DTS User Group Minutes– 143rd Meeting
7th June 2018
Teleconference

Present (voting):	Constituency	Votes
Matt Wood (MW)	BSCCo	1
Walter Hood (WH)	Distribution Licence Holders	1
Terri Hamilton (TH)	Distribution Licence Holders	1
Alex Dorobantu (AD)	Supply Licence Holders	1

In Attendance (non-voting):		
Paul Gath (PG)	ElectraLink	
Dan Hopkinson (DH)	ElectraLink	
Paul Linnane (PL)	ElectraLink	
Mark Pearce (MP)	ElectraLink	

Apologies:			
Roger Stoney	(Vote given to Chair)	All Other Users	1
Tracey Pitcher		Distribution Licence Holders	
David Mooney	(Vote given to Chair)	Green Deal Providers	1
Andy Bard		MRASCo	
Andrew Cleveland	(Vote given to Chair)	Supply Licence Holders	1
Kevin Woollard	(Vote given to Chair)	Supply Licence Holders	1
Jonathan Moore	(Vote given to Chair)	Supply Licence Holders	1
		Total Votes at meeting:	**9**

1   INTRODUCTION

1.1   The Chair welcomed the attendees and stated that the meeting was an extraordinary DTS User Group meeting to discuss the feedback from the recent consultation (IN36245) regarding proposed changes to the DTSA. These changes are proposed at the request of Ofgem relating to potential future Data Analysis Services (DAS) to be provided to Ofgem or BEIS and support the following:

    1.1.1   No indemnity will be required from Ofgem or BEIS in the event that any losses are incurred by ElectraLink in the event that Ofgem or BEIS use the provided data in a way that breaches the DAS contract; and

    1.1.2   Ofgem or BEIS may publish specific reports which identify or reference DTS User organisations provided all Users are reported upon in a consistent manner.

1.2   PG stated that the ordinary business of the DTS User Group would be discussed at the next scheduled quarterly DTS User Group meeting on the 26th June 2018.

1.3   PG gave apologies on behalf of Roger Stoney, David Mooney, Andrew Cleveland, Jonny Moore and Kevin Woollard and explained that these individuals had asked for their vote on the proposed changes to be cast by the Chair.

1.4   There was a brief introduction of Paul Linnane (PL) who recently joined ElectraLink as the Business Lead for Network and Energy Market Insight services.

2   REVIEW OF CONSULTATION RESPONSES

2.1   Dan Hopkinson (DH) briefly outlined the changes under discussion and walked through the received responses to the consultation. This section details the discussions in relation to the responses received.

Scottish Power Networks Comment 1

2.2   In respect of the first Scottish Power Energy Networks comment an opinion was expressed that ElectraLink cannot remove the indemnity placed on DAS Customers from Schedule 9, only the DTS User Group has the right to approve such a change. PG stated that the meeting was called to review the responses to the consultation on the proposed changes, and the changes can only be made once DTS User Group approval has been given.

2.3   A further question was raised with regard to the proposed removal of the indemnity for Ofgem and BEIS. Why is Ofgem requesting removal of the indemnity now, when it has been acceptable for earlier services? DH stated that he believes that internal Ofgem procedures have changed since the previous service was approved, and with respect to the second question, Ofgem would need to request Treasury approval to take on the currently required indemnity and this process would be likely to be blocked therefore reducing the ability of Ofgem to take advantage of any proposed DAS Service.

2.4   A member asked if ElectraLink would consider keeping the contractual indemnity in place, but not pursuing Ofgem for the indemnity in the event of a breach. PG pointed out that based on the current DTSA drafting, it is not mandatory that ElectraLink pursues any party for the indemnity in the case of a breach, but that reasonable endeavours would be undertaken by ElectraLink in all cases which. Under the proposed changes the indemnity would not be available as a reasonable endeavour in the case of Ofgem or BEIS.

2.5   In response to a question PG confirmed that in the case of a breach by Ofgem or BEIS, in the case where the proposal had been agreed, ElectraLink would not seek to recover any costs from DTS Users.

Scottish Power Networks Comment 3

2.6   A member requested details of the ElectraLink Board conversation in which approval was given for the proposed removal of the indemnity for Ofgem and BEIS. PG stated that the ElectraLink Board is the body responsible for the corporate and commercial governance of ElectraLink, with the DTS User Group responsible for the governance of the DTS, therefore it is within the gift of the ElectraLink Board to consider commercial risks to ElectraLink.

2.7   PG read the relevant section of the ElectraLink Board meeting minutes to the group and a request was made for this to be included in the minutes for this meeting. PG agreed that the section could be included in a confidential set of minutes for the attention of DTS User Group members only. A redacted version will be provided to DTS Contract Managers. The relevant section of the ElectraLink Board meeting minutes is:

ElectraLink Board minutes section redacted.

ELEXON Comment

2.8   The group noted that there may be some gaps in the data provided to Ofgem, and this would need to be recognised by all parties when comparisons of Users are made. A point was made that data identifying parties should only go to Ofgem which DH supported stating that access to central performance reporting for Ofgem should reduce operational overheads for market participants in the future.

SSE Distribution Comment

2.9   The group confirmed that it is comfortable that the comment has been addressed, however one member stated their disappointed that the commercial risk would fall on ElectraLink shareholders.

Discussion on the inclusion of BEIS in the proposed changes

2.10   In response to a question ElectraLink (DH) confirmed BEIS had not requested removal of the indemnity clause, however DH stated that BEIS has been included within the proposed change in order to remove the requirement to come back to the DTS Contract Managers to request a further DTSA change. DH confirmed that ElectraLink is in detailed discussions with BEIS on potential DAS Services, and that the indemnity clause would be in the proposed BEIS DAS contract in any event and only removed if requested by BEIS and that the DTSA allows its removal.

2.11   A member requested that references to BEIS be removed from the proposed change as the original request was initiated by Ofgem alone.

2.12   Following a discussion the group agreed to vote on an amended change with BEIS references removed. PG stated that those members that have placed a proxy vote would be accepted for the amended change, as the amended change represents a subset of the originally proposed change. The group agreed this proposal and a vote was taken.

2.13   The proposal was passed with 8 members in support and 1 member abstaining.

3   AOB

Energy Market Data Hub Engagement

3.1   DH informed the group that engagement with industry parties regarding a small number of Proofs of Concept (POCs) was proving very positive. In particular at Utility Week Live the POCs were received very well by a number of visitors to the ElectraLink stand. ElectraLink is continuing engagement with a number of parties over the coming weeks. The feedback from these engagements will be presented at the Industry Issues Advisory Group scheduled for the 19th June 2018, and at the DTS User Group ordinary meeting scheduled for the 26th June 2018. At this meeting ElectraLink will also demonstrate the POCs to the group.

EMDH Procurement

3.2   DH stated that ElectraLink is in the first round of procurement. A number of vendors are engaged and ElectraLink is currently undergoing Q and A sessions with potential providers with first bid responses due at the end of June 2018. Following this round ElectraLink will look to reduce the number of vendors and engage on a more detailed basis.

ElectraLink Flow Builder

3.3   PG stated that further to DH's comments on the POCs, ElectraLink has decided to make one of the POC's operational as soon as possible based on very positive feedback from DTS Users. To this end PG will present a paper at the User Group meeting on the 26th June 2018 providing the DTS User Group of its plan for implementation. Any associated costs would be recovered in 2019 so this year's charges are not affected.

Next meeting: 26th June 2018

4   SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

This section provides details of actions placed at User Group Meetings.

Actions that were agreed as closed at previous meetings are not reported here.

Each action has been assigned a unique identifier, in the format UG/NN/MMM, where:

- UG - User Group;
- NN - User Group meeting number;
- MMM or MM - Action number from that meeting.

New and open actions

Identifier	Description & Updates	Who	Raised
UG-140-01	Clarity was requested as to whether all the Big 6 Suppliers responded to the 2017 DTS Customer Satisfaction survey.	ElectraLink	16 Jan 2018
UG-140-05	ElectraLink was also asked to review whether the proposed email subscription service to alert Users of failed files could be provided at a flow level, rather than just MPID and Role Code level 17 May 2018 – Carried forward.	ElectraLink	16 Jan 2018
UG-140-06	A ElectraLink to consider potential technical solutions to the issue identified regarding the regular receipt of large numbers of negative acknowledgements where Users have not configured routes for all flows. 17 May 2018: To be discussed offline. Carried forward.	ElectraLink	16 Jan 2018
UG-141-01	ElectraLink to consider the inclusion of an amount in future DTS budgets for the provision of iDAS services 17 Apr 2018: Carried forward.	ElectraLink	02 Mar 2018
UG-142-01	ElectraLink to provide details of the steps taken to address the UG concerns around the provision of domestic address data within the NG DAS service.	ElectraLink	17 May 2018
UG-142-02	ElectraLink to add a summary section to future DAS requests and additionally to update the PIA template to confirm legitimate interests in the use of the data requested.	ElectraLink	17 May 2018

Closed Actions

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