

DCP 420 Mid Consultation Q&A

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Richard Colwill [RC]	Chair
Hannah Proffitt [HP]	Secretariat

1. Administration

Recording

- 1.1 The Chair asked members if they were comfortable for this session to be recorded. No members objected to this request. The purpose of this recording is purely to aid the Technical Secretariat in producing an accurate report of the meeting.

2. Purpose of the Meeting

- 2.1 The Chair advised that the DCP 420 Consultation was ongoing and will close on 29 October 2024. The Chair advised that the purpose of this session was to discuss the Change Proposal and allow participants to ask questions or raise any concerns.
- 2.2 The Chair noted that following the closure of this consultation, the Working Group will use the information received to create a shortlist of solution options. The Working Group will then issue a second consultation presenting the shortlisted options and further details on these.

3. Background

- 3.1 The Chair presented a summary of DCP 420 and highlighted that the Working Group had produced five solution options. These are as follows.

Option 1 – Include EV charging sites in the definition of non-final demand.

Option 2 – Create an exemption from residual charges for EV charging sites, similar to the existing Back-up Connection exemption.

Option 3 – Separate EV charging sites into a new group in which residual charges are based on forecast, which would result in smaller standing charges at present.

Option 4 – Set up EV charging sites in a separate group of tariffs where they are charged residual on their unit charges on a fixed pence per kWh.

Option 5 – Move EV charging sites to the next lowest band, reducing their residual. charges by one band.

4. Q&A Session

- 4.1 PB asked whether the scope has been amended from the original proposal to now include all non-domestic EV charging points. The Proposer confirmed that the scope now includes all commercial stations. The Proposer clarified that private use EV chargers are not included in the scope.
- 4.2 The Proposer added that the scope varies across the five solutions advising that Options 1 and 2 can include all sites, Options 3 and 4 include only CDCM sites that are charged based on capacity, and Option 5 includes Half Hourly but can be EDCM and CDCM.
- 4.3 The Proposer advised that there are CUSC interactions with some of the options, noting that Options 2, 3, and 4 may require CUSC modifications.

- 4.4 DJ highlighted that the introduction of the Consultation states that this could be a temporary solution until sites are commercially viable and asked what discussions have been held regarding this.
- 4.5 RC advised that the Working Group had discussed the challenges around assessing whether a business is commercially viable and decided that this is not appropriate. Therefore, the scope was widened to all non-domestic commercial EV sites. The Proposer added that DNOs do not have the data to assess whether a business is commercially viable.
- 4.6 Regarding the change being temporary, RC advised that the Working Group discussed the possibility of aligning an end date of the relief with the zero-emission vehicle (“ZEV”) mandate date but noted that at the time of consultation government was consulting on whether this date should be moved forward from 2035 to 2030. RC noted that another option was to ask Ofgem to direct when they believed the change was no longer necessary in DCUSA. RC noted that the second consultation will expand on this.
- 4.7 PB noted that a lot of EV charging points are being installed that are already commercially viable and asked whether this had been considered. The Proposer reiterated that it would not be possible for DNOs to make an assessment of whether a business was commercially viable, and that is why all commercial stations have been included.
- 4.8 PB asked whether the forecasts would be derived by the DNOs for options 3 and 4. The Proposer confirmed that the DNOs would have to forecast the units.
- 4.9 There were no further questions or comments and RC thanked members for attending. RC advised that another Q&A session would be held during the second consultation.

New Actions

Action Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
	N/a		