

**COMPETITION IN CONNECTIONS
CODE OF PRACTICE PANEL**

Teleconference
2pm, 27th September 2018

Attendees

Tim Hughes (Chair)	TH	WPD
Brian Hoy	BH	ENWL
Steve Rogers	SR	UKPN
Maryline Guinard	MG	SSEN
Graham Smith	GS	UCCG
Chris Roe	CR	UCCG
David Overman	DO	CNA
Neil Fitzsimons	NF	Power On Connections
Tom Watson	TW	ENA

Minutes**1. Welcome and introductions**

TH welcomed the group to the meeting.

2. Awareness of Competition Act

TH reminded the Group of the need to adhere to the obligations of the Competition Act. He noted that Competition Act reminder should in future be included on all agendas circulated. The Group agreed to comply and no issues were raised.

3. Review of previous minutes

The group agreed that the minutes were an accurate record of the previous meeting and no points of accuracy were raised.

4. G39 Self-Authorisation modification proposal update

The Panel went over the progress report prepared by TW, taking note of important future dates. MG noted someone at SSEN had indicated that the ENA SHE Committee would be submitting a consultation response proposing that G39 be removed from the Code of Practice. TW reported on an internal conversation at ENA where the motivation behind the G39 modification proposal had been questioned (i.e. cost savings vs. increased competition). BH stated that the appropriate course of action would indeed be to submit a written response, and it was agreed that even if the motivation was cost reduction this would not be inappropriate. MG observed that some respondents may have misinterpreted the purpose of the consultation.

TW provided an indication of the level of response to the consultation so far. GS expressed concerns about responses not reaching ENA due to the mistake around email addresses. TW told the group that he had confirmed receipt of every submission he had received so far, and that if there was any doubt then respondents could resubmit to be on the safe side.

Action

GS and TW

Cross-check lists of respondents

5. Review of DNO exclusion at 2.2.1 modification proposal update

TH summarised his understanding of progress so far, which TW confirmed. TW noted difficulty arrange a date that suits all; BH suggested making sure Patrick is present as he submitted the modification proposal, and ideally 80% of working group members. WPD nominee not available week of 8th October but they will do their best to ensure alternate.

6. Review of ERECG88

TH added to agenda as a heads up, and provided some background on G88. ENA have engaged consultant to effect minor revisions and improve terminology: looking to refer to Code of Practice (CoP) and remove duplication between G88 and CoP.

1. Proposal for Panel to consider request from a DNO with reference to landlocked sites to understand best way to manage and maintain connection to them. Proposal that it might be best dealt with by Panel.
2. Second proposal refers to the information that needs to be submitted by DNOs and IDNOs. Proposal to remove these from G88 as they are covered by the CoP. No action required on part of Panel currently but may be in future depending on outcome and future discussion.

TH expects next draft of G88 before end of month; sceptical about whether these issues fall into CoP remit. BH noted first issue more of a planning issue; should not be an assumption around second issue that anything will be put into the CoP. Richard Park, Threepwood Consulting is the contact for the ENA consultation.

7. AOB

- TW: Graham Black, ICP Connections Manager at MSF Ltd., would like to join the group so he can meet other people in the industry. GS said he is already represented through UCCG as a member; there is a formal process for joining the CoP Panel but he will speak to him about other opportunities.
- TW: sought clarification over non-DNO reps. NS confirmed two members from MCCG and one alternate.
- BH raised nomination for Chair. Alternating basis would mean non-DNO rep next. NF to circulate to non-DNO members and Panel to hold vote at next meeting.

8. Date of next meeting

Next Panel meeting arranged for Wednesday, 12th December. ENA to organise.

Actions

#	DATE	DESCRIPTION	OWNER	STATUS
1	27 Sept 18	Cross-check lists of respondents	GS & TW	Open
2	27 Sept 18	NF to circulate opportunity to Chair Panel around non-DNOs	NF	Open
3	27 Sept 18	ENA to arrange next Panel meeting, 12 th Dec.	ENA	Closed