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## Distribution Charging Methodologies Development Group (DCMDG) Headline Report 72

### 1. Synopsis

- 1.1 This report sets out the headlines from the 72<sup>nd</sup> DCMDG meeting held on 15 February 2024 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 the technical secretariat for the meeting was Alysson Pena.
- 1.3 A total of 32 industry participants dialled into the meeting.

### 1. DCMDG Forward Work Plan and Issues Log

- 1.1 The group reviewed the DCMDG Forward Work Plan and Issues Log, but notes that no significant discussions were had that are worth highlighting to the Panel.

### 2. Ofgem Update

- 2.1 The Ofgem representative noted the next Charging Futures Forum to be held on 21 March 2024, there will be updates on some of the usual topics such as the strategic transmission charging review as well as the work being carried out on the DUoS SCR work and some more information on work in the connections space.
- 2.2 The Ofgem representative also noted that they'd taken an action to look into the pending Authority decisions for DCP 392 and DCP 411 to see if an update can be provided with respect to when a decision is likely to be made.
- 2.3 Finally, the Ofgem representative also confirmed that the potential need for a Derogation with respect to the implementation of DCP 414 and the publication of the DNOs charging statements has now been confirmed and that the derogation request made by the DNOs has been received by the Authority. It was noted that Ofgem are working towards the deadline of Monday, 19 February for the derogation to be provided to allow time for the DNOs to updated their Charging Statements and place them on their websites within the 40 day notice period.

### 3. Confirmation of 24-month window for next Charging Bands Allocation

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3.1 The Chair shared with DCMDG members the feedback from the action that the DNOs took away during the last meeting which was for them to come together and agree on a unified approach regarding the confirmation of the 24-month window for the next round of residual charging bands allocations. It was noted that the following was provided to members who were in attendance:

- To produce the data to be given to the banding agent for 31 March 2024 which is used for creating banding thresholds.
  - Capacity Data – Use the capacity data held at January for each site. (This is not 24 months average but data at January). This data will be available early February following HH billing.
  - NHH P222 data, Use February data. This data will be available mid-February.
  - For HH Measurement class G sites billed on a NHH aggregate basis use the data from 1st February 2023 to 31st January 2024. This data should be available by the end of February.
- To allocate the customers to bands and produce the data to be given to the suppliers for 30 June 2024
  - Capacity Data – Use the 24 month average capacity data from 1st May 2022 to 30th April 2024. This data will be available early May
  - NHH P222 data, Use May data. This data will be available mid-May.
  - For HH Measurement class G sites billed on a NHH aggregate basis use the data from 1st May 2022 to 30th April 2024. This data should be available by the end of May.
- Looking at all these dates above and the deadlines the DNOs believe this is achievable as they should have at least a month from receiving the last bit of data to producing the final reports.

3.2 Members noted that it would be desirable for this to be formally communicated to contract managers as well as have an official online release of the document which sets out the banding data window. The Chair agreed to the following:

- That an email will be sent by the Secretariat to all DCUSA Contract Managers providing them with the agreed approach that the DNOs will use for the 24-month window for the allocation of sites to charging bands; and
- That a document will be produced and subsequently uploaded to the DCUSA website which will set out the agreed approach that the DNOs will use for the 24-month window for the allocation of sites to charging bands.

- 3.3 One member made the point that really what's needed is a change proposal to be raised to clarify this aspect of the DCUSA, but that, in the case of this round of allocations, given where we are time wise, that a change proposal wouldn't have been achievable but that a change proposal should be raised in time for the next exercise. It was noted that this would then mean that an enduring approach is codified. As such, the member suggested that within the document to be added to the website on this topic, that it should state that the notice is an interim measure.

## 4. Any Other Business (AOB)

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### *LLFC IDs and DUoS Tariff IDs*

- 4.1 A member questioned if there's any further information regarding an expectation that DUoS Tariff Id will be replacing LLFC Id and Line Loss Factor Id is a new item as part of MHHS. Specifically, whether there were any time scales for those changes to take effect and what impacts this might have.
- 4.2 Members noted that their understanding that it's basically a duplication of what is currently available and pointed to the solution developed under DCP 416, noting that it was effectively the vessel for delivering the transitional element for charging purposes.
- 4.3 The Chair explained that his understanding of the status of DCP 416 (as well as for DCP 415) was that they had been raised on the basis that they were needed as a result of MHHS, but both had effectively been placed on hold after the solutions were finalised, as they were then transitioned across to the MHHS program via the raising of two separate MHHS change requests and which have all been which have gone through the relevant processes have been approved. Those solutions were then picked up as part of the work being carried out by the MHHS DCUSA stakeholder group and have been incorporated into the legal drafting that they have developed.
- 4.4 It was noted that the MHHS code drafting that has been taking place via the various industry code working groups is due to be implemented at milestone 8 (M8) of the MHHS programme, which is scheduled to be delivered in March 2025.

## 5. Date of Next Meeting

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- 5.1 The next DCMDG meeting will be held on 28 March 2024 via Microsoft Teams / Teleconference.

## 6. Actions

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

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