

## DCUSA SIG Meeting 170 Minutes

25 July 2025 at 10:00am: Web Conference

Attendee	Company
<b>Working Group Members</b>	
Peter Waymont (PW)	UKPN
Donna Jamieson (DJ)	IDCSL
Edda Dirks (ED)	SSEG
Emma Clarke (EC)	SSE
Mark Bellman (MB)	ENWL
Nik Willis (NW)	Stark
Neal Medley (NM)	UKPN
Simon Vicary (SV)	EDF
Tim Ellingham (TE)	RWE
Mark Jones (MJ)	SSE
Jacqui Fellows (JF)	Valda energy
<b>Code Administrator</b>	
Andy Green [RC] (Chair and Technical Secretariat)	ElectraLink

## 1. Administration

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- 1.1 SIG members reviewed the “Competition Law Guidance”. All members agreed to be bound by the Competition Law Guidance for the duration of the meeting.
- 1.2 The Chair advised the meeting would be recorded and asked the Standing Issues Group if there were any objections to this. It was explained that the recording would be deleted after the Draft Minutes are approved. There were no objections.

## 2. Review of Previous meetings actions and minutes

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- 2.1 It was noted that SV’s name had a typo in the list of attendees in the previous meetings minutes and as such it was agreed to correct this.

**ACTION 170/01: The Chair to correct the typo in SV’s name in the attendees list of the minutes.**

- 2.2 Action 164/02 remained opened, and the Chair advised that RC would be setting up this subgroup shortly.
- 2.3 Action 168/03 related to DIF 82 and remained open whilst waiting for the issue raiser to come back to the SIG once the issue and potential solutions had been discussed further at the IDNO forum. The chair agreed to contact the issue raiser to see if there was an update.

**ACTION 170/02: AG to Contact Anne-Claire to see if there’s and update for DIF 82.**

- 2.4 Actions 169/01 and 169/02 ‘Definition of housekeeping’ was closed as two of the housekeeping items had been split into separate new issues that were to be discussed at this SIG meeting and the other two housing keeping items had new DCPs raised which were discussed at the July DCUSA Panel meeting.

## 3. DIFs 84 ‘Consequential changes as a result of Distribution Code Review Panel (DCRP) DCRP/18/03 and DCRP/MP/19/02

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- 3.1 The SIG started to discuss DIF 84 Consequential changes as a result of Distribution Code Review Panel (DCRP) DCRP/18/03 and DCRP/MP/19/02. Further detail on this issue can be found in attachment 1.
- 3.2 The Chair explained that this DIF was originally raised as part of DIF 83 ‘Housekeeping’ and was discussed at the June SIG meeting.
- 3.3 AG went on to explain that it was agreed that the housekeeping DIF would be split into separate issues and that SIG members had agreed to take this item away to review internally with the relevant teams and experts.
- 3.4 AG went on to further explain that the desired outcome for the review of this item was to either find a sponsor to raise this as a CP, or to hold a vote in accordance with [DCP 417 ‘Ability for the DCUSA Secretariat to Raise Change Proposals’](#) so the secretariat can raise a CP.
- 3.5 PW advised that upon reviewing the DIF he believed utilising the process for the secretariat to raise the CP was the best approach to take.
- 3.6 He went on to state that the CP should be worded in an open manner and noted that P2/6, which is referenced within the DIF, and the D-Code change has been superseded by P2/8 so the text in the DIF and housekeeping item was out of date.
- 3.7 PW also stated that he didn’t believe that it was a simple case of doing a search and replace within the relevant text as the references to various different clauses and schedules could have been changed, replaced or moved.

- 3.8 This meant that the text would need to have a thorough review, ideally by people with experience on engineering standards.
- 3.9 In summary the intent of the CP should be along the lines of 2/6 has been superseded and so the DCUSA requires an update to reflect the current position.
- 3.10 It was agreed that the CP would need a Working Group and that it would need experts who have knowledge with these engineering standards.
- 3.11 It was agreed to take this to a vote for the secretariat to raise a CP based on the below
- Part two matter
  - Standard change
  - To progress to a Working Group
- 3.12 Those who voted in favour of the secretariat raising the change is in the below table.

Name	Organisation	Party
Peter Waymont	UKPN	DNO
Neal Medley	UKPN	DNO
Mark Bellman	ENWL	DNO
Simon Vicary	EDF	Supplier
Emma Clarke	SSE	Supplier
Nilk Willis	Stark	IDNO

- 3.13 It was noted that Peter Waymont and Neal Medley both voted in support of the secretariat raising the change and that they were representatives from UKPN so as such their vote would count as 1.
- 3.14 There were no votes against the secretariat raising the change and there were no abstentions.
- 3.15 This meant that 2 DNOs, 2 suppliers and one IDNO had voted to approve the secretariat raising the change.
- 3.16 PW suggested that the guidance document for DCP 417 have its title changed to something along the lines of 'guidance document for Secretariat led change proposals' rather than 'DCP 417 guidance' so it was clear what change the document was referring too.

**ACTION 170/03: AG to feedback and request the guidance document for DCP 417 have its title changed**

**ACTION 170/04: The Secretariat to raise a DCP which is to be presented to the August Panel in accordance with the direction from the SIG Group**

#### 4. DIF 85 'Updates to company names in Section 3 of Schedule 2B and Schedules 17 and 18'

- 4.1 The Chair noted that this DIF was raised to update company names within the DCUSA as some names had changed or become outdated.
- 4.2 The Chair noted that it had been mentioned at previous meeting if the process could be future proofed for name changes, by updating the text in a way that didn't include a company names.
- 4.3 PW stated that potentially the National Terms could be changed to say 'if you're in Scotland and supplied by a Scottish company then x'. He did also state that it was unknown if IDNOS would be in

support of such a change so a Working Group would be needed to make sure the right parties were engaged before any solution is put to voting.

- 4.4 It was also suggested that the company names referenced within the CDCM could potentially reference GSP groups or MPIDS or something along those lines to future proof the CDCM.
- 4.5 It was again agreed that this would require a CP and that the secretariat should raise this based on the below criteria
- Standard change
  - Part 2 matter
  - Progress to a Working Group
- 4.6 The SIG agreed to take a vote on whether the secretariat should raise a CP for this DIF

Name	Organisation	Party
Peter Waymont	UKPN	DNO
Neal Medley	UKPN	DNO
Mark Bellman	ENWL	DNO
Simon Vicary	EDF	Supplier
Emma Clarke	SSE	Supplier
Nilk Willis	Stark	IDNO
Donna Jamieson	IDCSL	IDNO
Jacqui Fellows	Valda Energy	Supplier

- 4.7 There were no votes against the secretariat raising this as a CP and no votes abstaining.
- 4.8 As with the previous vote, it was noted that Peter Waymont and Neal Medley were but representatives from UKPN and as such their vote would count as 1.
- 4.9 This meant that 2 DNOs, 3 suppliers and 2 IDNOs had voted for the secretariat to raise a CP with no votes against and no votes abstaining.

**ACTION 170/05: The Secretariat to raise a DCP to be presented to the August Panel in accordance with the direction from the SIG Group.**

## 5. DIFs 86 and 87 Charges

- 5.1 The Chair opened this discussion by stating that it had been quired if these DIFs should go to the DCMDG by a SIG member. The Chair advised that as the DIF was looking at reviewing the billing windows/periods, and not the charges themselves, it felt like this issue was be suited to the SIG.
- 5.2 The Chair went on to note that the issue was received at the DCUSA on 18<sup>th</sup> July, and as the next DCMDG meeting wasn't schedule until 21 August, it made sense to have this brought to the SIG so it could be reviewed a timelier fashion.

- 5.3 ED raised if there is a reason as to why the process has been set up to bill sites at the end of the month and if this was by design or purely due to how the process was initially set up and so the issue is an existing design defect.
- 5.4 PW explained that these cases are rare, but they do happen and as the systems are being updated as part of MHHS, tackling issues like this and making the process clearer made sense.
- 5.5 He also clarified as mentioned by the Chair earlier that as the issue was looking at process rather than the charges themselves, it felt like the SIG was the best place to bring the issues to initially.
- 5.6 He also stated that for as long as he can remember, the billing processes and systems had always operated in this way and it was an issue the DNOs lived with due to these being edge cases.
- 5.7 PW again reiterated that the DIFs have been raised as it was an opportune time to review some of these edge cases due To new MHHS systems being designed.
- 5.8 It was questioned if this issue is unique to private networks. PW confirmed that it the issue is not unique to private networks and went on stay that it may not be unique to non-private networks either. The issue is impacting customers with more than one MPANs and where one of the MPANs is de-energised, changes suppliers or is logically or physically disconnected.
- 5.9 It was agreed to raise a Subgroup to discuss the two DIFs further and extend the invitation to DCMG members as well as SIG members, contract managers and interested SIG and DUCSA parties.
- 5.10 It was agreed that the invitation should highlight that these DIFs are looking at billing/charging windows. It was also agreed to raise these issues at the next DCMDG meeting on 21 August 2025
- 5.11 Edda noted that there was an issue raised at a previous DCMDG meeting centred around multi MPAN sites on private networks and suggested inviting Dylan Townsend to the Subgroup so he could review the issue and advise if there's specific consideration needed for private networks. The Chair noted this request will be made.

**ACTION 170/06: The Secretariat to create a Doodle Poll to invite interested parties to a SIG Subgroup to discuss the DIFs in more detail.**

## 6. Any Other Business

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- 6.1 PW highlighted that within the housekeeping log there is an item called 'RIIO-ED1 to RIIO-ED2 references' under housekeeping item 127. The title and item details were vague, and PW asked if this item needed to be reviewed.
- 6.2 It was unclear what this item was looking to tackle so the Chair took an action to check in with the DCUSA team to confirm what this item is looking to remedy and, if it is still needed, what the next steps are.
- 6.3 If the item is no longer required, then it was agreed to remove the item from the housekeeping log.

**ACTION 170/07: The Secretariat to investigate if the' RIIO-ED1 to RIIO-ED2 references' housekeeping item is still required and if so, establish next steps.**

## 7. Date of Next Meeting:

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7.1 The next SIG meeting will take place on 29 August 2025 at 10:00am, via Microsoft Teams.

## 8. Attachments

- Attachment 1 DIF 84 'Consequential changes as a result of Distribution Code Review Panel (DCRP) DCRP/18/03 and DCRP/MP/19/02
- Attachment 2 DIF 85 'Updates to company names in Section 3 of Schedule 2B and Schedules 17 and 18'
- Attachment 3 DIF 86 Charges#1
- Attachment 4 DIF 87 Charges#2

## APPENDIX 1

### New and open actions

Action Ref.	Topic	Action	Owner	Update
<b>164/02</b>	ECR changes	Secretariat to set up a subgroup to discuss ECR changes with a new set of terms of reference.	Secretariat	<b>To be progressed shortly.</b>
<b>168/03</b>	DIF 82	ACL to take the output of Mays SIG meeting to the next IDNO forum to identify which data items would be required.	ACL	<b>Remains open</b>
<b>170/01</b>	SIG 169 Minutes	AG to correct SVs name in the minutes from SIG meeting 169	Andy Green	<b>Closed</b>
<b>170/02</b>	DIF 82	AG to Contact Anne-Claire to see if there's and update for DIF 82	Andy Green	<b>Closed post meeting</b>
<b>170/03</b>	DCP 417 guidance document	AG to feedback and request the guidance document for DCP 417 have its title changed	Andy Green	<b>Closed post meeting</b>
<b>170/04</b>	DIF 84	The Secretariat to raise a DCP to be presented to the August Panel in accordance with the direction from the SIG Group	Andy Green	<b>New Action</b>
<b>170/05</b>	DIF 85	The Secretariat to raise a DCP to be presented to the August Panel in accordance with the direction from the SIG Group	Andy Green	<b>New Action</b>
<b>170/06</b>	DIFs 86 and 87	AG to create a Doodle Poll to invite interested parties to a	Andy Green	<b>Closed post meeting</b>

		SIG Subgroup to discuss the DIFs in more detail.		
<b>170/07</b>	Housekeeping item 127 RIO ED2	The Secretariat to investigate if the' RIIO-ED1 to RIIO-ED2 references' housekeeping item is still required and if so, establish next steps.	Andy Green	<b>New Action</b>

## APPENDIX 2

### Closed actions

Action Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
<b>162/01</b>	RC to request a housekeeping change is raised to change party to a lower-case p within the DCUSA legal text were the text lays out the process for who can raise an ECR change request.	Secretariat	<b>Closed.</b>
<b>162/02</b>	RT to liaise with the technical lead on the LTDS project to understand how a change could be implemented outside the project if that meant it could be delivered quicker than if it was done via the LTDS project.	Ryan Taylor	<b>Closed.</b>
<b>162/03</b>	RC to continue to liaise with RT offline post RT speaking with their technical LTDS project lead to discuss if and how the ECR changes could be dealt with and then bring these ideas to the SIG early in 2025.	Secretariat	<b>Closed.</b>
<b>164/01</b>	AG to update the November meeting minutes with what the LTDS acronym meant, insert a link to the LTDS guidance page and mark the actions captured within paragraphs 3.3 and 3.18-3.23 in a clearer fashion and add them to an action log and reissue.	Secretariat	<b>Closed.</b>
<b>164/03</b>	Secretariate to ensure that the panel receives regular updates on the ECR change requests	Secretariat	<b>Closed</b>
<b>165/01</b>	AG to update the January meeting minutes so that the actions correctly show as 164/2 and 164/3	Secretariat	<b>Closed</b>
<b>165/02</b>	AG to create a subgroup to continue to investigate the issue.	Secretariat	<b>Closed</b>
<b>165/03</b>	AG to create a subgroup to continue to investigate the issue.	Secretariat	<b>Closed</b>
<b>165/04</b>	SIG members who have experienced this issue to see who had installed the generators	Secretariat	<b>Closed</b>

<b>165/05</b>	AG to create a subgroup to continue to investigate the issue.	Secretariat	<b>Closed</b>
<b>165/06</b>	AG to support KB with the REC to draw a high-level process map for the installation of generators.	Secretariat	<b>Closed</b>
<b>165/07</b>	MB to raise a DCUSA change proposal to resolve the issues raised in DIF 79.	Mark Bellman	<b>Closed</b>
<b>165/08</b>	MB to raise an issue for March's SIG meeting to discuss the use of RPI and CPIH	Mark Bellman	<b>Closed</b>
<b>166/01</b>	RC to update the minutes and post new version on website.	Secretariat	<b>Closed</b>
<b>166/02</b>	RC to reach out to REC to explore reviewing the de-energisation processes.	Secretariat	<b>Closed</b>
<b>166/03</b>	RC to create raise DIF 80 at DCMDG.	Secretariat	<b>Closed</b>
<b>167/01</b>	The Secretariat to contact VB to see if any gaps in the process were highlighted.	Secretariat	<b>Closed</b>
<b>167/02</b>	MB And PW to set up a Bi-Lateral call to discuss the issue and bring the output of this call to the SIG in May	Mark Bellman and Peter Waymont	<b>Closed</b>
<b>167/03</b>	MB to update a DCUSA CP with the aspiration to have this reviewed at the May Panel meeting.	Mark Bellman	<b>Closed</b>
<b>167/04</b>	The MHHS Stakeholder Group to review the data within EMDS and the Swagger and feedback on any inconsistencies.	MHHS Stakeholder Group	<b>Closed</b>