

Request for DCUSA Party feedback 01 December 2023

DIF 71: Use of Generators

1. Purpose of this Document

- 1.1 The purpose of this document is to seek Party feedback on whether you have seen examples of the use of generators at new developments before the site has been connected to the network.
- 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 DIF 71 was discussed at a Standing Issues Group (SIG) meeting held on 27 October 2023. The original issues form can be found in Attachment 2 of this document.
- 2.2 SIG members discussed that in a few rare circumstances, a generator had been on site where the MPANs were live and had been registered, and that this could impact settlement as Suppliers will be taking readings from the meters and entering these into settlement, creating an imbalance as no energy is being taken from the network.
- 2.3 A SIG member stated that generators could be used where the land rights for the installation of the network had been delayed, but that this was usually to allow completion of the building works and not to enable residents or businesses to move in.
- 2.4 SIG members agreed that it is necessary to understand volumes and, where a generator is installed, whether this is the responsibility of the DNO/IDNO or the developer, particularly if the site goes off supply.
- 2.5 SIG members will use the responses to this RFI to aid them in determining next steps.

3. Feedback Request

- 3.1 The SIG is keen to seek DUSA Party views on the following:
 1. Are you aware of any examples where a generator has been used on a new development to provide energy to consumers before the properties can be connected to the network? Please provide volumes over the last 12 months (1 November 2022 to 31 October 2023).

2. Where this scenario arises, for what reasons does it occur and how do you think these customers should be treated?

To Suppliers:

3. What are the impacts to you, your customers and on settlement when these scenarios occur (please provide costs and impact to settlement – please state ‘unknown’ if costs and impact are unknown)?

To DNOs/IDNOs:

4. If you are aware of examples where this scenario arises, who is responsible for the maintenance of the generator? (e.g., for fuelling it, repairing it, dealing with off supply incidents, etc).

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