

Meeting minutes

Joint Forum

Date: 07/11/2022 **Location:** MS Teams
Start: 14:30 **End:** 15:00

Attendees

Attendee	Organisation	Attendee	Organisation
Matthew Rivett	ESO	Efstathios Mokkas	UKPN
Charon Balrey	ESO	Tim Manandhar	UKPN
Kanan Ganakesavan	ESO	Adam Bain	SSE-N
Vicky Chiles	ESO	Steve Atkins	SSE-N
Laura Henry	ESO	Tolulope Esan	ENWL
Kavita Patel	ESO	Matt Watson	NGED
Emily Watson	ESO	Simon Jesson	NPG
		Laura Brown	NPG
		Kayode Ogunleye	NGET
		Atia Adrees	NGET

Agenda

#	Topics to be discussed	
1.	Review actions	Charon Balrey
2.	RDP updates	Matt Rivett, Kanan Ganakesavan, Charon Balrey
3.	Customer connections reform updates: tec amnesty and queue management	Laura Henry
4.	AOB	All

Action Item Log

Action items: in progress and completed since last meeting

ID	Description	Owner	Due	Status
5	AW/SA to discuss joint comms ahead of ICCP link go-live for N-3 RDP.	AW		Open

Discussion and details

#	Topics
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2. RDP updates

MR provided an update on N-3 and MW dispatch RDPs in delivery.

N-3: The team are moving forward to establish ICCP links with NGED and SSEN after successful communications tests with flow data.

MW dispatch with NGED:

MR highlighted that the service design contract is due to be circulated imminently for DER and wider industry feedback. The project go live for first release has been pushed to mid-December to allow for further internal user acceptance activity and avoid winter product releases. The team have also been working on dispatch functionality with ASDP which includes looking at the metering requirements. MR also referenced the TASE development which gives the ESO the ability to interface with other parties that have different versions of TASE deployed on their ICCP link protocol. The team are working towards a full MVP release towards the end of March 2023; the test plan of activities required has now been completed.

MW dispatch with UKPN:

A session with UKPN at the ESO's control room is planned to pick up some of the final points around the PID.

KG provided an update on GEMS.

GEMS: KG stated that the team are working on IT developments and have recently completed series of workshops with SPT. Internally the team are looking to build BM interfaces, and they are working with control room to design end-to-end system/screens. The team are also designing interface with signal flows for DER, hoping to use a similar design to MW dispatch. Additionally, KG noted that GDIS environment has been agreed.

CB provided an update on RDPs in development and highlighted the following:

Heysham/ENWL - Heysham offer has been revised, awaiting confirmation from ENWL on whether they would like an RDP solution for stage 2 at Heysham.

North of Scotland/SSEN-D and SHE Transmission - awaiting data to carry out whole systems CBA.

Midlands/NGED - priority sites agreed, and initial technical assessment has been completed.

CB highlighted that wider connections reform such as TEC amnesty, CPAs and queue management are the focus areas for the team particularly referencing East Anglia, the North East and South Wales/South West.

3. Connections reform updates

LH covered the following:

TEC amnesty - which was released on 1 October; the window closes on 30 November. This gives customers an opportunity to leave the TEC queue, or to reduce their TEC. The ESO will then work with the TOs and Ofgem to assess the applications that have come in, and then will go back to customers early next year as to whether or not they have been successful. LH highlighted that customers will have the final decision before the ESO makes changes to any agreements.

AB asked: with contracted capacity now being seen as a commodity for trading purposes, how effective has this amnesty call been so far? LH stated that there has been interest in the TEC amnesty with applications coming through as well as queries. LH also noted that the capacity market pre-qualification application phase has closed and the results will be announced before the tec amnesty window, so there may be more activity in customers applying if they receive pre-qualification results.

Queue Management - the CMP376 CUSC mod for QM started in September. This has been updated and the milestones run back from the completion date. LH discussed each milestone, highlighted that they will be adding in a reminder system. If a customer does miss a milestone, will be sending a termination notice which gives another 60 days. If the customer submits a modification application, will keep application dates the same. LH noted that there will be exemptions to the process e.g. force majeure or delay caused by the ESO or TOs. In terms of scope and implementation, the team will look to implement within 10 working days of Ofgem's decision. LH confirmed that the ESO have aimed to keep QM management as consistent as possible with the ENA ON DNO product milestones.

LH provided an overview of the connections reform process as a whole, highlighting that TEC amnesty and queue management form part of the early stages of the reform. The implementation phase will occur from April 2023 until 2025. The ESO will be moving into the stakeholder engagement phase of the reform work shortly. If you have not received information on how to sign up to upcoming connections reform workshops. Please use [this link](#) to sign up, if none of these times are convenient please [email us](#) and we can arrange a separate catch up.

SJ: asked about the timescales for a decision by Ofgem on queue management. LH stated that the final paper will go to Ofgem in April. Ofgem are aware of this process and that the CUSC mod is incoming.

EM: asked whether the MW dispatch trilateral agreement has already been tested with DER. MR - stated that this will be shared on the ESO's website next week for all to review.

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4. AOB
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