

Membership and Objectives for DNO working groups

1. Dealing with uncertainty under price controls

This group will look at how the price control framework should be developed to deal with the uncertainty which DNOs will face regarding what will be required of them over the next price control period, particularly in the area of distributed generation.

Cemil Altin (Ofgem)
Mike Boxall (United Utilities)
Andy Phelps (Aquila)
Paul Hemsley (Scottish and Southern)
Paul Delamare (LPN)
Kirsty McHugh (YEDL/NEDL)
Dave Fort (ScottishPower)
Chris Bolt (NGT – Transco)

2. Incentive framework for efficiency and investment

This group will look at the relationship between capex and opex and consider the way in which efficiency should be assessed in setting price controls (i.e. should total costs be used). It will also consider the appropriate incentive framework for companies with regards to achieving cost efficiencies, e.g. what is the appropriate sharing mechanism for savings between customers and companies.

Cemil Altin (Ofgem)
Tahir Majid (LPN)
Paul Bircham (United Utilities)
Bob Westlake (WPD)
Paul Eveleigh (East Midlands Distribution)
Garth Blundell (ScottishPower)
Tim Tutton (NGT – National Grid Company)

3. Assessing customers' willingness to pay

This group will look at how to assess customers' willingness to pay for improvements in quality of supply, and other potential qualitative changes in the outputs from DNOs.

Adrienne Monroe (Ofgem)
Alison Sleightholm (WPD)
Pauline Green (East Midlands Distribution)
Andrew Spencer (YEDL)
Colin Nicholl (Seeboard)
John Meehan (NGT – Transco)

4. Comparing quality of supply performance (i.e. developing a normalisation model)

This group will look at developing the normalisation model to enable more robust comparisons to be made of quality of supply performance. The group will also need to consider the most appropriate way of setting quality of supply targets for the next distribution price control period.

Chris Watts (Ofgem)
Stephen Waller (East Midlands Distribution)
Robert Friel (LPN)
Dan Fine (Seeboard)
Jeff Douglas (Aquila)
Bob Parker (WPD)
Mike Green (SSE)
John Meehan (NGT – Transco)

5. The structure of distribution charges

This group will look at defining the boundary for connection charges to the distribution network and in particular establishing an appropriate long-term charging framework for distributed generation, including the boundary between connection and use of system charges; and the structure of ongoing generation charges.

Colin Green (Ofgem)
Nigel Turvey (WPD)
Dave Miller (NEDL)
Bradley King (LPN)
Ann Evans (ScottishPower)
Malcolm Sugden (United Utilities)
Denis Aitchison (NGT – Transco)