

DCUSA DCP 144 Supplementary Questions Responses – Collated Comments

Question One	How will DCP 144 affect your organisation? Please provide supporting comments.	Working Group Comments
British Gas	No Impact	The Working Group noted that from the responses received, that only one DNO is impacted by this change.
EDF Energy	This creates additional manual work in explaining and re billing Customers. Creates additional work in validation of charges due to larger number of “unmatched” transactions.	EDF confirmed that these are the impacts of maintaining the status quo, and that DCP 144 will remedy these issues.
ENWL	This change proposal is associated with the rounding of HH data prior to undertaking the billing calculations. We do not round the data but calculate based on the data received from the HHDC i.e. to the current one decimal place. 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	This will have no impact on ourselves	
Northern Power Grid	Northern Powergrid rounds for HH data and therefore if DCP144 were approved a change to our billing system would be required.	
Scottish Power Energy Retail	We have provided a joint response to the supplementary questions to DCPs 141, 142, 144 –	The Working Group noted this point and agreed to take the references to de-linking

	<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>	<p>out the drafting and reinstate it to the original version of text as provided in the CP form.</p>
SSE Distribution	No impact.	
SSE Energy Supply	DUoS invoices will contain unadjusted metered data as originally recorded.	

UKPN	No impact, we don't round these numbers.	
WPD	This does not affect our organisation.	
Question Two	Will there be any associated costs with implementing DCP 144? Please provide supporting comments.	Working Group Comments
British Gas	No	The Working Group noted that only one DNO explained that there would be a cost associated with implementing this change. There was also one Party, e.on energy, which put in the costs of not implementing the change within their Consultation response.
EDF Energy	NO directly incurred costs, but will create cost savings due to reduced validation errors and manual billing to customer and less customer queries.	
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.	
GTC	No	
Northern Power Grid	Yes. Our billing system will need to be redeveloped and we envisage indicative costs of c. £70k.	The Working Group noted the comment.

Scottish Power Energy Retail	We would not envisage incurring any additional costs as a result of implementing these DCPs.	
SSE Distribution	No Costs	
SSE Energy Supply	No	
UKPN	No foreseen costs	
WPD	There are no costs to our organisation.	