

Minutes

Meeting name	Access Task Force – Meeting 3
Time	10.00 – 16.00
Date of meeting	24th January 2018
Location	ENA Offices, Horseferry Road, London

Attendees

Name	Initials	Organisation
Jon Parker	(JP)	Chair-Ofgem
Amy Freund	(AF)	Ofgem
Nathan Macwhinnie	(NM)	Ofgem
Stephen Perry	(SP)	Ofgem
Andrew Conway	(AC)	Ofgem
William Kirk-Wilson	(WK)	BEIS
Simon Rickenbach	(SR)	BEIS
Jeremy Nicholson	(JN)	Energy Intensive Users Group
Stew Horne	(SH)	Citizens Advice
Graham Pannell	(GP)	RES
Nigel Turvey	(NT)	Western Power Distribution
Poppy Maltby	(PM)	RegenSW
Andrew McKenna	(AM)	Drax Group
Ross Thompson	(RT)	UK Power Networks
Paul Mott	(PM)	EDF Energy
Rachel Tullis	(RT)	National Grid
Caroline Bragg	(CB)	ADE
Simon Lord	(SL)	Engie
Bill Reed	(BR)	RWE Supply & Trading/Gen
Thomas Cadge	(TC)	BUUK (IDNO)
Simon Brooke	(SB)	Electricity North West Limited
Rachel Tullis	(RTu)	National Grid
Chris Allanson	(CA)	Northern Powergrid
Paul McGimpsey	(PM)	SPEN
Rick Parfett	(RP)	ADE
Robert Longden	(RL)	Cornwall Energy
Kyran Hanks	(KH)	Flexible Generation Group
Patrick Smart	(PS)	RES
Joe Dunn	(JD)	Scottish Power Renewables
Nick Screen (Part)	(NS)	Baringa
John Spurgeon	(JS)	ENA Task Force Secretariat
Apologies		
David Wildash		National Grid

1 Welcome, agenda and review of minutes/actions

1.1 JP welcomed the Access Task Force members to the meeting and provided a brief update and reminder to the group of the task force objectives and associated timelines for the delivery of outputs. He again emphasised the need for all members to contribute to the work programme with outputs produced outside of meeting enabling the group to focus on setting tasks and reviewing outputs. He informed the group that Ofgem is continuing to provide support to the group throughout the process to ensure clear direction for the work of the group.

2 Baringa presentation – assessment of materiality

2.1 NS and DS from Baringa presented slides on the analytical framework and evidence base they are developing to assess the materiality of current inefficiencies and assess options for reform. They outlined their scope of engagement, approach and proposed timelines. NS discussed the list of issues with the current arrangements which they were assessing based on Ofgem’s working paper. NS identified several sources that would be the basis of their materiality assessment to quantify current and future impacts. Sources include Ofgem working papers on unlocking capacity and future energy strategy, ENA WS1 & WS4 Open Networks Material, as well as additional sources from the DNOs and Imperial College. NS asked TF Members to review of the issues list, provide any additional evidence sources that they consider could be useful and models for consideration in Phase 2. NS asked the group for comments on these areas by Monday 29th January.

Actions agreed under this item:

ATF14 NS/DS Baringa to update the list and description of ‘issues’ based on the feedback received at the TF meeting.

ATF15 All - In relation to Baringa’s work on the materiality of issues, by 29 January all TF Members to: (i) Review the issues list for completeness and clarity (ii) Identify any additional evidence sources that Baringa should be considering (iii) Identify any models or analytical approaches that Baringa should consider for phase 2.

3 Update – What rights do network users have?

3.1 The group discussed the issue of network user and inter-network access rights. It was noted that the National Terms of Connection (NTC) entitles customers to be connected and since the NTC is in open governance in DCUSA it would need to be changed to reflect any new future arrangements. The group noted the current typical arrangements for half hourly settled customers’ and potential options for change..

The group then discussed the issue of existing transmission access rights, including firm access rights which are available to transmission connected generators and distributed generation contracted with the GBSO. The group discussed related access options.

Actions agreed under this item:

ATF18 Parties completing action ATF04 to produce a note outlining rights and obligations from the Requirement for Generators Network Code. CA to produce a note on this.

4 ENA presentation – Delivering the TF milestones

4.1 JS talked through the CFF Level 1 plan, detailing future meeting dates and key milestones on the project timeline. He covered ways of working and delivering outputs, and explained the stages leading up to the review and sign off of the Task Forces required outputs. He also asked the group how, in addition to the existing approach, they would like ENA, as the TF secretariat, to keep them up to date with project developments.

Action agreed under this item:

ATF16 ENA to circulate draft structure of the Access and Forward Looking Charges options report and confirm who is leading on each section of the draft report.

ATF17 ENA to consider how they can structure the weekly ENA meetings to allow parties to attend specific agenda items, rather than the whole meeting.

5 Access options – initial options for larger non-domestic, domestic and small users

5.1 The group discussed potential access ‘building block’ options for larger non-domestic users; options explored included tiered access, depth of access and firmness of access and how these could be charged. The task force split into breakout groups to consider the questions of whether there are further options that have not been identified and the criteria against which options could be assessed.

5.2 The group discussed access rights for domestic/small users and potential future options for these customer categories and whether there might be merit in these customer categories being considered separately to generation and larger users. The task force split into breakout groups to consider whether there are further options that had not been identified; where any boundary could exist between smaller and larger non-domestic customers and to begin weighing options against the assessment criteria.

Action agreed under this item:

ATF13 CB/TC/JD - Building on the work done on the access options to consider the relative merits of each of the access options against the assessment criteria. Applicable across the whole network (T&D). Parties to present their initial views at the next Task Force.

ATF19 JD/CB Parties completing action ATF06 include further information in the report on the options for:

- i. **Access rights with different types of firmness (i.e. physical and financial firmness).**
- ii. **Different lengths of access rights (e.g. short and long term access rights).**

6 Initial allocation and reallocation rights – options for change

6.1 The group discussed the key concepts from the Transmission Access Review (TAR) and the TAR proposed modifications. The group then discussed different approaches to the allocation of capacity rights (existing and new) including the use of auctions.

Action agreed under this item:

ATF12 BR/DW/RT - To consider further the options for allocation and reallocation (incl. auctioning) of network access to the Transmission and Distribution systems based on the report produced by Baringa for UKPN. The identified options to be assessed against determined criteria.

7 Way forward

7.1 JP summarised the topics for discussion at the Forward Looking Charges Task Force meeting the following day. It was agreed the date of the next TF meeting would be held as a Joint TF meeting on 20th February at etc. venues (Pimlico). JP said industry workshops would be hosted in London on 28th Feb and Glasgow on 6th March, and the objective of these would be to update the industry on the access project and seek feedback on options being developed.

Actions agreed under this item:

ATF21 Ofgem to contact some TF Members about providing support to Ofgem’s Access workshops in London and Glasgow.

8 Any Other Business

8.1 The next meeting of the task force was notified.

Time / Date	Location
10.00 – 16.00 Tuesday 20 February 2018	ETC Venues Pimlico - 1 Drummond Gate, Pimlico, London SW1V 2QQ

Access Task Force - Actions from meeting held on 24 January 2018

Action	Option Area/Topic	Lead
ATF12	To consider further the options for allocation and reallocation (incl. auctioning) of network access to the Transmission and Distribution systems based on the report produced by Baringa for UKPN. The identified options to be assessed against determined criteria.	BR, DW, RT
ATF13	Building on the work done on the access options to consider the relative merits of each of the access options against the assessment criteria. Applicable across the whole network (T&D). Parties to present their initial views at the next Task Force.	CB, TC, JD
ATF14	Baringa to update the list and description of issues based on the feedback received at the TF meeting.	NS
ATF15	In relation to Baringa's work on the materiality of issues, by 29 January all TF Members to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Review the issues list for completeness and clarity b. Identify any additional evidence sources that Baringa should be considering c. Identify any models or analytical approaches that Baringa should consider for phase 2. 	All
ATF16	ENA to circulate draft structure of the Access and Forward Looking Charges options report and confirm who is leading on each section of the draft report.	JS
ATF17	ENA to consider how they can structure the weekly ENA meetings to allow parties to attend specific agenda items, rather than the whole meeting.	JS
ATF18	Parties completing action ATF04 to produce a note outlining rights and obligations from the Requirement for Generators Network Code. CA to produce a note on this.	CA Citizens Advice to consider

ATF19	<p>Parties completing action ATF06 include further information in the report on the options for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Access rights with different types of firmness (ie physical and financial firmness). 2. Different lengths of access rights (e.g. short and long term access rights). 	<p>JD, CB</p> <p>Support: PS, GP</p>
ATF20	<p>Ofgem to contact some TF Members about them providing support to Ofgem's Access workshops in London and Glasgow.</p>	<p>SP, JP</p>
ATF21	<p>Ofgem to contact some TF Members to start identifying the links between different options for reform. TF Members to present initial thoughts on links between different options at the next joint TF.</p>	<p>SP, JP</p>
ATF22	<p>Paul Mcgimpsey agreed to develop the Open Networks' 'entitlements and rights' paper further in the context of the options for access - particularly considering compensation.</p>	<p>PM</p>
ATF23	<p>NGET to explain connection process for thermal vs power factor and provide annex G data.</p>	<p>DW</p>