed and that the definition could be clarified in the Code of Practice and stop any confusion.

The Panel agreed that it would be useful for this to be potentially taken to a working group. GE agreed to work with AM to develop the proposal and put into a modification proposal template to be presented at the next meeting of the Panel.

### **New Chair for the CiC Code of Practice Panel - Discussion**

CF informed the group that after a year as Panel Chair they would need to vote for a person to take the position. She stated that she had been happy to continue in the role if needed, but that GJ had put himself forward for the role so she was happy to withdraw. The Panel voted for GJ to become the new Chair of the Panel, with GJ taking an action to inform AM who he would nominate as his deputy if he is absent from a meeting. GJ would become Chair of the Panel from 1 November 2016.

CF also informed the group that AG would be stepping down from his position as alternate, as he was leaving his position at his current company. CF thanked him for his work on the Panel throughout the year.

### **Meeting Dates**

The Panel decided to book a meeting for 20 December to be held via teleconference.