

Meeting Session	Panel (Open Session)
Paper Reference	DCUSA_2024_0717_07_DCMDG 76 Headline Report
Action	For Information

Distribution Charging Methodologies Development Group (DCMDG) Headline Report 76

1. Synopsis

- 1.1 This report sets out the headlines from the 76th DCMDG meeting held on 20 June 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 38 industry participants dialled into the meeting.

2. Forward Work Plan and Issues Log

- 2.1 The group reviewed the DCMDG Forward Work Plan and Issues Log but there was no substantive comments raised during this item.

3. Ofgem Update

- 3.1 It was noted that no representative from Ofgem was present to share an update during the meeting and one had not been provided ahead of the meeting.

4. DNO Operational Matters

- 4.1 The Chair noted that members had contacted him in advance relating to an item to discuss between the DNOs and IDNOs related to the structure for Line Loss Factor (LLF) IDs moving forward. The item related to the fact that as part of MHHS, the current Line Loss Factor Class (LLFC) IDs are not going to exist in the future, and instead will be split into two different data items, being DUoS Tariff IDs and LLF IDs. These were set out as follows:
 - **DUoS ID:** A code which identifies which DUoS tariffs apply to an MPAN. Purely used for charging purposes. An alias of the current LLFC code and will remain a 3-digit alphanumeric identifier.
 - **LLF ID:** A new 3-digit alphanumeric identifier owned by Elexon. Replacing the LLFC as the code to tie loss values together. Will be linked to DUoS ID via mapping.

4.2 It was noted that because of this change, the MHHS programme were seeking to have a standard set of generic LLF IDs. Two members explained that they had attended a workshop with Elexon to better understand the requirements and following that workshop, they had worked together on creating this standard set for generic LLF IDs and an explanation of how this standard set for generic LLF IDs had been developed was provided to members.

4.3 Members discussed a number of points on this topic, including:

- Whether or not Export was needed as it was believed that it takes the same loss value as for Import;
- If Export needs to be separately identified, then it was assumed there would be a need to include both LV and HV Substation Export connection types
- Whether it was a good idea to use the number '1' as a value as this could be confused with the letter 'l' and therefore, industry has previously tried to avoid using 1's and 0' as well as l's and O's;
- How the mapping between the LLF ID and DUoS Tariff ID will work and where this would best be set out, to which some members considered that it might be useful in the LC14 Charging Statements and others noted that it would be kept in the replacement for MDD which will be known as ISD.
- That the LLF ID won't appear in any data flows
- How this process will work for IDNOs, who will need to mirror the values for the host DNOs.
- How the submission process will work in the future but also how it ties into the current process as the complete cut-over won't happen until MHHS transition has completed.

4.4 The presentation and the accompanying spreadsheet was subsequently circulated to all members of the DCMDG with the minutes of the meeting.

5. Date of Next Meeting

5.1 The next DCMDG meeting will be held on 18 July 2024 via Microsoft Teams / Teleconference.

6. Actions

6.1 The DCUSA Panel is invited to:

- **NOTE** the contents of this Paper.

Dylan Townsend
Governance Delivery Manager