

Code Administrator Meeting Summary

Meeting Name: CMP328 Workgroup 5

Date: 14 April 2021

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Key areas of discussion

- CMP328 proposes to put in place an appropriate process to be utilised when any connection triggers a Distribution Impact Assessment (DIA).
- The Chair presented the revised end to end timeline for CMP328 and Workgroup were content with this – invitations have been issued out to Workgroup members.
- The primary purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Workgroup Consultation that closed 19 March 2021 with 11 responses received and any potential Workgroup Alternatives:
 - The majority (8 of 11 respondents) are supportive of the principle of the DIA (some questioned the 1MW threshold though as leads to unnecessary DIAs as majority of applications to the transmission system will have no impact on distribution systems and this which add more costs to consumers) itself. However, there were mixed views on when it should be triggered and some network operators/Transmission Owners (TO) are keen that there is a joined up collaborative Distribution Network Operator (DNO)/TO “whole system” approach. The ESO also questioned whether or not neighbouring DNOs would be included in any assessment and a Workgroup Member noted that Open Networks are separately looking at this - for the purposes of CMP328 the current process of engineering judgement to identify which DNOs may be impacted would carry on. Following discussions, 2 Workgroup Alternative requests will be raised in respect of scope of the DIA. These are:
 - Ensuring that the DIA process applies to all new connecting assets including, but not limited to, those from Independent DNOs, DNOs, TOs, Offshore TOs and Interconnectors (as well as Generation and Demand, which are part of the Original proposal); and
 - Using “criteria” rather than a blanket 1 MW threshold.
 - 6 out of 11 respondents support implementation 12 months after Ofgem decision (3 would like it earlier with 2/3 months suggested); however, there was general recognition that STC

changes are needed and after discussion at the Workgroup, 12 months was felt to be appropriate.

- The Third-Party Works (TPW) is not fit for purpose – it is inconsistent across DNOs and there are no formal timescales. ESO have proposed an alternative to enhance the TPW process but the Workgroup in general thought this was not suitable to resolve the current issue.
- There was general support to use existing contractual mechanisms where possible to track the DIA milestones/house any compensation arrangements. However, the Workgroup needed to further understand the contractual arrangements but noted that there would be coordination, collaboration (and agreement) between Network Operators and Generators throughout the process with contractual arrangements themselves remaining bilateral.
- The majority (10 of 11 respondents) believe the costs from DIA should be passed from the DNO to Transmission applicant via the ESO. The DNO respondent however believes the Transmission Owner should pick up the cost. The Proposer confirmed that the DIA Assessment fee would be charged by DNO to the ESO and would be set per DNO and published as with any other fees.
- Most respondents believe those embedded Users who have Transmission Entry Capacity (TEC) should be included in the DIA assessment (but more to acknowledge they are in the background and not to reduce their access rights). There was a mix of views as to whether those without TEC should be included in the DIA assessment. The Proposer confirmed that both Users who have TEC and who haven't TEC would be included in the background.

Next Steps

Milestone	Who	Date
Issue meeting invitations and Workgroup Alternative Form template	Code Admin	Completed 14 April 2021
Issue proposed Workgroup Alternative to ensure that the DIA process applies to all new connecting assets including, but not limited to, those from Independent DNOs, DNOs, TOs, Offshore TOs and Interconnectors (as well as Generation and Demand, which are part of the Original proposal)	Garth Graham	By 14 May 2021 – Completed 14 April 2021
Issue proposed Workgroup Alternative to use “criteria” rather than a blanket 1MW threshold	Grahame Neale/Matt Baller (with support from Deborah MacPherson and Matthew Paige – Stimson)	By 14 May 2021
Update proposed Workgroup Alternative on enhancements to Third Party Works process	Grahame Neale/Matt Baller	By 14 May 2021

Provide additional commentary on Implementation Approach to clarify why 12 months after Authority Decision is needed	Grahame Neale/Matt Baller (with support from Proposer)	By 14 May 2021
Issue diagram of how contractual arrangements would work	Code Admin	By 14 May 2021
Issue Papers for Workgroup Meeting 6	Code Admin	By 14 May 2021
Workgroup Meeting 6	All	25 May 2021

For further information, please contact Paul Mullen.