

Terms of Reference for the Digital Platform for Leakage Analytics (DPLA) Working Group

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DPLA Working Group Terms of Reference

Purpose

- 1.1. The DPLA Working Group (DPLA WG) is established to act as a collaborative forum during Cadent's two year rollout of the DPLA. Its purpose is to support a consistent implementation of the DPLA and to enable transparent sharing of progress, insights and issues across all gas distribution networks (GDNs). The DPLA WG will discuss Cadent's implementation activities, including both the observed measurement and probabilistic modelling components, to ensure that learning is captured effectively and used to inform the future sector wide rollout.
- 1.2. The DPLA WG will contribute to the preparation and scrutiny of Cadent's cost-benefit analysis (CBA) for the DPLA. The DPLA WG should provide an independent recommendation on whether a full or partial rollout should be directed with supporting rationale. This should capture all views from the WG and is in addition to Cadent's recommendation.

Objectives and outputs

Objectives

- 1.3. The objectives of the DPLA WG are to support the effective and consistent implementation of the DPLA and to provide a structured forum for cross GDN

engagement. The DPLA WG will identify and review key issues, risks and learning arising from both the observed measurement and probabilistic modelling components of the DPLA, building an evidence base that enables a well informed recommendation to Ofgem¹ on whether a full rollout or partial rollout should be directed.

Outputs

- 1.4. The DPLA WG will produce a final recommendation to Ofgem on whether a full rollout or partial rollout should be directed, supported by evidence. If members do not agree on a recommendation, the views of all members should be captured and included in the report.
- 1.5. This final recommendation will help inform Ofgem's decision ahead of the SDP Re-opener window in year three of RIIO-GD3, during which other GDNs may apply for funding to implement the DPLA. Through its collective assessment and advice to Ofgem, the DPLA WG will support the aim of ensuring that all GDNs adopt a consistent version of the DPLA, and that the product is rolled out uniformly across the sector by the end of RIIO-GD3.

Authority and decision-making

- 1.6. The DPLA WG is an advisory group with no decision-making powers regarding the direction of the DPLA.
- 1.7. Any decision and subsequent direction will be made by Ofgem.

Membership and roles

- 1.8. The DPLA WG is composed of a Chair, members and stakeholders.

Chair

- 1.9. The Chair will be Cadent representative, and it is therefore responsible and accountable for:
 - chairing the DPLA WG;
 - coordinating DPLA WG meetings;

¹ The terms "Ofgem", "the Authority", "we" and "us" are used interchangeably in this document.

- ensuring DPLA WG members (and stakeholders, where appropriate) are kept informed;
- ensuring the DPLA WG fulfils the criteria outlined in the Purpose and Objectives and Outputs sections above;
- requesting proportionate information from DPLA WG members and project partners; and
- raising concerns with the DPLA WG and/or Ofgem, as appropriate.

Members:

1.10. The members of the DPLA WG are representatives of each of the other three GDNs (namely NGN, SGN and WWU), Cadent's project partner (Guidehouse) and Ofgem. These five members are responsible for their attendance in the DPLA WG.

Stakeholders:

1.11. The Chair may extend invitations to stakeholder organisations and sector experts to attend their meetings when it, the members and the stakeholder organisations themselves deem it appropriate.

Meetings

Frequency:

1.12. Quarterly. Additional meetings can be called by the Chair where necessary.

Procedure:

1.13. The Chair will present on Cadent's progress in implementing the DPLA and share any added value or lessons learned. This will be followed by a forum for discussion and questions. Cross-GDN collaboration is strongly encouraged for the purposes of progressing DPLA and ALD best practice.

Quorum:

1.14. The Chair and one representative from each of the members.

Agenda:

- 1.15. The Chair should share an agenda with the members no later than 5 working days ahead of the meeting.

Minutes

- 1.16. The Chair should minute all meetings of the DPLA WG and submit these for approval within 5 working days of the meeting.

Review and amendment

- 1.17. The Terms of Reference for the DPLA WG may be reviewed and amended by the Authority at any time.