

MINUTES

Meeting number: IPAG #29

Venue: Board Room, Electricity Authority

Time and date: 8:55, Thursday, 8 July 2021

Members in attendance

- John Hancock (Chair)
- Glenn Coates
- Allan Miller
- Terry Paddy
- Tim Rudkin
- Corrie Stobie
- Scott Willis
- Roxanne Salton

Other attendees

- Charlie Sheppard (Electricity Authority)
- John Rampton (Observer – Commerce Commission)
- Joey Au (Electricity Authority)
- Kelsey Little (Electricity Authority)

Apologies

- Andrew Doube (Electricity Authority)

The meeting opened at 9.50 am

1. Welcome

- Start time pushed to 10am due to delayed flight from Christchurch.
- John welcomes group and outlines agenda.

2. Update on Authority work programme

- Joey presents current Authority work in the distribution sector.
- Group discussion on how low emissions fit with our statutory intentions – particularly “low emissions energy” strategic ambition in Authority’s Statement of Intent <https://www.ea.govt.nz/assets/dms-assets/28/Statement-of-Intent-2021-2025.pdf> .
- IPAG suggests that it would be useful to understand MDAG’s current work.
- Discussion and feedback from IPAG on the distribution networks discussion paper being drafted by the EA.

- Discussion on how the group might develop, including:
 - Meeting frequency
 - Webinars or in person meetings
 - The possibility of inviting an observer from Transpower to the meetings.
- Discussion on input methodologies review next year.
- Scott mentions the Otago research symposium will be held on the 18th and 19th November. Scott will be part of the energy hardship discussion.

Action Points:

- Invite Alistair/James T to talk to IPAG about MDAG work.
- EA to send the draft distribution networks discussion document to IPAG members for review.
- EA to send Sapere CBA to IPAG members.
- Secretariat to find out when Transpower's System Operator service provider agreement with the Authority will be renewed.

3. Update on Equal access and DR Programme memo

Memo

- Needs to be converted to IPAG format.
- A draft version of the DR memo could be made publicly available with the minutes of this meeting.

Equal access

- Agreement to update the terminology as discussed.
- Discussion on the terminology used for pilots and trials.
- John and Charlie to create some new slides, for the end of the equal access slide deck, that lays out how our thinking has changed since the original advice was produced.

Action Points:

- Charlie to convert memo to IPAG template.
- Charlie and John to create new slides.

4. Input Services recommendations refresh

- Slide 23 to be re-worded to read more clearly.
- Discussion on wording of Appendix C of the DDA – Distributors do not like the way this is worded.
- John and Charlie to create some new slides, for the end of the input services slide deck, that lays out how our thinking has changed since the original advice was produced.

Action Points:

- Charlie and John to update slide 23.
- Charlie and John to create new slides

Administration**Action Point:****a. Interests register**

The group noted the Interests register.

b. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting (IPAG #28) were approved.

c. Matters Arising

- Confirmation of attendee's for upcoming EA Board Presentations:
 - Allan and Glenn to attend 7 September for the Transpower DR Programme Review
 - Tim and Terry to attend 3 October for the Input services presentation

d. Correspondence

None

e. Action list

The group noted the action list

f. Publication of meeting papers

- Presentation and Open letter to ComCom to be published

The meeting ended at 12.23pm