

Email from Grant Holland 25/07/14

When the group reviews the terms of reference then can they consider that the last EDTR process was only 4 years ago. It was supposed to represent a stable long-term plan within which Generators, Consumers and DNOs could budget longer term. Whilst it's not entirely to BOC's liking, we feel it was a reasonable compromise and are prepared to stick with it. BOC are therefore uncertain why the need to want to reopen this, and why ?

- EDTR was very time consuming; two underlying investment models were allowed, and over 50 "cost reflective" calculation methods modelled and then consulted upon. The eventual model selected strikes a reasonable balance between fixed asset/ capacity charging and time-of-use load charges, so we believe that the appetite for further change is limited, especially as short-term relief was given for those facing a structural increase.
- The Terms of Reference should debar mods which fundamentally alter the capacity/ consumption balance, or the cost apportionment down through greater levels of voltage transformation, or the Generator/ Consumer split, or which disadvantage the load flexibility needed for grids to remain in balance with wind and solar generation present.
- Apart from the self-interested seeking changes, the group is likely to comprise of technical experts, and that for true consultation, their deliberations need to be translated into accessible plain English, with costed examples which demonstrate the inevitable winners and losers. Issuing pages and pages of consultation output is very difficult for users like ourselves to be able to read and digest as we are not set up with compliance teams who are queued up ready to analyse and respond - a light touch approach with a succinct summary would be appreciated!
- Meetings need to use good-quality teleconferencing so that participants not based in London can contribute meaningfully at minimum expense.

Good luck!

Regards,

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Lisa Waters (Waterswye) e-mail of 23 July 2014

DCMF MIG - EDCM Review Group Meeting 29/07/14

My key problems with EDCM are that:

- I can't tell where to locate
- The charges increase as a result of nothing I did – or did not do
- There seems an odd incentive to trigger reinforcement
- The connection process still seems somewhat hit and miss
- The DNOs do not look at other ways to meet their network needs – e.g. if you can't do voltage reduction fast how about some reserve power instead?
- The whole market needs more info on what is going on in the networks – small generation, DSR, etc. the more embedded we get the more information that we need.