

CACoP Principle 12 - Annual Report (2020)

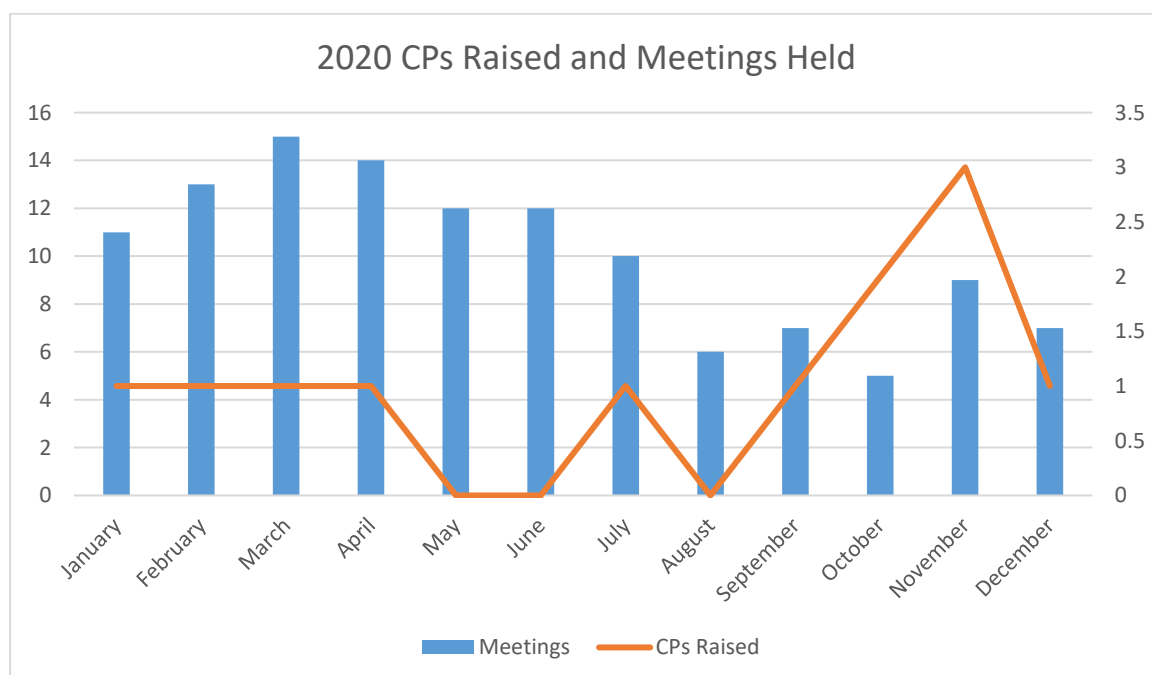
Code: Distribution Connection Use of System Agreement (DCUSA)
Reporting Period: 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020

1. Background

- 1.1 The Code Administration Code of Practice (CACoP) was introduced following Ofgem’s Code Governance Review. The purpose of the code is to “facilitate convergence and transparency in code modification processes and to help protect the interests of small market participants and consumers through various means including increased use of plain English in modification reports”.
- 1.2 All energy Code Administrators have committed to operating their Code Administration functions in accordance with the Code of Practice. CACoP Principle 12 requires Code Administrators to assess their efficiency in discharging the roles and responsibilities captured within the principles of the CACoP and the effectiveness of the change management process more generally.
- 1.3 This report sets out the results measured under the Distribution Connection Use of System Agreement (DCUSA) in 2020, against each of the required qualitative and quantitative metrics.

2. DCUSA Metrics

- 1.4 The tables on the pages that follow present qualitative and quantitative metrics and their results relating to the administration of the DCUSA over the period 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020.
- 1.5 The chart below highlights the number of meetings that the Code Administrator has provided services to alongside the number of Change Proposals (CPs) raised by Parties across 2020.



Quantitative Metrics									
Activity	Metric	Result							
QUALITY OF ASSESSMENT	Number of reports ‘sent back’ by the Authority	2 reports were sent back by the Authority in 2020, DCP 314 and DCP 340.							
	Number and percentage of final decisions on which the Authority’s assessment:	In 2020, we received nine Authority decisions, all of which, accorded with the Parties recommendation with respect to whether the change better facilitates the relevant/applicable DCUSA Objectives.							
	i) accords with the Panel’s recommendation against the Relevant/Applicable Objectives	Accords) = 9 (100%)							
	ii) conflicts with the Panel’s recommendation owing to wider statutory considerations	Conflicts) = 0 (0%)							
		It should be noted, that for DCUSA Change Proposals (DCPs), it is in fact the Parties to the Agreement (and not the Panel that provide a recommendation to the Authority as to whether a Change Proposal should be accepted or rejected. This recommendation is formed from of the result of the Party voting mechanism which is detailed within the Agreement.							
		DCP	Party Recommendation		Authority Decision				
		DCP 374	Accept		Accept				
		DCP 372	Accept		Accept				
		DCP 360	Accept		Accept				
		DCP 359	Accept		Accept				
		DCP 358	Accept		Accept				
		DCP 361	Accept		Accept				
	DCP 314	Reject		Sent Back					
	DCP 368	Accept		Accept					
	DCP 350	Accept		Accept					
	DCP 340	Accept		Sent Back					
	DCP 348	Accept		Accept					
EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION	Average number of respondents to consultations	DCUSA consultations are issued to DCUSA Parties and other interested parties in order to gather industry opinion on the development of CPs.							
		In 2020, DCUSA issued 9 consultations with an average number of respondents to a consultation of 15.55.							
		The table below details which DCPs were consulted on and how many responses were received for each.							
		DCP 349	DCP 350	DCP 348	DCP 364	DCP 361	DCP 360	DCP 358	DCP 359
EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION	Percentage of papers published outside of the Modification rules requirements.	0%							

	Number and percentage of reports submitted to the Authority in line with the original timetable	10 CPs were sent to the Authority for final decision in 2020. The DCUSA Change Process takes into account the need for timetable extensions by Working Groups and is flexible in that regard. Where a CP is designated as a Part 1 Matter (meaning it requires Authority approval to be implemented), it is almost always the case that a Working Group will request and be given a timetable extension. In some circumstances, a CP may progress directly to the Change Report stage (i.e., bypassing development by a Working Group) and for these CPs, timetable extensions are almost always not needed.	CPs sent to the Authority for final decision		
			DCP 374	DCP 361	DCP 340
			DCP 372	DCP 314	DCP 348
			DCP 359	DCP 368	
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	Number of extensions to timetables requested	Each CP is submitted to the DCUSA Panel for an initial assessment with a fixed timetable for the Working Group to analyse and develop the CP. over 6 months. Working Groups are required to agree to a CP progression timetable at their first meeting and this is submitted to the Panel for approval. Where the Working Group fails to meet the Panel’s first approved deadline, the Working Group submits a revised timetable requesting for a further extension. The DCUSA Panel reviews each extension request and grants them according to the guidelines set out within the Change Process. In 2020 all CPs that were developed by a Working Group required extensions to their initial timetables.			
	Average time between a non-urgent proposal being raised and submitted for decision	The DCUSA CPs range in content and vary from simple drafting changes to complex charging methodology changes. Therefore, the CPs vary in time between the type of change it encompasses. In 2020, eight Part 1 Matter CPs were raised, voted on by DCUSA Parties and then submitted to the Authority for decision and eight Part 2 Matter CPs raised and issued to Parties for voting.			

		DCP 373	20 Nov 2020 – 15 Dec 2020	25 days																													
		DCP 370	22 May 2020 - 16 Jun 2020	28 days																													
		DCP 369	10 July 2020 - 07 Aug 2020	26 days																													
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		DCP 357	21 Feb 2020 - 17 Mar 2020	25 days																													
	Average time between decision and implementation (separately identifying systems and non-system changes)	<p>21 Change Proposals were implemented in 2020. The DCUSA has three standard releases per year in February, June and November. In addition, there was one Special release on the 01 April and five extraordinary releases throughout the year.</p> <p>In order to ensure consistency across the industry the publication dates for the three scheduled releases are kept in line with those published in the other industry codes such as the Balancing and Settlement Code (BSC) and the Master Registration Agreement (MRA). The table to the right sets out the implementation date of each of the CPs that were implemented and in which DCUSA release each was implemented.</p> <p>Further to this, it should be noted that due to the 15-month lead time required for changes to the charging methodologies, the time taken from decision to implementation may appear longer than other Codes and thus there is no proper average on which to evaluate this parameter.</p>	<table><tr><th>Date</th><th>Count</th><th>DCPs Implemented</th></tr><tr><td>27 February</td><td>= 2</td><td>DCP 326 + DCP 351</td></tr><tr><td>01 April</td><td>= 4</td><td>DCP 306 + DCP 311 + DCP 332 + DCP 348</td></tr><tr><td>25 June</td><td>= 5</td><td>DCP 357 + DCP 365 + DCP 366 + DCP 367 + DCP 370</td></tr><tr><td>11 July</td><td>= 1</td><td>DCP 350</td></tr><tr><td>14 July</td><td>= 1</td><td>DCP 368</td></tr><tr><td>30 September</td><td>= 3</td><td>DCP 358 + DCP 359 + DCP 360</td></tr><tr><td>05 November</td><td>= 2</td><td>DCP 364 + DCP 369</td></tr><tr><td>20 November</td><td>= 1</td><td>DCP 372</td></tr><tr><td>21 December</td><td>= 2</td><td>DCP 376 + DCP 377</td></tr></table>	Date	Count	DCPs Implemented	27 February	= 2	DCP 326 + DCP 351	01 April	= 4	DCP 306 + DCP 311 + DCP 332 + DCP 348	25 June	= 5	DCP 357 + DCP 365 + DCP 366 + DCP 367 + DCP 370	11 July	= 1	DCP 350	14 July	= 1	DCP 368	30 September	= 3	DCP 358 + DCP 359 + DCP 360	05 November	= 2	DCP 364 + DCP 369	20 November	= 1	DCP 372	21 December	= 2	DCP 376 + DCP 377
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Number of Fast Track Self-Governance Modifications raised	<p>The DCUSA does not specifically cater for ‘Fast Track’ Self-Governance CPs, however there is an ability to cut down on the normal administrative timelines where it is deemed to be required. DCUSA Self Governance CPs are designated as Part 2 Matters, meaning that they do not require a final decision from the Authority. Instead, the CP will be implemented if for the majority of Party Categories that vote on a CP, more than 65% of Parties within each Party Category that is eligible to vote, votes to approve the CP. In 2020, 9 Self-Governance CPs were raised, and these are detailed in the table.</p>	<table><tr><td>DCP 377</td><td>DCP 369</td><td>DCP 357</td></tr><tr><td>DCP 376</td><td>DCP 367</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>DCP 373</td><td>DCP 366</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>DCP 370</td><td>DCP 365</td><td></td></tr></table>	DCP 377	DCP 369	DCP 357	DCP 376	DCP 367		DCP 373	DCP 366		DCP 370	DCP 365																				
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IMPLEMENTATION COSTS	Number and percentage of reports for which implementation cost estimates were available for consultation	None of the CPs submitted in 2020 required implementation cost estimates.
	Accuracy percentage difference (whether higher or lower) between estimated and actual implementation costs	None of the CPs submitted in 2020 required implementation cost estimates.