

**Code of Practice Panel
Minutes**

Teleconference
11am, Monday 15th July 2019

Attendees

Brian Hoy (Acting Chair)	BH	ENWL
Steve Rogers	SR	UKPN
Maryline Guinard	MG	SSEN
Gwen McIntyre	GM	SSEN
Colin Jamieson	CJ	CNA
Mike Scowcroft	MS	SPEN
Leo McNeice	LMc	NPG
Dave Overman	DO	CNA
Patrick Daly	PD	PN Daly Ltd.
Neil Fitzsimons	NF	Power On Connections
Lee Mason (part)	LMa	DNOC
Tom Watson	TW	ENA

Apologies

Paul McGimpsey (Chair)	PM	SPEN
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Minutes

1. Welcome and introductions

BH welcomed the group to the meeting, he explained that Paul McGimpsey had asked him to chair in Paul's absence.

2. Awareness of Competition Act

BH reminded the Group of the need to adhere to the obligations of the Competition Act. 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. TW to email GE to chase up previous action.

Action	Chase status of G39 from Geoff Earl.
TW	

4. Modification proposal: 33kV NPG Unmanned Customer Substation Welfare Facilities Requirements

BH welcomed Lee Mason from DNOC and gave him the opportunity to outline the proposal. LM provided the background; NPG require toilet facilities plumbed into substation including substations feeding customers. Often these are near to primary substations anyway where there would normally be toilet facilities. NPG is the only DNO that requires this and it pushes costs up. HSE guidance says 'so far as reasonably practical'. LM believes alternative options are available. He explained that they had met NPG recently but NPG were not prepared to change their policy; no proposal of where to raise issue was given.

LMc responded by saying that NPG had invited LMa to a 'surgery session' but not had any response. LMc explained that the same policy that applies to all substations in NPG and was not regarded as competition issue by them. LMc offered to hear other DNOs' policies and they would take them into consideration. LMa asked what does constitute a change to the CiC CoP; BH ran through CoP relevant objectives. There was some discussion around where to take grievances if DNO will not change policy. BH said that his view was that that this is bilateral issue. BH suggested that there are a number of routes available: use the formal complaints process, use the right to determination with Ofgem; use the Incentive on Connections Engagement process currently out for consultation by Ofgem. LMa happy to meet NPG again and the two parties agreed to discuss further on another occasion.

5. Review of DNO exclusion at 2.2.1 modification proposal update

BH outlined progression of work and opened up for comments or questions. Proceeded to voting, with all attendees apart from PD in favour of submitting to Ofgem in current form.

Action	Update report with voting results and submit to Ofgem.
TW	

6. AOB

- TW leaving – will ensure smooth handover, requested group to raise any outstanding issues that require tidying up in advance of 9th August.
- DO: met Elexon recently about Issue 72 regarding commissioning of CT meters. Going to brief Lloyd's team on quality audits re. ICPs and large power metering connections. Anything to bring up then raise with DO.
- PM has been seconded to ENA and will therefore be stepping down as Chair. BH proposed MS takes over as Chair and this was agreed. MS will also nominate an alternate.
- PD requested addition of 'redress' to next agenda – will put in formal written submission.

7. Date of next meeting

Next Panel meeting scheduled for 2pm, 25th September.

Actions

#	Date	Description	Owner	Status
1	15 Jul 19	Chase status of G39 from Geoff Earl.	TW	
2	15 Jul 19	Update report with voting results and submit to Ofgem.	TW	