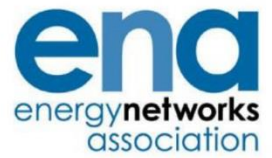


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1 Introduction

1.1 Development of interactivity processes through Open Networks

In order to facilitate the transition to a low-carbon future, the development of flexible networks and improve the connection journey for customers, Workstream 2 of the Open Networks project has been developing application interactivity processes since 2018. In Nov 2018, the ENA (through Open Networks Workstream 2) launched the 'Interactivity and Queue Management' consultation¹, to seek the views of stakeholders on preferred approaches to application interactivity and connection queue management. The consultation closed in February 2019 and the views expressed in that consultation informed the further development work on application interactivity in the first half of 2019.

In July 2019, the ENA (through Open Networks Workstream 2) launched a second consultation, titled 'Application Interactivity and Connection Queue Management'², with mind-to positions presented for both processes. For Application Interactivity, the 'Conditional' interactivity process was proposed, to be used by all network companies and to provide a common approach across GB.

1.2 Support for the 'Conditional' interactivity process

The responses to the July 2019 consultation showed a very clear support for the proposed 'Conditional' interactivity process among stakeholders. Out of 19 consultation responses, 13 positively and specifically agreed with the proposed process, four were generally supportive, one suggested broad parameters for interactivity processes (which align with the proposed process) and another respondent only answered the queue management questions. As such, Open Networks Workstream 2 is planning to implement the 'Conditional' interactivity process.

1.3 Code changes required

Distribution

Interactivity is not currently written into DCUSA and there is no plan to include the new process.

Transmission

The references to interactivity in CUSC and STC are limited and state that interactivity may occur between connecting parties. They are not explicit in reference to the detail of any specific interactivity process. A Guidance Note currently provides the detail on the interactivity process to be used for transmission connections. Whilst modifications to CUSC and STC will be brought forward for this new process, it is not expected that it will be given a high priority in relation to other modifications currently in the plan, and is therefore not likely to be complete until into 2021. As such, the three TOs and the ESO will seek to implement this process in 2020 with a revision to the guidance document, prior to the formal modifications to code.

¹ <http://www.energynetworks.org/electricity/futures/open-networks-project/open-networks-project-stakeholder-engagement/public-consultations.html>

² As above.

2 Implementation of the 'Conditional' interactivity process

2.1 Implementation of the 'Conditional' interactivity process

The timeline for implementation of the 'Conditional' interactivity process is shown below.

- Jan 2020. Publication of draft ENA interactivity process guide. It is expected that this will form the main body of any individual network process and policy, such as agreed wording for letters to customers.
- Feb 2020. Webinar to explain draft process guide, which will be publicised as widely as possible (e.g. the Advisory Group, Open Networks newsletter, DER Steering Group, etc).
- Mar 2020. Publication of final process guide.
- Mar 2020. Each network company to provide go-live timescale of new interactivity process.
- Dec 2020. Full implementation by all networks is intended to be by the end of 2020, subject to development of processes and systems. It is expected that all transmission networks will change on the same day. This is based on the following timescales, some of which can run in parallel:
 - o Preparation of internal processes 3-6 months, based on ENA Process Guide
 - o Training 3-6 months
 - o Changes to IT systems 6 months
 - o Change-over between existing and new policy. The existing process will continue up to the implementation date, and from that date the new process will be used for any new interactive queues. For any interactive queues live at the implementation date, the existing process will be used until such time that the interactivity has finished, after which time any re-applications for unsuccessful customers will be handled using the new process.