

Code Administrator Meeting 3 Summary

GC0134 Removing the telephony requirements for small, distributed and aggregated market participants who are active in the Balancing Mechanism.

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Key areas of discussion

- The Chair discussed the open actions and the workgroup discussed the updates and agreed for them all to be closed
- The workgroup focused on the report looking at various instances where it could expand or amend the wording to make it clearer what changes are being proposed, in particular in the first 'Overview' section
- The workgroup also discussed that the solution section could be made clearer so that it would in turn make it more straightforward to propose any potential alternative solutions
- The workgroup discussed a couple of potential solutions but agreed that the first task would be to amend the report and then to move on to proposed solutions
- A list of workgroup consultation questions were also proposed;
 - Has the workgroup considered all the issues arising from GC0134 / are there any unintended consequences of this modification?
 - Do you believe there are any other options that this workgroup has not considered?
 - Would this solution help facilitate you entering the Balancing Mechanism? If so, what volume would you anticipate offering into the Balancing Mechanism
 - For those already in the Balancing Mechanism, would this solution encourage you to reduce your use of telephony? If so, approximately what volume do you currently offer?
 - Do you see any issues with the thresholds per unit or in aggregation?
 - Would you propose any alternative thresholds and what is your rationale?
 - In order to implement this change are there any compromises which need to be made?

Next steps;

- Agreed that the Proposer will make all amends to the report as discussed and agreed in the meeting before the Chair recirculates to the workgroup
- Agreed the next meeting would discuss the progress made after circulation, the original solution and any alternatives
- The draft legal text will be developed in line with the Proposer’s solution to be approved prior to issuing out as part of the Workgroup Consultation
- The workgroup to approve the legal text prior to issuing for WG Consultation.

Action Log

Number	Action	Status
1	ESO rep to find data on how many of each type of providers there are currently and projected to be, in the future	Closed
2	Code Admin team to share updated ESO rep slides post workgroup meeting	Closed
3	PS which ancillary services require telephony?	Closed
4	AJ to provide standard contract terms link and circulate via code administration team to members	Closed
5	Proposer to create a draft solution to circulate via email before the next workgroup meeting	Closed
6	Speak to Ofgem regarding a Regulatory Sandbox or a traditional time limited derogation if exploring the idea of a pilot study (this action will be covered by the above proposed solution which will explore both: workgroup will need to explore both in more detail before writing to Ofgem	Closed
7	JW to provide feedback from ESG following the meeting held after workgroup two	Closed

Participants

Attendees	Company	Position
Nisar Ahmed	Code Administrator National Grid ESO	Chair
Kirsten Shilling	Code Administrator National Grid ESO	Technical Secretary
Peter Dennis	Ecotricity	Proposer and Workgroup Member

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