

# Distribution Charging Methodologies Development Group (DCMDG) - Meeting 51

19 May 2022 at 10:00

Teleconference via Microsoft Teams

Attendees	Company
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Lee Stone [LS]	EON
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Pamela Howe [PH]	NPg
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Shannon Murray [SM]	Ofgem
Tom Chevalier [TC]	Power Data Associates
Tom Faulkner [TF]	Cornwall Insight
Tony Collings [TC]	Ecotricity
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Dylan Townsend [DT] (Chair)	ElectraLink
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Apologies	Company
Edda Dirks [ED]	SSE Generation
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Ryan Roberts [RR]	Energy Potential

## 1. Administration

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- 1.1 The Chair welcomed the DCMDG attendees to the meeting.
- 1.2 The group reviewed the DCUSA “Competition Law Guidance” and agreed to be bound by this for the duration of the meeting.
- 1.3 Attendees reviewed the draft minutes from the last meeting, held on 21 April 2022 and agreed they were an accurate reflection of the discussions held.
- 1.4 The Chair provided updates on the open actions. All updates can be found in **Attachment 1**.

## 2. DCMDG Forward Work Plan and Issues Log

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- 2.1 The group reviewed the DCMDG Forward Work Plan and Issues Log - the current version can be found as **Attachment 2**.
- 2.2 The Chair confirmed that there were no new issues.
- 2.3 The Chair gave a brief overview on the DCUSA Charging Methodology Change Proposals (CPs), noting that DCP 361<sup>1</sup> had been removed as it was implemented on 01 April 2022.
- 2.4 The Chair advised that Ofgem had provided an update at the DCUSA Panel meeting, informing that a decision on DCP 387<sup>2</sup> would be made by the end of May. The Chair outlined that DCP 343<sup>3</sup> and DCP 313<sup>4</sup> remain de-prioritised by Ofgem currently.
- 2.5 The Chair noted that DCP 403<sup>5</sup> has been raised and will be added to the log.
- 2.6 The Chair ran through the External Activities, suggesting that the Access and Forward-Looking Charging Significant Code Review (SCR) section is separated into two, to reflect the two separate SCRs. The group agreed.
- 2.7 The Chair suggested the Targeted Charging Review (TCR) SCR section is removed as it was intended to track the original Changes. The group agreed for this to be removed.
- 2.8 The Chair highlighted that two CPs relating to the Energy Bills Support Scheme (EBSS) were presented to the Panel at the May meeting for initial assessment. The Chair noted that the Panel

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<sup>1</sup> DCP 361 - Ofgem Targeted Charging Review Implementation: Calculation of Charges

<sup>2</sup> DCP 387 - Amendment to the Definition of Non-Final Demand Site to Align with CUSC

<sup>3</sup> DCP 343 - Use of a Nominated Calculation Agent for the Calculation of the LV Mains Split

<sup>4</sup> DCP 313 - Eligibility Criteria for EDCM Generation Credits

<sup>5</sup> DCP 403 - Clarify the application of the TCR fixed charge

decided the CPs should be merged into one, with two potential solutions which can be decided upon. The group agreed to add a section regarding the EBSS.

DCMDG 51/01: Secretariat to update the Issues Log and Forward Work Plan:

- Adding DCP 403 to the Change Proposals tab;
- Separating the Access and Forward-Looking Charging SCR into two, within the External Activities tab;
- Removing the TCR SCR from the External Activities tab; and
- Adding the EBSS to the External Activities tab.

### 3. Ofgem Update

- 3.1 Regarding CPs, the Ofgem representative reiterated that a decision on DCP 387 would be provided by the end of May. The representative also advised that Ofgem are in the process of allocating leads to the four Access SCR CPs, and that when these have been finalised, they will attend to provide updates at future meetings.
- 3.2 One member noted that the Access SCR decision doesn't seem to pick up amendments related to transmission connections and asked whether the intent had shifted to just cover amendments to distribution connection arrangements. SM confirmed that this is the case, and that the Transmission Network Use of System (TNUoS) taskforce should be covering transmission connection arrangements.
- 3.3 Another member asked when work on the Distribution Use of System (DUoS) SCR would begin, to which SM advised that there was no update currently but hoped to be able to provide an update at the next meeting.

### 4. De-energised MPAN Reporting to National Grid for TNUoS Residual Billing

- 4.1 The Chair advised that this agenda item had been raised by LWa and invited her to present the paper.
- 4.2 LWa outlined that the issue they are raising is concerning how de-energised MPANs will be reported to National Grid for TNUoS residual billing. LWa noted that National Grid ESO have advised that each DNO will provide a site count per day for each Supplier, that they will then use for TNUoS residual billing. LWa advised that individual DNO's were asked whether they're intending to include de-energised MPANs in these counts, to which there doesn't seem to be a consistent approach.
- 4.3 One member suggested that all DNOs should be consistent as they would be producing reports from the same systems and noted that the different answers may have been a result of the question not finding its way to the correct teams within the DNOs businesses. The group

discussed and agreed that there is an outstanding issue, but not one that was likely related to the approach taken by the DNOs, rather, because there doesn't appear to be any conclusive rule as to whether de-energised sites are to be included in the MPAN counts provided to the ESO. Members of the DCMDG agreed that a solution would likely sit within the Connection and Use of System Code (CUSC) or potentially the Balancing and Settlement Code rather than in DCUSA. It was noted that LS expressed an interest in moving the issue forward to a resolution and offered to assist LWa with the next steps if needed.

## 5. Access SCR Change Proposals

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- 5.1 The Chair provided an update, advising that Ofgem provided their decision on the Access SCR and that consequently, four CPs have been raised. The Chair advised that the DCUSA Panel have approved the CPs to enter the Change Process and that placeholders have been issued for the Working Group meetings.
- 5.2 The Chair highlighted that when the Access and Forward-Looking Charges SCR was originally raised it was a matter for the DCMDG to track, however as it has developed, the Access SCR is not within the scope of the DCMDG. Members agreed that there was no longer a requirement to have updates on the Access SCR, with one member noting that if there are any consequential impacts on DUoS, then these will be picked up as and when needed. The group agreed to remove this agenda item going forward.

## 6. Agenda Items for the Next Meeting

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- 6.1 There were no additional items requested to discuss at the next DCMDG meeting.

## 7. Any Other Business (AOB)

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- 7.1 The Chair advised that going forward, the DCMDG meeting will clash with one of the Access SCR Working Group meetings. The group agreed for the start time of the DCMDG to be amended to 9am and to be scheduled for a hour.
- 7.2 The Chair agreed to issue an email to members following the meeting asking for members to raise any objections before updating the invites.

DCMDG 51/02: Secretariat to issue an email to members proposing to amend the timing of the DCMDG meetings going forward to 9am - 10am.

- 7.3 One member raised a further item of business regarding the BSC Modification P432<sup>6</sup>, asking if there has been a response from DNOs regarding the potential impacts the modification may have. LS noted that at the previous meeting he had agreed to raise this as an issue, however

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<sup>6</sup> P432 - Half Hourly Settlement for CT Advanced Metering Systems

that this has not been completed yet. LS noted that he will look to do this ahead of the next meeting.

7.4 There were no further items of business raised.

## 8. Date of Next Meeting

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8.1 The next DCMDG meeting will be held on 16 June 2022 via Microsoft Teams/Teleconference at 9am.

## 9. DNO Operational Matters

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9.1 There were no DNO Operational Matters raised at this meeting.

## 10. Attachments

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- Attachment 1 - DCMDG Actions Log
- Attachment 2 - DCMDG Forward Work Plan and Issues Log