DMS WORKSHOP 2009/10

Resolving differences - Maintaining connections.

9.30AM -12.30PM

Chapter 8 Dispute Management

Overview process and Philosophy

- Discussion of Forms and Documents
 - Criteria for selection of pool
 - Mediation user notes and agreement
 - Form and Content of DMS
 - Reporting back to DMS contacts
 - Break

• Workshop example





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Referral Notice Form 2

Refer to Adviser using Adviser

No later than 60 days after last service of a DMS Referral Notice

On notice

Within 5 days of notification of referral to Adviser

Cl 8.2.5(a). Stipulate whether it is an adviser process or a DRP that is required.

that is a party of the fact that an adviser Notice has been received. *Form 3* CI 8.2.5(b)

Parties send Adviser a statement containing

- brief history of dispute
- a statement of issues

Form 3



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MAJOR FORMS OVERVIEW

Referral Notices Other Form 4 F5 Form 6 Form 1 Form 1B Form 2 Market Sample of Nomination notification for person а of Referral Adviser publication for a pool • DMS Notification to a DRP Referral By AEMO Referral note • To be Notice oŕa Notice • 8.2.5(e) • To be deleted Referral deleted Clause Clause everyone due to uses email 8.2.4 (c) Clause 8.2.5 (a) 8.2.4 (g) precedent now available

KEY DOCUMENTS



APPROACHES TO RESOLVING CONFLICT



POSITIONAL BARGAINING



Interest Based Negotiation with our without a facilitator



DIFFERENT PROCESSES



SCENARIO DISCLAIMER

This scenario has been based on the PowerCorp and VENCorp issue in relation to the Wemen Powerstation in 2008/9. It has been modified and expanded for the purpose of training.

Please do not rely on this as a precedent for the forms or for an evaluation of the issues arising out of that matter.

THE BEGINNING

- Work was due to commence on a new connection terminal station at Wemen which entailed augmentation to the shared network.
- AssetCo sent a letter to Powerhouse asking for a bank guarantee to secure payments to be made by Powerhouse to AssetCo.
- Powerhouse wrote back to say that it did not understand why a guarantee was required and wanted to start work.
- A meeting was set up between the responsible line managers of the two organisations. This did not progress the matter.

DMS

- The CEO's of the two organisations had a discussion.
- At the end of that PowerHouse sent AssetCo a formal confirmation that it would not be providing a letter of credit.

Talkingpoints

- At what point would you brief the DMS contact?
- What would be his/her role?
- Would you consider sending a DMS notice- and what is your reasoning?

THE NEXT STEPS

PowerHouse DMS contact sends a DMS Notice form 1.

There is a meeting of the DMS contacts and the line managers.

Talking points

- When do the time frames start to run?
- What could be on the agenda for the meeting
- Who might you have at that meeting?
- Would you consider having it facilitated?

STAGE 1 PART 2 MEDIATION.

At the meeting the parties decide that they want to use a mediator to try and resolve the issue.

A mediation date is set.

- Talking points
- What might be some of the reasons you would use a mediator?.
- How would you go about selecting a mediator?
- Traps?

MORE INFORMATION

- It turns out that they have chosen an engineer to "mediate". He thinks that a non binding evaluation on the issue could be useful. A central issue is whether the appropriate classification of the shared transmission services: are they prescribed or negotiated transmission services?
- An answer to this question may assist the parties to resolve the issue of the payment of the bank guarantee.
- If services are prescribed the recovery of he costs of augmentation will be governed by one set of provisions in the NER (version 27) if they are negotiated the cost of augmentation will be recovered through a long term contract. A negotiated long term contract outside the provisions of the NER will result in higher service costs being passed on.

STAGE 1

The 'expert" gives his non binding view. This does not resolve the dispute.

What are the options?

Where are the time periods? Views on what to do next?

STAGE 2 ADVISER

PowerHouse calls the Adviser.

Talking points

- What are the agenda items?
- Who might attend?
- What is the Adviser's role at this time?

The Adviser suggests setting up a meeting between PowerHouse, AssetC0 and the owner of Q. The DMS contacts suggest they would prefer to meet just the 2 parties.

ADVISER NOTICE – DISCUSSION

Ticking the boxes
Choosing the DRP

• Where are the time periods?

GENERAL-DISCUSSION

