






DCUSA Change Declaration		At what stage is this document in the process?
<h2>DCP 453:</h2> <h3>Correction to Schedule 22 - Example 7</h3> <p>Date Raised: 8 April 2025</p> <p>Proposer Name: Tracey Taylor</p> <p>Company Name: Electricity North West</p> <p>Party Category: DNO</p>	01 – Change Proposal	
	02 – Consultation	
	03 – Change Report	
	04 – Change Declaration	
<p>Purpose of Change Proposal:</p> <p>To correct a calculation in an example in Schedule 22 (the Common Connections Charging Methodology)</p>		
	<p>Governance:</p> <p>DCUSA Parties have voted on DCUSA Change Proposal (DCP) 453 with the outcome being a decision on whether or not the Change Proposal (CP) is to be accepted and the proposed variation to the DCUSA made accordingly. The DCUSA Parties consolidated votes are provided as Attachment 2.</p>	
	<p>For DCP 453, DCUSA Parties have voted to: •</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accept the proposed variation (solution); and • Accept the implementation date. 	
	<p>Impacted Parties: DNOs/IDNOs</p>	
	<p>Impacted Clauses: Schedule 22 – Example 7</p>	

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The Secretariat recommends the following timetable:		 020 7432 3011
Initial Assessment Report	16 April 2025	Proposer: Tracey Taylor
Consultation Issued to Industry Participants	N/A	 email address: Tracey.Taylor@enwl.co.uk
Change Report Approved by Panel	21 May 2025	 telephone: 44 (0) 8433 114 350
Change Report issued for Voting	22 May 2025	
Party Voting Closes	13 June 2025	
Change Declaration Issued to Parties	16 June 2025	

1 Summary

What?

- 1.1 Correction to the calculation of Connection Charges in Example 7 of Schedule 22.

Why?

- 1.2 Example 7 cross-references to Example 5 for the Connection Charge of the Minimum Scheme; however, the value used in Example 7 does not match Example 5. To ensure accuracy and consistency, the Minimum Scheme value in Example 7 is being updated to align with Example 5, with adjustments to other affected values in the calculation.

How?

- 1.3 The Minimum Scheme value applied in the calculation of the Operation and Maintenance (O&M) charge in Example 7 is being corrected from £133,000 to £143,000 to align with Example 5. This revision affects the difference between the Minimum and actual Schemes, which will be recalculated at £63,000, the O&M charge (20%) at £12,600, and the Total Extension Asset Cost (including O&M)/Total Connection Charge to the Customer at £218,600.

2 Governance

Justification for Part 1 and Part 2 Matter

- 2.1 The changes identified are simple corrections to published policies (eg correction to charges in an example) and therefore do not have any impact on the charging methodology
- 2.2 The changes have been reviewed and agreed by industry experts at the ENA Connections COG prior to submitting the Change Proposal, mitigating the need for the Working Group phase.

Next Steps

- 2.3 DCUSA Parties voted to accept DCP 453 and as such, it will be implemented.

3 Why Change?

- 3.1 A discrepancy has been identified in Example 7 of Schedule 22, where it cross-references Example 5 but applies a different value, which could cause confusion.
- 3.2 It should be noted that this Change Proposal was raised on the basis of the above being an error introduced into Schedule 22 as part of the amendments made by [DCP-406 Access SCR: Changes to CCCM](#) which had been inadvertently overlooked at the time and not because of any new or updated thinking about how the charges apply to Example 7 in Schedule 22. The value calculated in Example 5 is for the Minimum Scheme and that same value needs to be used in Example 7 for an Enhanced Scheme for which the Customer pays costs above the Minimum Scheme (i.e., the value from Example 5).

4 Solution and Legal Text

Legal Text

- 4.1 The legal text was provided by the Proposer and reviewed by DCUSA Ltd.'s legal advisor and the Proposer has confirmed that they are comfortable that the legal text implements the solution proposed. Attachment 1 to this Change Declaration contains the updated legal text.

Text Commentary

- 4.2 The values in Example 7 have been amended to align with Example 5, with necessary adjustments to consequential calculations.

5 Code Specific Matters

Reference Documents

- 5.1 None.

6 Relevant Objectives

Assessment Against the DCUSA Objectives

- 6.1 For a DCUSA Change Proposal to be approved it must be demonstrated that it better facilitates the DCUSA Objectives. There are five General Objectives and six Charging Objectives. The full list of objectives is documented in the DCUSA.
- 6.2 The Proposer considers that the following DCUSA Charging Objectives are better facilitated by this CP.

	DCUSA Charging Objectives	Identified impact
<input type="checkbox"/>	1. That compliance by each DNO Party with the Charging Methodologies facilitates the discharge by the DNO Party of the obligations imposed on it under the Act and by its Distribution Licence	None
<input type="checkbox"/>	2. That compliance by each DNO Party with the Charging Methodologies facilitates competition in the generation and supply of electricity and will not restrict, distort, or prevent competition in the transmission or distribution of electricity or in participation in the operation of an Interconnector (as defined in the Distribution Licences)	None
<input type="checkbox"/>	3. That compliance by each DNO Party with the Charging Methodologies results in charges which, so far as is reasonably practicable after taking account of implementation costs, reflect the costs incurred, or reasonably expected to be incurred, by the DNO Party in its Distribution Business	None
<input type="checkbox"/>	4. That, so far as is consistent with Clauses 3.2.1 to 3.2.3, the Charging Methodologies, so far as is reasonably practicable, properly take account of developments in each DNO Party's Distribution Business	None

<input type="checkbox"/>	5. That compliance by each DNO Party with the Charging Methodologies facilitates compliance with the EU Internal Market Regulation and any relevant legally binding decisions of the European Commission and/or the Agency for the Co-operation of Energy Regulators; and	None
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	6. That compliance with the Charging Methodologies promotes efficiency in its own implementation and administration.	Positive

6.3 These changes remove errors to provide greater clarity to customers, which otherwise could lead to customers misinterpreting the calculation of Connection Charges and we therefore believe it will better facilitate DCUSA Charging Objective 6

7 Impacts & Other Considerations

Impacts on any Significant Code Review (SCR) or other significant industry change projects

7.1 The Proposer does not consider that there are any impacts on any SCRs that are currently underway as a result of the implementation of this CP nor that there will be any impacts upon this CP by any current SCR.

Impacts Other Codes

7.2 The Proposer does not consider that there are any impacts to any other 'Industry Codes' as a result of the implementation of this CP.

Grid Code..... ☐ SEC..... ☐ CUSC..... ☐
 Distribution Code... ☐ REC..... ☐ BSC..... ☐
 None..... ☒

Impacts on DCUSA Owned Data Flows

7.3 The Proposer does not believe that this change will require any amendments to DCUSA owned data flows or data items.

Consumer Impacts

7.4 The Proposer believes that this CP has impacts on consumers but only in so far as it will be a positive impact as they won't be in a position of misinterpreting the calculation of Connection Charges.

Environmental Impacts

7.5 In accordance with DCUSA Clause 10.4.5A, the Proposer assessed whether there would be a material impact on greenhouse gas emissions if this CP were implemented. The Proposer did not identify any material impact on greenhouse gas emissions from the implementation of this CP.

8 Implementation

Proposed Implementation Date

8.1 The proposed implementation date is 26 June 2025, which is the next applicable standard DCUSA release date.

9 Voting

9.1 The 453 Change Report was issued to DCUSA Parties for Voting on 22 May 2025.

Part 2 Matter: Authority Decision is not Required

DCP 453 Proposed Variation (Solution) Decision

9.2 For the majority of the Party Categories that were eligible to vote:

- the number of groups in each Party Category which voted to accept the proposed variation was **more** than 65% of the total number of Groups in that Party Category which voted; and
- the sum of the Weighted Votes of the Groups in each Party Category which voted to accept the proposed variation was **more** than 65%

9.3 DCUSA Parties have voted to **accept** the proposed variation (solution) of DCP 453.

DCP 453 Implementation Date Decision

9.4 For the majority of the Party Categories that were eligible to vote:

- the number of groups in each Party Category which voted to accept the implementation date was **more** than 65% of the total number of groups in that Party Category which voted; and
- the sum of the Weighted Votes of the Groups in each Party Category which voted to accept the implementation date was **more** than 65%.

9.5 DCUSA Parties have voted to **accept** the implementation date of DCP 453.

The table below sets out the outcome of the votes that were received in respect of the DCP 453 Change Report that was issued on 22 May 2025 for a period of 15 working days.

DCP 453	WEIGHTED VOTING					
	DNO	IDNO	SUPPLIER	SAFE ISOLATION PROVIDER	CVA REGISTRANTS	GAS SUPPLIER
CHANGE SOLUTION	Accept	Accept	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
IMPLEMENTATION DATE	Accept	Accept	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

10 Recommendations

DCUSA Parties

10.1 DCUSA Parties have voted on DCP 453, with the outcome being a decision to accept the Change Proposal and thus the proposed variation to the DCUSA **will** be made.

11 Attachments

- Attachment 1 – DCP 453 Legal Text
- Attachment 2 – DCP 453 Consolidated Party Votes
- Attachment 3 – DCP 453 Change Proposal Form