

Minutes

Meeting name	Charging Delivery Body - Meeting 7
Time	10am – 1pm
Date of meeting	21 st June 2018
Location	Ofgem's Office, Canary Wharf, London

Attendees

Name	Initials	Organisation
Charging Delivery Body Members		
Andy Burgess	(AB)	Chair – Ofgem
Bali Virk	(BV)	Technical Secretary - National Grid (Lead Secretariat)
Angelo Fitzhenry	(AF)	ElectraLink (Code Administrator)
John Twomey	(JT)	National Grid (Code Administrator)
Lee Wells	(LW)	Northern Powergrid
Nigel Bessant	(NB)	Scottish & Southern Electricity Networks
Oliver Day	(OD)	UK Power Networks
Paul McGimpsey	(PMcG)	SP Distribution and SP Manweb
Rob Marshall	(RM)	National Grid (Lead Secretariat)/National Grid (Electricity System Operator)
Simon Brooke	(SB)	Electricity North West
Simon Yeo	(SY)	Western Power Distribution
Ofgem Attendees		
Chris Brown	(CB)	Ofgem
Dominic Green	(DG)	Ofgem – part meeting
Edda Dirks	(ED)	Ofgem
Paul Guillon	(PG)	Ofgem
Andy Malley	(AM)	Ofgem – part meeting
Apologies		
Louise Schmitz	(LS)	National Grid (Electricity System Operator)
Tony McEntee	(TMcE)	Electricity North West
Nicholas Rubin	(NR)	Elexon (Code Administrator)
Observers		
James Kerr	(JK)	Citizen Advice
Neil Brinkley	(NB)	BUUK Infrastructure (via Teleconference)

1 Introductions & apologies

- 1.1 James Kerr from Citizen Advice and Neil Brinkley were introduced to the group as observers of the Charging Delivery Body (CDB).
- 1.2 Apologies were received from Louise Schmitz, Electricity System Operator (ESO), National Grid, Tony McEntee, Electricity North West and Nicholas Rubin from Elexon.
- 1.3 Rob Marshall attended as the ESO alternate for the meeting, and Simon Brooke confirmed he was the alternate for Electricity North West.

2 Review of the Charging Delivery Body Actions Log

- 2.1 BV highlighted that all actions have been completed bar one. CDB02 is to discuss how effectively the CDB is achieving its objectives. This will be covered at the September CDB meeting.

3 Charging Futures Forum feedback

- 3.1 RM and BV provided a summary of the Charging Futures Forum (CFF) attendance and the feedback received for the CFF held on 23rd May 2018.
- 3.2 **Breakdown of attendees:** There was a good spread of users in attendance and the overall attendance from the February Forum had increased from 67 to 72 attendees. It was also noted that there had been an encouraging rise in Demand User attendance of 10% since the February Forum.
- 3.3 **Feedback scores:** The Lead Secretariat had taken a new approach to receiving feedback for the event by using Sildo instead of Survey Monkey which increased the responses to 31 from 20 after the February Forum. The overall average score received for the question “on a scale of 1 -10 (10 being highly-recommend), how much would you recommend this event to friend or colleague?” had dropped from 7.0 to 6.5. The drop was largely driven by a low score from one user group.
- 3.4 **What went well:** It was helpful to get updates on all three programmes in one meeting. Attendees also appreciated the breadth and the opportunity of instant feedback using the Menti tool. Positive feedback was received for the organisation of the Forum, with highly informed presenters and good engagement from Ofgem.
- 3.5 **What would you like to see improved:** Timing of the Task Force report released too close to the event to allow sufficient time to absorb the detail. Sight of the Baringa report would also have been useful. One respondent also suggested use of high-level cheat sheets to bring everyone up to speed on the day.
- 3.6 CDB members discussed the timing of the May Forum which Ofgem agreed hadn't been optimal. Going forward, more consideration needed to be given to Ofgem's decision points when planning the agenda.
- 3.7 A member asked when the Baringa Report would be released. AB confirmed that Ofgem were still working with Baringa on this, aiming for publication in July.
- 3.8 **What would you like to hear about at the next Forum:** Several respondents requested further clarification on the direction of travel and the impact to their business in all three policy areas. Respondents also wanted to better understand how the reforms fitted into the wider energy system objective of decarbonisation. AB agreed to consider applying an approach which had worked well for the Smart Systems and Flexibility project.

3.9 Email Updates: The mailing list has risen to 487 subscribers. Readers continue to regularly access the summary notes through the CF newsletters.

3.10 Lead Secretariat summer engagement activity: BV informed CDB members that the summary note from the last Forum will shortly be published. The lead secretariat is working with Ofgem on developing an engagement plan for the Access Reform consultation.

4 Targeted Charging Review

4.1 DG introduced Andy Malley who is working with Frontier on the TCR modelling.

4.2 DG thanked CDB members for their Charge Setting Flow Diagrams and explained that there will likely be an exercise to pull together a combined Transmission and Distribution flow diagram which will be circulated to the CDB members for comment. This might also need to include a Supplier flow diagram.

4.3 AM stated that he and Frontier are looking at fairness, practical and distortive impact for the modelling and the effects for different users.

4.4 AM informed CDB members that he will shortly circulate a request to DNOs for further data on EDCM customers which will help baseline the settlement flows for transmission and distribution connected customers.

4.5 AM confirmed that they have almost finished assessing the vanilla options, and are currently considering further refinements of options that will be incorporated in the modelling.

5 Access Project Update

5.1 Feedback received at the June GEMA meeting was that Access reforms should be progressed as a priority. GEMA took the view that Ofgem should consult on the scope of the consultation, building on the work progressed to date. With regard to the delivery mechanism, Ofgem will seek views on the balance between Ofgem-led change (via a potential Significant Code Review (SCR)) and industry-led changes. AB confirmed publication of the Access Reform consultation w/c 16th July, subject to sign-off [update: publication was rescheduled to the following week].

5.2 Lead times for implementation are expected to take until 2022/23, particularly distribution charging.

6 Updates on New Charging Modifications

6.1 CUSC –currently there are fifteen CUSC Charging Modifications in flight, and two CUSC modifications CMP250/CMP251 are currently with Ofgem for decision. It was also noted that CMP271/CMP274 and CMP276 are currently on hold and are dependent on the Access Reform project.

6.2 JT highlighted to CDB members that the ESO have turned down seven new CUSC Charging modifications which were closely related to the TCR and access rights.

6.3 AB requested that the Code Administrators highlight to Ofgem any potential new proposals that overlap with the TCR and Access Reforms.

6.4 DCUSA - AF updated CDB members with the status of the current twelve DCUSA Change proposals in flight and that 294 and 305 are due for release next week. Four Change Proposals are with Ofgem for decisions which will then leave six Change Proposals ongoing.

7 Key Messages to be shared with Code Panel Meetings

7.1 The key message for code panel meetings was that the Access Reform consultation will be published w/c 16th July, consultation period tbc. Further key messages to follow publication, i.e. for August Panel meetings.

8 Next steps – CDB & CFF meeting dates

8.1 CDB members discussed the timing of the next CFF and the CDB meetings as this was linked to the timing of the Access Reform consultation. AB stated that Ofgem were considering an eight-week consultation to allow sufficient preparation time for the GEMA meeting in November.

8.2 It was agreed that CFF would be held in early September (4th or 5th). The CDB meeting would be held on the 8th or 10th August (this meeting can be attended by teleconference) to discuss the format for the CFF. The CDB to review the outcome of the CFF in September would be held at the beginning of October.

Action CDB65: Ofgem/Lead Secretariat to confirm CFF & CBD meeting dates and venues

8.3 The consultation engagement plan was discussed, with details to be confirmed.

8.4 Ofgem is aiming to publish the outcome of the consultation and way forward in December. If this timing is met, the following Forum could be held in January 2019.

9 Any Other Business

Industry strategic projects:

9.1 JT informed CDB members that the User Commitment Review letter that was circulated to industry on the 23rd May was a result of feedback that had been received by customers and stakeholders. The intent of the letter was to receive feedback from customers and stakeholders on what is and not working for them but the Code Administrator was not looking to make any code changes at this point in time. JT acknowledge the criticism of the timing of the letter, being circulated on the day of CFF, and accepted that this was a lesson learnt by the ESO.

9.2 JT confirmed once the responses have been received that the ESO would share this with CDB members and then decide the direction of travel.

9.3 CDB members agreed that there needed to be more clarity on any other pieces of work being carried out by the industry are going to affect the work being carried out in Charging Futures.

9.4 PMcG stated that the Open Networks Project is looking at capacity management and it was agreed that the CDB should be kept updated with developments. CDB members asked for a standard agenda item to be added to the CDB Agenda to discuss publications and consultations due to be released.

Action CDB66: Standard Agenda item: Standard Publications, what consultation have we got coming up