

ECSG Update

Update on DNO activities for ECSG

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- **Connections Charging Methodology Forum**

- fourth teleconference held
- Ofgem requested no modifications to be submitted over the summer
- separate face to face meeting being held (13 Sept) to discuss specific issues on both metered and unmetered issues

- **Governance of CCCM**

- Ofgem have issued a their decision on governance and associated licence changes
- A modification request has been sent to DCUSA to incorporate CCCM into its governance

- **Common application form**

- now available and briefed out separately

• UMS issues

- Following the recent informal consultation on The Electricity (Unmetered Supply) Regulations (SI 2001/3263), NMO has now published Guidance to accompany these Regulations. The Guidance can be found at:

<http://www.bis.gov.uk/nmo/gas-and-electricity-meters/Unmetered-supplies-of-electricity>

• DG Forum

- Ofgem have issued invitations to a series of DG Fora for the Autumn
- Dates are London- Monday 22 October, Glasgow-Friday 26 October, Cardiff - Tuesday 30 October 2012
- DNOs are working with Ofgem on the agenda

• Competition Tests

- Two more Competition Test Notices have been submitted to Ofgem
- Northern Powergrid submitted a Notice on 29 June covering the High Voltage market segment only
- UK Power Networks submitted a Notice on 4 July covering six market segments
 - Low Voltage, High Voltage, High Voltage with Extra High Voltage, High Voltage Distributed Generation, Unmetered Local Authority and Unmetered PFI
- Ofgem have consulted on both submissions with the consultation closing on 31 August
 - Responses now published on Ofgem website
 - Three responses to Northern Powergrid
 - Six to UK Power Networks
- Ofgem have four months from the dates of application to decide

Other updates

•RIIO

- Ofgem's RIIO Connections Working Group have met a number of times over the last few months
- Both DNOs and other stakeholders have been represented on the group
- The group has provided views for consideration by Ofgem
- Ofgem are due to publish their initial policy positions during September

Existing Working Groups

- Extension of contestability – live jointing to LV mains and HV jointing
 - Ofgem decision that LV & HV jointing contestable in principle
 - DNOs developing proposals for standards as identified in Ofgem's decision
 - DNOs will make these contestable activities but need to apply to Ofgem to change their CCCM
- Determination of Points of Connection by ICPs
 - Trying to get more trials underway
 - Request for participation issued to all NERS accredited ICPs
 - Limited response back
 - A number of DNOs working on trying to get common arrangements in place
- Part Funded Reinforcement
 - Ofgem working group developing mechanisms
 - Ofgem intending to consult in next few months

New Working Groups

- Inspection & Monitoring

- Steve Wood leading
- Limited non-DNO nominations received
- Date set for 11 July

- Legal processes

- Mike Scowcroft leading
- Many nominations received
- Nominees asked for list of their issues
- First meeting scheduled for 22 June

Terms of reference (ToR)

- Agreed at ECSG
- Identify best practice

Forum established:

- DNO experts from UKPN, ENW, L SSE, WPD and NPG
- Customer representatives from: GTC, POC, Inexus, Dragon Infrastructure, E.ON and ETDE

Two meetings held

- 11 July - agreement of scope and approach to delivering ToR
- 29 August – development of a draft Best Practice questionnaire
- Minutes are available and ready to be loaded on the Ofgem website

Key outputs

- Design and issue of a Best Practice questionnaire - to be completed by DNOs, IDNOs and ICPs
- Paper to review responses, leading to general conclusions and recommendations
- Review of interactions between DNOs' I&M regimes and the NERS scheme

Legal Processes Working Group

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- Identify best practice

Forum established, Attendees:

- Each DNO E&W expert
- Customer representatives from: GTC, HBF, UPL, VBC, PNDaly

First meeting had a good, wide ranging debate, on a number of issues.

- Minutes are available and can be put on the Ofgem website.

Key outputs

- Ray Farrow to draft a paper to look at changes to legislation to allow DNOs and IDNOs to requisition electricity cable routes.
- DNOs and IDNOs to provide data on average time from instruction to completion of legals.
- DNOs to look at how they could provide more visibility of the process and where a scheme may be up to in the process.