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Distribution Charging Methodologies Development Group (DCMDG) Headline Report 68

1. Synopsis

- 1.1 This report sets out the headlines from the 68th DCMDG meeting held on 19 October 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 34 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.

DCMDG External Activities:

Connections Reform

- 2.2 The Chair informed the group that there was an action captured previously regarding requesting a representative from the ENA attend the DCMDG to provide an overview of the work being carried out. However, the Chair explained that as the ENA had recently held a webinar to provide an update, which some members from the DCMDG attended, there seemed little value in completing that action and instead proposed to capture any relevant information under this item in the log.

FSO Implementation

- 2.3 The Chair informed the group that two consultations had been issued recently in regard to a number of licence updates as well as a call for volunteers and that these will be captured in the log under this item.

3. Ofgem Update

- 3.1 The Ofgem representative provided the group with the below Ofgem updates:

- A Charging Futures Forum (CFF) session is due to be held on 31 October 2023, where it is proposed for updates regarding a number of workstreams be provided. It was noted that people can still register to join the session.
- It was noted that a recent publication made mention of a Call for Input relating to standing charges coming down the line soon, but that it would be more focused on the retail side, however, members were invited to contact Ofgem if there is anything in the publication that they wish to discuss.
- A publication will be issued within the coming days which will be of interest to members and will be discussed during the CFF discussion on 31 October. AM noted that members will know what he's talking about when it is published and encouraged members to raise any thoughts with Ofgem once they see it.
- Ofgem would like to hear from people affected by how TCR bands have been assigned to MPAN portfolios for TNUoS charging as there had been some issues raised to Ofgem from smaller suppliers with very defined portfolios. AM noted that he'd appreciate if any other Suppliers could contact him who have noticed inconsistencies in the number of MPANs assigned to charging bands for their portfolios.

4. Private Networks Subgroup Update

- 4.1 The Chair shared with the members an update on the last subgroup meeting held 09 October 2023. It was noted that the sub-group had agreed with a suggestion that an RFI be issued to industry in order to obtain a better understand of the numbers and types of sites in question. The Chair explained that the RFI is currently being developed by the Secretariat as well as further background research to identify potential contacts who may wish to respond to such an RFI.
- 4.2 Post meeting minutes can be found on the DCUSA Website.
- [DCMDG Subgroup 01 – Meeting 02](#)

5. ENA Update on Connections Related Works

- 5.1 The Chair reiterated the point made under paragraph 3.4 above related to the action to pursue an ENA representative to provide an update at the next DCMDG meeting and that
- 5.2 A member who attended the ENA webinar shared information sources for the members to explore further.
- [Improving and accelerating customer connections – Energy Networks Association \(ENA\)](#)
 - [ENA SCG Battery Storage Solutions – Ofgem letter of support | Ofgem](#)
 - [Battery Storage Connections – Tactical Solutions Guidance Notes – Energy Networks Association \(ENA\)](#)

6. Notification of Updated Charging Statement Addendums

- 6.1 The Chair presented a paper to the DCMDG titled 'Notification of updated Charging Statement Addendums'. It was noted that the paper provided members with an overview of an enquiry received

by the DCUSA Code Administrator related to whether there might be a way to receive notification of updates to the addendums to the charging statements issued by DNOs/IDNOs outside of checking websites every so often. The Chair invited the members to share input.

- 6.2 Members agreed that there should be a process developed to aid the distribution of the communications around the updates, this would benefit suppliers in being able to update their billing systems to reflect changes when it comes to billing customers.
- 6.3 Some suggestions were put forward by members following which the Chair suggested that these options be set out for consideration during the next meeting and in the intervening period, that he'd have a conversation internally about whether there is something that can be done as part of the digitalisation work that is currently underway.

7. DUoS Charges for Phased Capacity Sites

- 7.1 The Chair presented a paper to the DCMDG titled 'DUoS Charges for Phased Capacity Sites'. It was noted that the paper provided the members with an overview of an enquiry received by the DCUSA Code Administrator related to establishing the DUoS charges for Phased Capacity Sites and how to interpret Paragraphs 1.86 to 1.90 of Schedule 22. The enquiry seeks to know what view the members have on the applicability of Phased Capacity Sites for IDNO connections or and how this relates or not to Capacity Ramping for LDNOs and the Paragraph 1.51 of Schedule 16 of the DCUSA.
- 7.2 The Chair explained the questions raised regarding paragraph 1.88 and 1.89 of Schedule 22 and invited the members to share input.
- 7.3 A member suggested adding an example to help users interpret the text better. The suggestion was that the inclusion of a simple table showing the phasing alongside band across time is one way. Another member suggested a small amendment be made which might add the required clarity.
- 7.4 It was agreed that this item would be retained on the agenda and brought back to the DCMDG with the proposed changes for further discussion.
- 7.5 The Chair indicated that Change Proposal (CP) could be raised to address this issue once there was an agreed way forward.

8. Impacts on LLFs due to Annual Allocation Review

- 8.1 The Chair presented a paper to the DCMDG titled 'Impacts on LLFs due to Annual Allocation Review'. It was noted that the paper provided the members with an overview of an enquiry received by the DCUSA Code Administrator related to distribution loss volumes as a result of the re-allocation of Final Demand Sites as part of the Annual Allocation Review process introduced by DPC 389. The enquiry seeks to understand the view of the members as to what will be needed in terms of the LLFs as a result of the re-allocation of sites to charging bands.
- 8.2 Members noted that while the LLFC will change, reflecting the different allocation to the tariff charges, it will be an LLFC within the same voltage level. So it won't affect the actual Line Loss Factor number (e.g., 1.102 or whatever it may be), because that will be the same for the new LLFC that the customer is allocated to.

- 8.3 The point being made was that the voltage levels won't be changing as the changes won't be for sites moving from non-half hourly to half hourly as a result of this. It was therefore noted that the process relates to sites moving between the charging bands within the same voltage level (i.e., a non-half hourly non-domestic site moving between changing bands 1 and 4 and a half-hourly non-domestic site moving between changing bands 1 and 4 and with neither changing the voltage).
- 8.4 Members weren't sure whether there are different profiles now for the different bands and noted that if there different profiles then that may cause a change the settlement side of things, although it was still believed that the losses applied to those profiles wouldn't change.
- 8.5 Members noted that to answer whether there are different profiles, that would be something for Elexon to provide as it relates to settlement volumes.

9. Date of Next Meeting

- 9.1 The next DCMDG meeting will be held on 16 November 2023 via Microsoft Teams / Teleconference.

10. Actions

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

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