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Distribution Charging Methodologies Development Group (DCMDG) Headline Report 66

1. Synopsis

- 1.1 This report sets out the headlines from the 66th DCMDG meeting held on 17 August 2023 via Microsoft Teams. The full minutes and associated papers are available on the DCUSA website.
- 1.2 This meeting was chaired by Dylan Townsend and technical secretariat support was provided by Melissa Kendall.
- 1.3 A total of 30 industry participants dialled into the meeting.

2. DCMDG Forward Work Plan and Issues Log

- 2.1 The group reviewed the DCMDG Forward Work Plan and Issues Log and the Chair provided the updates on the DCUSA Change Proposals that are contained in the Forward Work Plan and Issues Log. During the updated, the following points were discussed:

DCMDG External Activities: Electricity Licence Exemptions

- 2.2 The Chair informed the group that the Governments response to the Consultation in 2021 has now been published. They have confirmed that they will continue to look into electricity licence exemptions.

DCMDG External Activities: FSO Codes Change Programme

- 2.3 The Chair informed the group that Ofgem recently published their call for volunteers for the FSO Codes Change Programme. Ofgem have also published the centralised strategic network plan.

DCMDG Issues:

- 2.4 In regard to the closed DCMDG Issue 11 'Accessibility of MPAN TNUoS Charging Band', the proposer queried whether it is possible to have contacts for DNOs/IDNOs to discuss the data that is being sent to the ESO – the group clarified that the contact details for DNOs/IDNOs are currently listed on the DCUSA website.

DCMDG-Related Change Proposals:

- 2.5 The Chair informed the group that the Secretariat has swapped out the original tracker and replaced it with a copy of the spreadsheet version of the Change Register that is updated on a monthly-basis and presented to the DCUSA Panel. The Chair noted that only minor tweaks would be necessary each

month to make useful for the DCMDG, but that it seemed more natural than having multiple registers holding very similar information.

- 2.6 Members of the DCMDG were happy for this format to be used moving forward.
- 2.7 The Chair also highlighted the charging methodology legal text overlap tracker that exists in the current Panel Change Register and sought views on whether members also want it to be included each month. Members supported the inclusion of this extra detail and suggested including Schedule 32 and its Paragraphs and then any related Change Proposals as it was noted that there always seem to be at least two inflight at any given time.
- 2.8 One member mentioned that in relation to the DCP 414 'Transitional Protection for NHH CT Customers affected by Regulatory Change' decision, it was believed that a derogation may be needed for implementation on 01 April 2024. A derogation was not mentioned within the decision letter, but the Chair stated that an LC14 derogation may potentially be needed. The Ofgem representative agreed to take an action to follow this query up with the relevant team and provide an update once receive to confirm whether a derogation is needed for the chosen option in the DCP 414 decision.

3. Ofgem Update

- 3.1 The Ofgem representative explained the with respect to the DUoS SCR, Ofgem are continuing to gather and review evidence related to the size and extent of the scope and are hoping to circulate related communication in the coming weeks.

4. ENA Update on Connections Related Works

- 4.1 The Chair informed the group that Ofgem have replied to a letter issued by the ENA in regard to what the strategic connections group have been doing in relation to electricity storage connections.
- 4.2 Ofgem have agreed with the majority of points outlined by the ENA.

5. MHHS Update

- 5.1 The Working Group noted that there were no further updates this month.

6. Any Other Business (AOB)

- 6.1 There were two other items of business and these are summarised below:

Assigning MPANs to Export Domestic Properties

- 6.2 One member queried whether there is a push to assign MPANs to export domestic properties now as they have seen a large increase in numbers – another member stated where smart meters are installed and export is found, these should be set up to measure export.
- 6.3 The group believe this may be an issue to watch out for and will be further discussed as and when necessary.

Overview of DCP 425 'Cost Apportionment Factor "Cap" Methodology'

- 6.4 The Chair informed the group that the intent of this CP is to provide further clarification as to how costs of Reinforcement are apportioned between the Company and the Customer (a Generation Connection) when the High-Cost Project Threshold is triggered.
- 6.5 One member mentioned that this change is being raised very soon after both DCP 407 'Access SCR: Speculative Development' and DCP 422 'Access SCR Clarifications and Corrections' and queried whether the issues were previously discussed in the prior Working Groups – the Chair confirmed that there were discussions held over emails in relation to DCP 422, however it was agreed that separate in depth discussions would be needed for a solution. It was not considered under DCP 407.
- 6.6 The Chair informed the group that the invitation to join the DCP 425 Working Group will be circulated shortly if members wish to join.

7. Date of Next Meeting

- 7.1 The next DCMDG meeting will be held on 21 September 2023 via Microsoft Teams/Teleconference.

8. DNO Operational Matters

- 8.1 One DNO Operational Matter was raised.
- 8.2 Discussions were held between DNO members only, and therefore details will not be included within the minutes.
- 8.3 A separate meeting was also held with DNO members only to further discuss the issue raised during the meeting.

9. Actions

- 9.1 The DCUSA Panel is invited to:
- **NOTE** the contents of this Paper.

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