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We've setup a brand-new forum that reviews ideas and suggestions about how we can improve the DCUSA website.

And despite the name sounding technical, it's not a technical group. It's an open, collaborative space where we discuss the merit of these improvements, and balance their value add to users and the cost and complications to build them.

We're inviting everyone to join. Whether you're a seasoned regular user of the website, or new to DCUSA. We want to capture all viewpoints because each user type sees DCUSA through a different lens.

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Working Group Updates

DCP 461

'To address a growing set of structural, economic, and policy misalignments that are actively hindering the UK's energy transition.'

Reducing the impact of Transmission Distribution Charges

DCP 461 was presented for initial assessment at the August Panel meeting at which it was approved to progress to Working Group stage. A Working Group invitation will be issued shortly.

DCP 460

'Updating incorrect company names referenced throughout the DCUSA'

To ensure that any references to the company names of specific Parties within the DCUSA are correct and to explore the possibility of future proofing these against any future changes.

DCP 460 was presented for initial assessment at the August Panel meeting at which it was approved to progress to Change Report phase, with members raising some queries. The Secretariat agreed to investigate and feedback at the next Panel.

DCP 459

'DNO invoices to Embedded DNO'

To require separate invoice backing data to be provided by DNO Parties when issuing invoices to EDNOs

DCP 459 was presented for initial assessment at the August Panel meeting at which it was approved to progress to Working Group stage. A Working Group invitation will be issued shortly.

DCP 458

'Amend DCP 414 process'

To apply a default capacity of 71kVA following the 12 months non-applicability of capacity charging arising from DCP 414.

The DCP 458 consultation was issued on 18 August with a deadline for responses of 02 September. The Working Group will meet on 08 September to review responses.

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DCP 457

'Housekeeping Items'

To fix housekeeping items 124, 125, 126, 128, 129, 130, 131.

The DCP 457 Change Report was presented to the Panel at the August Panel meeting at which it was approved to progress to vote. The Change will be issued for voting on 21 August with a deadline of 12 September.

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DCP 455

'Align RAV price-inflation with that used in ED2'

ED2 PCFM uses a combination of RPI and CPIH to uplift from 2020/21 to outturn prices. This change seeks to align the prescribed calculation of RAV in Schedule 1, to retain consistency of credit cover calculation with ED2 PCFM.

The DCP 455 consultation was issued on 08 August with a deadline of 29 August. The Working Group will meet on 01 September to review responses.

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DCP 454

'Provide enduring targeted relief from residual charges for electric vehicle charging sites'

To provide enduring targeted relief from residual charges to publicly accessible electric vehicle ("EV") charging sites, replacing the temporary provisions introduced by DCP 420, if that CP is approved. The new solution is not intended to be a permanent measure and will be subject to removal either at a predetermined date or when market conditions are sufficient that the relief is no longer required.

The Working Group will need to perform an impact assessment using the same information as used by the DCP 420 Working Group. There is therefore a dependency on obtaining the market share data under DCP 420 in order to progress this CP.

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DCP 452

'Correct application of Forward Cost Pricing EDCM charges to users connected directly to a Grid Supply Point'

To correct an oversight in DCUSA which results in customers connecting directly to Grid Supply Point incorrectly facing a locational FCP charge relating to assets downstream of their connection.

The next DCP 452 meeting is scheduled for 28 August where the Working Group will review the output from the updated models, the impacted DNOs' population of those models and the completion of the impact assessment template. The group will also agree the final elements of the consultation document.

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DCP 450

'Managing the effects of surplus residual charge in the CDCM'

To determine the appropriate arrangements for managing the effects of large residual values in the CDCM.

The DCP 450 Change Report was presented to the Panel at the August Panel meeting at which it was approved to progress to vote. The Change will be issued for voting on 21 August with a deadline of 12 September.

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DCP 443

'Excess Capacity'

To drive the correct customer behaviour regarding exceeding capacity.

The modelling consultants attended the last Working Group meeting to provide comments on the approach the Working Group were seeking to take. The next meeting will be agreed by doodle poll.

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DCP 442

'Aligning enduring flexible connections'

The intent of this Change Proposal ("CP") is to align (and clarify) the two approaches that currently may result in a flexible connection being provided on an enduring basis. A flexible connection on an enduring basis is an arrangement that allows a Customer's import/export of electricity via a connection to be restricted by a DNO/IDNO Party in perpetuity. This CP proposes that such a connection shall be a Flexible Connection rather than a Curtailable Connection.

The next Working Group meeting is currently to be confirmed due to the Proposer's availability. Once the next meeting has been scheduled, the aim is to finalise the draft consultation ready to issue to wider industry.

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DCP 424

'Use of System charging for complex sites'

This change proposal enables the correct DUoS to be paid by meters that are class F or G within a Class 5 or Class 6 Complex Site as described in BSC Modification P441 (where netting of Import and Export takes place for BSC Settlement purposes) in a practical manner. Under p441 where generation and demand are netted before settlement, the gross values must be added to the D0036 or D0275 to ensure the correct DUoS is charged. However, for class F and G the MPAN counts are included on the D0030 data flows but the volumes are zero. In order for the volumes to be correctly charged DUoS it is proposed that these volumes are included in the D0036 or D0275 using a pseudo MPAN for the gross value.

The Working Group has restarted and a meeting took place on 08 August to draft the consultation document. The next meeting will be arranged shortly.

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DCP 423

'LDNO Discounts for negative scaling'

The purpose of this change proposal is to set a floor on the LDNO discount applied to negative tariff components, after scaling, for demand tariffs. The intent of this change proposal is to seek to remedy what the proposer believes is an unintended outcome of the implementation of Ofgem's Targeted Charging Review where LDNO tariffs can be higher than the equivalent all-the-way tariff i.e. the LDNO margin is negative for that component.

The Proposer has requested this change is not withdrawn yet due to an Ofgem consultation on debt relief. This consultation is expected to deliver results in April and the Proposer has advised if the solution does not involve network charge recovery of the debt, they will withdraw the CP.

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DCP 420

'Include Car Charging Stations In The Definition For Non Final Demand'

This change proposal aims to expand the definition of Non Final Demand to include Non Domestic sites which are solely for the use of charging vehicles where electricity is sold with a commercial transaction to a private user. These are to include e.g. Council run services, electric charging stations at car parks and service stations or petrol forecourts but are not to include private fleet charging stations. This is a temporary fix to be put in place until the charging stations included are commercially viable.

The DCP 420 Working Group issued two RFIs, one to EV Charge Point Operators and one to DNOs and IDNOs. A good response to both RFIs was received. The data is to be used to perform an impact assessment and requires a "market share" figure for the responding EV CPOs, so that the national impact can be estimated. The Chair is currently liaising with the Department for Transport in an attempt to obtain the necessary data.

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DCP 419

'Pre-Notifications of Planned Supply De-Energisations'

To ensure that all DCUSA Parties, that de-energise metering equipment as part of any planned work, provide the Distributor with advance notification of the supply interruption.

DCP 419 is likely to be withdrawn with a REC change progressing separately.

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DCP 416

'Electronic Invoicing Post MHHS'

To create a new DCUSA owned DIP data message for electronic Distributor billing post MHHS.

The Working Group have reviewed the consultation responses and met on 23 June 2023 to finalise the conclusions to the second consultation. A decision on whether or not a Change Report is to be produced is to be made by the Panel but the Proposer has initiated a MHHS Change Request for the CP to be impact assessed and so it is expected that DCP 416 will be put on hold, pending the outcome of the MHHS Change Request.

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DCP 415

'Replacement of D0242/D0315 for MHHS'

To create a new DCUSA owned DIP data message for supercustomer billing statements using MHHS data.

In February 2023 the Panel agreed that the CP should be sent back to the Working Group. The Working Group will not need to meet until the MHHS Programme have been able to carry out an Impact Assessment for the solution they developed.

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DCP 388

'Amendments to Facilitate Appropriate Residual Charging for Sites with a Mix of Final and Non-Final Demand'

The intent of this modification is to define "Mixed Demand" Sites and apply a proportionate Residual charge where a Site meets the mixed demand definition.

The Working Group met on 02 October to review the need for a BSC change. It was agreed that a BSC change was required and that DCP 388 couldn't be progressed until the BSC modification had been defined so DCP 388 has been paused until the Proposer raises the required BSC modification.

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DCP 325

'Reviewing the requirements of Sections 35A ('Provision of Cost Information'), 35B ('Production of the Annual Review Pack'), Schedule 15 ('Cost Information Table') and Schedule 20 ('Production of the Annual Review Pack')

The intent of this change is to combine, review, and if appropriate amend the requirements of Section 35A, Section 35B, Schedule 15 and Schedule 20 to improve transparency and efficiency in the data published by DNOs.

The DCP 325 Change Report is currently being finalised.

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DCPs Awaiting Decision from Ofgem

DCP 412 -
'Discounts from TCR charges for 'peaky'
final demand customers' (Expected - TBC)

DCPs Awaiting Implementation

DCP 445 -
'Implementation of Market-wide Half

DCP 437 -
'To Shorten the DUoS Pricing Notice
Periods' (Expected - TBC)

Hourly Settlement (MHHS) Arrangements'
(Implementation date 24/09/2025)

DCP 440 -
'Consuming "de-energised" site' (Expected
- 22 August 2025)

DCP 446 -
'Emergency disconnections' (Expected - 05
September 2025)

DCP 439 -
'Backdating Tariff Changes' (Expected
- TBC)

DCP 456 -
'MHHS Incremental Changes for Go Live'
(Expected - TBC)

New Accessions

Four Accession Applications were presented to the Panel at the August meeting.

- Aero EV Solutions Limited (SIP)
- Barlows (U.K.) Limited (SIP)
- B Watkins Electrical (SIP)
- Thrift Energy Limited (SIP)

The Panel approved the applications to progress.

Upcoming Meetings/Events

Aug 21	DCMDG Meeting 90 10:00 - 12:00
Aug 26	<u>DCUSA Digitalisation Development Group (DDDG), 05</u> 10:00 - 12:00
Aug 28	<u>DCP 452 Meeting 09</u> 10:00 - 13:00
Aug	Standing Issues Group Meeting 171

29	10:00 - 13:00
Sep 01	DCP 455 Meeting 03 10:00 - 13:00
Sep 03	DCUSA IWG 83 10:00 - 13:00
Sep 08	DCP 458 Meeting 02 10:00 - 13:00
Sep 17	DCUSA Panel & Board 10:00 - 16:00

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