

DCUSA DCP 149 Supplementary Questions Responses – Collated Comments

Question One	How will DCP 149 affect your organisation? Please provide supporting comments.	Working Group comments
British Gas	No impact	The Working Group noted that there was no, or minimal impact by the majority of all respondents.
EDF Energy	Whilst this should not have significant impact on our business , this should provide a more consistent approach in terms of customer billing and interfacing data from settlements systems to billing system	
ENWL	We comply with the change proposal. There is therefore no impact on our organisation based on the current drafting of the legal text submitted at the time of the consultation.	
GTC	There will be no impact	
Northern Power Grid	If Northern Powergrid were to adopt this change, we would move to processing the D0036 data flow. As a result, billing system changes would need to be undertaken.	
Scottish Power Energy Retail	We have provided a joint response to the supplementary questions to DCPs 141, 142, 144 –	

	<p>149 as we believe the same answer applies to each change.</p> <p>These changes will encourage consistency across all DNOs. Under current arrangements suppliers are required to manage manual workarounds to cater for the different processes employed by some DNOs. This requires manual intervention and time which in turn incurs cost. Successful implementation of these changes will reduce the need for manual intervention and in turn reduce the costs to suppliers. As stated in our previous response this reduction in the costs incurred by parties will help to facilitate effective competition in the supply of electricity.</p> <p>With reference to DCP 141 only we do not understand why the legal text has been amended to now say “DNO Parties who do not use de-linking....” and why such a distinction has been made. We are unsure why a DNO using de-linking should treat an invalid settlement class any different from one who does not. As above, the main benefit of these changes is that consistency helps reduce complexity and brings down costs associated with manual workarounds. The success of this is reduced if exceptions are made without sufficient justification.</p>	
SSE Distribution	This has a high impact for us.	

UKPN	We already bill HH on clock time calendar months so no impact	
WPD	This does not affect our organisation.	
Question Two	Will there be any associated costs with implementing DCP 149? Please provide supporting comments.	
British Gas	No	The Working Group noted that two DNOs would incur costs as a result of this CP.
EDF Energy	No direct costs will be associates , however will create saving in better utilisation of resources	
ENWL	There are no associated costs to our business should this change proposal be accepted in line with the current legal text at the time of the consultation although we do have reservations over the interpretation of the legal text as indicated in our consultation response.	
GTC	No	
Northern Power Grid	Yes. Our billing system will need to be developed with indicative costs of c. £300k, in line with the response to question 1. This cost covers both hardware and software developments	The Working Group discussed these figures and it was confirmed by NPG that if all the CPs went through to implement them all would be about 500k for a new billing system. These figures in the questions are for the individual changes, not a set of changes.
Scottish Power Energy Retail	We would not envisage incurring any additional costs as a result of implementing these DCPs.	

SSE Distribution	At this time we estimate it to be a high cost project as it involves IT development and changes to our core billing system.	
UKPN	No foreseen cost	
WPD	There are no costs to our organisation.	