

Request for DCUSA Party feedback by 06 September 2023

DCP 420: Include Car Charging Stations In The Definition For Non Final Demand

1. Purpose of this Document

- 1.1 The purpose of this document is to seek Party feedback on DCP 420 'Include Car Charging Stations in the Definition for Non Final Demand', in particular, to understand if parties are aware of other organisations facing the same issues raised by the local council detailed in DCP 420. The DCP 420 Change Proposal can be found in Attachment 2.
- 1.2 To respond to the questions posed in Section 3.1 of this document, please complete the RFI response form found in Attachment 1.

2. Summary

- 2.1 DCP 420 provides an example of a council that has been developing fast EV charging stations to meet Welsh and UK Government aims to decarbonise the transport system. At present, as a consequence of the Targeted Charging Review (TCR), a number of their fast charging stations have attracted high fixed residual charges that have made the sites, in their opinion, unviable or too expensive for users to access as these costs need to be passed on to the end user. Due to current demand, the chargers are used infrequently at present and the revenue from the charge posts will not cover the standing charge costs for the provision of the incoming electrical supply and metering. The Proposer believes this could potentially act as a blocker to decarbonisation initiatives.
 - 2.2 The TCR aimed to ensure residual charges are shared more fairly in order to reduce distortions arising from the previous charging framework. There was a redistribution of how much is recovered from some components, generally with volumetric (p/kWh) charges reducing, and fixed (p/day) charges increasing.
 - 2.3 DCP 420 is seeking to find a suitable solution, at least as an interim until demand increases, to lower the costs of these fixed charges so that sites like the example provided above are more viable in the first instance.
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- 2.4 The Working Group is keen to understand the extent of this issue and whether Parties have been approached by other organisations with similar concerns.

3. Feedback Request

- 3.1 The DCP 420 Working Group is keen to seek views on the following:

1. Are you aware of any other organisations experiencing the same issues as the example provided in DCP 420? (For example, have you heard from existing fast EV charging operators with similar issues or perspective operators looking at the viability of operating such sites?)
If so, please provide examples for analysis by the Working Group.
2. Do you have any other comments in relation to DCP 420?

Please respond to the above questions by completing the consultation response form found in Attachment 1.

4. Attachments

Attachment 1: DCP 420 RFI Response Form

Attachment 2: DCP 420 Change Proposal