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Nature of Issue

CDCM requires the billing of Use of System Charges for HH settled demand customers to be based on clock time.

A Distribution Company uses the D0275 (Validated Half Hourly Advances) industry data flow and correctly adjust it to clock time but retain a GMT billing framework, i.e. during BST, the billing period runs from 01:00 hrs on the first day of the month to 01:00 on the first day of the following month, rather than from midnight to midnight.

This means that during British Summer Time the charging period is not a calendar month.

As a result of this, we are unable to carry out full and rigorous validation of the HH DUoS invoices. We feel that this is a breach of DCUSA.

Under Clause 16.6 – Additional Interpretation, it states that a "charging period" is, subject to any contrary indication, a reference to the period specified in the Relevant Charging Statement (or, if no period is specified therein, a calendar month).

Solution Overview – if known	
Solution description:	The Distributor calculates Use of System Charges based on a calendar month, i.e. from midnight on the first day of the month to midnight on the last day of the month. This will then be consistent with the way that other distributors define the charging period for Use of System Charges.
Lead time for Implementation:	ASAP