

Code Administrator Meeting Summary

Meeting Name: CMP328 Workgroup 7

Date: 16 June 2021

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Key areas of discussion

- CMP328 proposes to put in place an appropriate process to be utilised when any connection triggers a Distribution Impact Assessment (DIA).
- The Chair presented the revised end to end timeline for CMP328 and expressed concern with the proposed – at the end of the meeting, the Workgroup .
- The primary purpose of the meeting was to discuss the legal text for the Original and proposed Workgroup Alternatives:
 - Original – DIA process
 - Request for Alternative 1 – Revise the Third-Party Works process;
 - Request for Alternative 2 - Using applicability criteria rather than blanket 1MW threshold.

Further update to the legal text is required ahead of any alternative and Workgroup Vote.

On the Original:

- The Proposer agreed to amend their Original so although the DIA process still applies to all new connecting assets $\geq 1\text{MW}$, they proposed the addition of “unless agreed otherwise” to try and mitigate concerns previously raised on the number of DIAs that this threshold could mean. They added that DNOs would make this decision with clear reasons why the DIA is not needed; however, the ESO and transmission applicant will be consulted.
- The ESO Workgroup Member was concerned that in the CMP328 Original, the Distribution Network Operator (DNO) will be issuing an Offer to the ESO rather than a report. They noted there would be duplicate contracts as if the DNO provided an Offer

rather than a DIA report as the DNO would only be able to change the Construction Agreement and the ESO would have to send a separate agreement to change the Bilateral Connection Agreement. A report allows the ESO to take the information and include in one Offer to the DNO varying the Bilateral Connection Agreement at the Grid Supply Point (GSP) and a new or updated Construction Agreement including the DIA works. The ESO Workgroup Member, the Proposer and DNO Workgroup Members agreed to discuss this separately on 30 June 2021 and at the same meeting agree the data that the DNO require for the DIA from the Transmission Applicant.

On the Request for Alternative 2:

- The Proposer of this request for alternative had sought input from all DNOs on the proposed criteria. Only 2 responses were received from DNOs with one of these citing the difficulty in the initial compilation of the data required and keeping this “live” and noting the other data requirements for DNOs. The other stated that the criteria approach is more complicated than expected and therefore prefer the CMP328 Original solution. However, the majority of the Workgroup welcomed the publication of data at specific GSP as it provides visibility for all stakeholders, potentially prevents abortive requests/works and gives DNOs more control over which DIAs they receive.

In General:

- Workgroup agreed that the results of the DIA would be published once contracts had been signed, which is in line with current practice; and
- Workgroup agreed it is the nearest GSP that determines which DNO the DIA application is sent to - invariably it will just be a DIA request to this DNO only. However, some exceptions were noted and will be set out in the Workgroup Report.

Next Steps

Milestone	Who	Date
Meeting to discuss whether or not the DIA issued by the DNO to the ESO would be an Offer or a Report and also agree the data that would be required for the DIA from the Transmission Applicant	Grahame Neale/Joanna Knight + any other DNO Workgroup Members	30 June 2021 - Completed
Issue updated draft Workgroup Report and Alternative/Workgroup Vote (including guidance) template	Code Admin	5 July 2021 – Completed
Issue updated legal text for the Original Proposal and ESO’s proposed Workgroup Alternative on enhancements to Third Party Works process <i>and the</i> proposed Workgroup Alternative to use “criteria” rather than a blanket 1MW threshold	Matt Baller/Grahame Neale	~ 9 July 2021
Tracked changed comments on updated Workgroup Report	Workgroup	5pm on 12 July 2021
Next Meeting	All	14 July 2021

For further information, please contact Paul Mullen.