

Meeting Session	Panel (Open Session)
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Distribution Charging Methodologies Development Group (DCMDG) Headline Report 86

1. Synopsis

- 1.1 This report sets out the headlines from the 86th DCMDG meeting held on 17 April 2025 via Microsoft Teams. The full minutes and associated papers are available on the DCUSA website.
- 1.2 This meeting was chaired by Richard Colwill.
- 1.3 A total of 29 industry participants dialled into the meeting.

2. Forward Work Plan and Issues Log

- 2.1 The group reviewed the Forward Work Plan and Issues Log, with no new issues raised.

3. Ofgem Update

- 3.1 The Ofgem representative provided members with an update on a number of points including:
 - **DUoS SCR** : Ofgem published an update in relation to the DUoS SCR stating that it intends to progress this once more is known about REMA (Review of Electricity Market Arrangements) and the impacts that may come from potential TNUoS changes that come out of REMA and cost-recovery work.
<https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications/distribution-use-system-charges-significant-code-review-update>
 - **Electric Vehicles**: whilst carrying out EV-related works, Ofgem welcomes any feedback in relation to current concerns around connections charging.

4. Annual Review of Charging Methodologies

- 4.1 The Chair informed the group that there have not been any issues raised prior to the meeting and opened it up to the group to raise and/or discuss any issues that there may be.

5. Issue 85 – DCP 420 ‘Provide targeted relief from residual charges for electric vehicle charging sites’ Option 4 – Sponsor Request Update

- 5.1 The Chair informed the group that the Secretariat reached out offline requesting a sponsor for the Issue 85 (DCP 420 Option 4) potential change and confirmed that no volunteers had stepped forward.
- 5.2 Following this, the Chair invited members of the group to volunteer to sponsor this change – no volunteers stepped forward.

6. DCP 417 Guidance & Vote (if no sponsor forthcoming for Issue 85)

- 6.1 Due to there being no volunteers willing to sponsor Issue 85, the Chair provided the group with the DCP 417 ‘*Ability for the DCUSA Secretariat to Raise Change Proposals*’ guidance.
- 6.2 Due to the issue not receiving a volunteer to sponsor the change, the Chair invited the group to vote as to whether this change should be raised and progressed further by the DCUSA Secretariat on the behalf of DCMDG.

Issue 85 Voting Outcome

- 6.3 The Secretariat held a vote, using a Microsoft Teams poll, to seek approval from DCMDG members to raise a Change Proposal form for this issue and to present it to the May open Panel session. The question asked was “Do you agree that the DCUSA Secretariat should progress Issue 85 (DCP 420 Option 4) to a Change Proposal and present this to the May Panel?”
- 6.4 The Secretariat noted that 12 votes had been made in favour of the Change Proposal form being raised. The Secretariat counted the distinct number of groups represented on the DCMDG call during the vote as 17.
- 6.5 Therefore, a simple majority of the Groups represented (12 out of 17, or approximately 71%) voted to approve the Secretariat to raise a Change Proposal form for issue 85.

7. Annual Allocation Review Template & Guidance

- 7.1 The Chair informed the group that the Annual Allocation Review (AAR) guidance has been re-issued.
- 7.2 Two comments were received from a DCMDG member and DCMDG members agreed to make the following amendments to the AAR guidance/template:
 - Removing the LLFC ID in the EHV tab as it does not ever change by MPAN as they are assigned to each MPAN specifically, so it is not required on that tab.
 - That it seems sensible to update column B to include DUoS Tariff ID (i.e., LLFC ID / DUoS Tariff ID) as it’ll save changing it when MHHS takes effect.

- 7.3 The Secretariat agreed to make the necessary updates to the AAR guidance and re-issue for the group to review post-meeting.

8. DCP 414 'Transitional Protection for NHH CT Customers affected by regulatory change' Guidance Document

- 8.1 A DCMDG member raised that, following the implementation of DCP 414 'Transitional Protection for NHH CT Customers affected by regulatory change', his Party had been receiving unusual queries relating to migrated MPANs and meter asset managers needing information on the capacity. The member asked whether other DNO colleagues were aware of any similar queries being raised to their Parties.
- 8.2 One member raised a concern that the transfer of Customer data should be via a secure means (e.g. SDEP). As the legal text has already been agreed, it was suggested that wording be added to the guidance document to state that the Customer information (using the template provided) should be transferred using the SDEP.
- 8.3 Members agreed with the above suggestion and the Secretariat agreed to reach out to REC to see if this would be feasible and to make them aware that Contract Manager queries may increase off the back of this change.

9. Panel Views/Feedback on the recent Send-Backs

- 9.1 The Chair informed the group that there were 3 Ofgem send-back letters (DCPs 437, 439 and 440).
- 9.2 The Chair noted it is key to have Ofgem representatives present at the next scheduled Working Group meetings for the changes above, to help the Working Group to progress the CPs in the right direction and for lessons to be learnt.

10. Market-wide Half Hourly Settlement (MHHS) Update

- 10.1 The Chair noted that there will be an MHHS update at the next SIG meeting being held on 25 April 2025, and the Secretariat will provide the group with further information once it becomes available.

11. Next Meeting

- 11.1 The next DCMDG meeting will be held on 15 May 2025 via Microsoft Teams.

12. Actions

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

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