

Minutes of the meeting of the Network Connections Technical Group

Held on 26 April 2024, 11.00am to 4.30pm
EA Office, Level 7 AON Centre, 1 Willis Street + online

Members present:	Grant Benvenuti (Chair), Gavin Bonnett, Ronald Beatty, Michael Gibbs, Howard Wood, Paul Blue, Matt Gazzard, James Byrne, Tim Edmonds, Trent Tscheuschler, Stuart Johnston, Anna Li, Suzanne Doran
In attendance:	Allen Davison, Katherine Hume-Pike, Jasper Eaton
Apologies:	Rupert Holbrook

1. Introduction

- 1.1. The EA gave a brief update on its continuing progress to update Part 6, building on the comments provided by the NCTG at the 17 April meeting and post meeting.

2. Discussion of updated draft Part 6

- 2.1. The NCTG had detailed discussion on the updated Part 6 clauses put forward by the Authority.
- 2.2. The NCTG proposed two application processes for load (medium and large), rather than the three size thresholds proposed. The Authority agreed to this. The NCTG supported the proposed 300kVA thresholds for load but to seek stakeholder feedback on this.
- 2.3. The NCTG supported finite timeframes to approve and decline applications. There was general support for the timeframes proposed by the Authority. Some members agreed to review the timeframes with experts within their organisations for appropriateness and report back to the Authority.
- 2.4. The NCTG supporting adding a requirement to approve or decline an *initial* application for large DG.
- 2.5. The NCTG supported a requirement for distributors to provide more information to support applications (e.g. what is missing, what needs to be done to comply).

- 2.6. There was support for the interim stage for large DG put forward by the Authority, but the NCTG thought this required more work. Similarly for the proposal to encourage complementary applications rather than competitive applications.
- 2.7. The inability for the Authority to regulate non-participants was discussed. The Authority agreed and noted it would need to redraft the load clauses to reflect this.
- 2.8. The NCTG was supportive of the proposal to strengthen the record keeping requirements for distributors.
- 2.9. The NCTG was supportive of the proposed changes to the regulated terms in Schedule 6.2.

3. Next meeting

- 3.1. The Authority said it would arrange a further NCTG meeting to discuss an updated draft Part 6 and draft consultation paper when these were completed. The meeting concluded at 4.00pm.

4. Summary of outstanding action points

Action	Who	When
Provide an updated draft Part 6 for NCTG review	Authority	June
Provide a draft consultation paper for NCTG review	Authority	July

Confirming that the NCTG has approved that the meeting minutes are a true and correct record.

Dated 24 February 2025

Grant Benvenuti

Chair