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SIG Headline Report

1. Synopsis

- 1.1 This report sets out the key decisions made at the DCUSA Standing Issues Group (SIG) on 25 August 2023. The minutes of the meeting can be located on the DCUSA website [here](#).

2. Review of DIF 67 'Use of "REP-242" in aggregated billing'

- 2.1 A DCUSA Issues Form (DIF) was raised and discussed at the SIG meeting on 28 July 2023. Subsequently, a consultation was issued to industry on 02 August and responses to the consultation were reviewed at the SIG meeting held on 25 August.
- 2.2 The purpose of the consultation was to seek Party feedback on the use of "REP-242" in aggregated billing for MHHS migrated customers. The REP-242 is the DIP flow that is equivalent to the D0242 flow.
- 2.3 There were eight responses to the consultation, and these can be found within **Attachment 1 DIF 67 'Use of REP 242 in aggregated billing collated consultation responses**.
- 2.4 A summary of the SIGs conclusion to each question can be found below:

Question 1-Considering the issues raised in DIF 67, do you have a preference from the four options stated in paragraph 2.6?

- 2.5 The Chair confirmed that there were four options within the consultation which were:
- Send REP-242 to all Suppliers in the REP-002
 - Send REP-242 to non-blank Suppliers only.
 - Send REP-242 to non-blank Suppliers and any blank Suppliers that were populated on a previous run.
 - Lobby to change REP-002
- 2.6 A majority of five out of eight responders preferred option one, two responded stating that option two was their preferred option and one responder supported option three.

Do you have any other solution/s that the SIG have not considered?

- 2.7 It was noted that there were no other solutions put forwards by all eight respondents.

If a blank REP-242 is to be sent, where there was not data in the previous reconciliation, should a zero invoice be raised?

- 2.8 Four of the eight respondents believed that no zero invoice should be raised, and four respondents believed that zero invoices should be sent.
- 2.9 It was highlighted that this would have a larger impact on smaller or new Suppliers but there wasn't much engagement from Suppliers with the consultation responses and that it would be unlikely that the two Suppliers who did respond would receive blank data.
- 2.10 The Chair suggested reopening the consultation to Suppliers with a clear call to action to Suppliers requesting a response. It was noted that raising this within the MHHS programme to see if they had an equivalent to the DAG where this issue could be raised could increase engagement.
- 2.11 It was also suggested that the DCUSA could raised this as well with Cornwell Energy, but the SIG agreed to continue to review the consultation responses and that if the outcome was to raise an new DCUSA Change Proposal this topic would be resolved within that Working Group.

Next Steps

- 2.12 The SIG agreed to raise a new DCUSA Change Proposal to resolve the issue and that the Working Group that is set up would need to consider the equivalent IDNO process and seek to encourage engagement from the Supplier community, particularly smaller and new Suppliers.
- 2.13 PW agreed to raise a new DCP based on the concept of if a zero flow is received, a zero flow goes out and then a zero invoice is issued. It was agreed that this would create the foundation for the Working Group to begin developing a solution.
- 2.14 It was agreed that the proposal would include the output of the SIGs consultation and note that the preference within that consultation was to send the REP-242 to all Suppliers in the REP-002.
- 2.15 A Change Proposal has been received and will be presented to at the DCUSA Open Panel on 20 September 2023. If approved, invites to join the Working Group will be issued on 21 September 2023.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 The DCUSA Panel is invited to:
 - **NOTE** the contents of this paper.

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