

Minutes of the Distribution Connection Pricing Technical Group Meeting 2

**Held on 4 July 2024, 10:30AM - 3:00PM
Cliftons Wellington**

- Members present:** Catherine Marks (Chair), Simon Shen, Jon Stone, Richard Sharp, Tarryn Butcher, Nathan Astwood, Steven Cooper, Howard Wood, Sam Steele, Stephen Peterson, Alex Nisbet
- Apologies:** Danielle Bayly, Tim Hewitt (observer)
- Attendees:** Katherine Hume-Pike (Electricity Authority), Ross Parry (Concept Consulting), Briana Yee (Electricity Authority)

The Chair opened the meeting at 10:45am.

1. Attendance and reflections

- 1.1. The Chair welcomed members to the second meeting of the Distribution Connection Pricing Technical Group (DCPTG). A quorum was established, with all members in attendance in-person except Tim Hewitt and Danielle Bayly who will join when she starts in her new role.
- 1.2. The Chair presented the meeting agenda and the objectives for the session.
- 1.3. DCPTG members and attendees reflected on the last meeting. Common themes included:
 - (a) Some questions around the boundary between policy process and implementation. Members were keen to understand what needs to happen more broadly in the policy space in addition to practical implementation to deliver desired outcomes.
 - (b) Appreciation for the diversity of ideas and experience in the Group.
 - (c) Good to see common desire for a workable and durable solution, and common themes around equity and practicality.

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2. Minutes of previous meeting

- 2.1. The minutes of the 25 June 2024 meeting were raised. Members did not have any comments or suggestions.
- 2.2. The Chair moved. All members approved.

3. Reform package and timelines

- 3.1. Ross introduced a working view of options for reform, including timelines and sequencing.

4. Options to address issues

- 4.1. Ross and Katherine led a discussion on the options to address issues identified in the problem definition (introduced in the first meeting). This discussion covered sensitive and confidential material.
- 4.2. The Chair suggested that DCPTG members undertake closer assessment of each proposed option through subgroups.
 - (a) Members agreed to participate in subgroups for detailed discussion on presented options and to provide feedback to the wider Group in the August meeting.

Action 2.1: Self-nominated members will independently convene subgroups to discuss the options and provide feedback to the wider Group ahead of the next meeting.

Action 2.2: The Authority will look into coordinating a learning session on interaction with the Commerce Commission's Part 4 regime for interested DCPTG members, particular access seekers with less familiarity with distribution company processes for dealing with capital contributions, pricing etc.

5. Case studies

- 5.1. Ross introduced the idea of case studies or worked examples of connection projects that typify or stress test different methodologies. The intent is to test principles and methodologies against real world inputs and assess customer impact.

6. Next meeting

- 6.1. The Authority confirmed that the next meeting will be held in August, with the time, date and venue to be confirmed.

Action 2.3: The Authority will confirm the time, date and venue for the next meeting in August and notify members.

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6.2. The meeting closed at 3:09pm.

7. Action point summary

	Action	Who	When
1.1	Notify DCPTG members when membership is announced and confirm that the email distribution group work for members.	Authority	8/7/24
1.2	Set up a central folder for meeting materials and notify members once it's ready.	Authority	8/7/24
2.1	Self-nominated members will independently convene subgroups to discuss the options and provide feedback to the wider Group ahead of the next meeting.	DCPTG	Provide feedback by 26/7/24
2.2	Look into coordinating a learning session on input methodologies and other relevant aspects of the Commerce Commission's regime for interested DCPTG members.	Authority	Provide update by 12/7/24
2.3	The Authority will confirm the time, date and venue for the next meeting in August and notify members.	Authority	Proposed date is 8/8/24

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

Dated this 4th day of July 2024.

Catherine Marks

Chair