

DCUSA DCP 450 Change Declaration

Voting end date: 12 September 2025

DCP 446	WEIGHTED VOTING					
	DNO	IDNO	SUPPLIER	CVA REGISTRANT	GAS SUPPLIER	SAFE ISOLATION PROVIDER
CHANGE SOLUTION	Accept	Accept	Accept	No Votes Received	Not Eligible	Not Eligible
IMPLEMENTATION DATE	Accept	Accept	Accept	No Votes Received	Not Eligible	Not Eligible
RECOMMENDATION	<p>CHANGE SOLUTION – ACCEPT</p> <p>For the majority of the Party Categories that were eligible to vote, the sum of the Weighted Votes of the Groups in each Party Category which voted to accept the change solution was more than 50%. In accordance with Clause 13.5, the Parties have been deemed to recommend to the Authority that the change solution be Accepted.</p> <p>IMPLEMENTATION DATE – ACCEPT</p> <p>For the majority of the Party Categories that were eligible to vote, the sum of the Weighted Votes of the Groups in each Party Category which voted to accept the implementation date was more than 50%. In accordance with Clause 13.5, the Parties have been deemed to recommend to the Authority that the implementation date be Accepted.</p>					
PART ONE / PART TWO MATTER	Part One Matter – Authority Determination Required					

PARTY	SOLUTION (A / R)	IMPLEMENTATION DATE (A / R)	WHICH DCUSA OBJECTIVE(S) IS BETTER FACILITATED?	COMMENTS
DNO PARTIES				
EASTERN POWER NETWORKS	ACCEPT	ACCEPT	We believe that DCUSA Charging Objectives 1, 2, 3 and 6 are better facilitated by this CP as it delivers an enduring solution to the charging methodology which should avoid the need for future derogations in relation to an issue which has existed for some time. This change will also provide clarity for DNOs where such an issue is identified in the future as well as ensuring that Suppliers will be clear on when charges will be published, rather than weeks later following the submission of appropriate derogations.	If this change was not approved in time for charge setting later this year, there is a very strong chance that at least one DNO, would need to approach Ofgem seeking a derogation to delay the publication of their charges and to seek a solution to address the existence of negative residual. The guidance document which was published in late 2024 was specifically stated to be used for solely the setting of charges for 2026/27. This change looks to add that guidance into DCUSA which would avoid the need for further derogations to be raised, which would ensure that the process of setting charges for 2027/28 along with future years, is more efficient, avoiding wasted time (and the associated costs) spent on work which could otherwise be avoided.
LONDON POWER NETWORKS	ACCEPT	ACCEPT		
SOUTH EASTERN POWER NETWORKS	ACCEPT	ACCEPT		
ELECTRICITY NORTH WEST LIMITED	ACCEPT	ACCEPT	per Change Report	
SP DISTRIBUTION PLC	ACCEPT	ACCEPT	We agree with the proposer that Objectives 1,2,3 and 6 are better facilitated by this change.	
SP MANWEB PLC	ACCEPT	ACCEPT		

NORTHERN POWERGRID (NORTHEAST) PLC	ACCEPT	ACCEPT	We believe charging objectives 1, 2, 3 and 6 are better facilitated, as this solution delivers an enduring solution which should avoid the need for future derogations in relation to this ongoing issue.	
NORTHERN POWERGRID (YORKSHIRE) PLC	ACCEPT	ACCEPT		
NATIONAL GRID ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION (EAST MIDLANDS) PLC	ACCEPT	ACCEPT	1,3 and 6	
NATIONAL GRID ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION (WEST MIDLANDS) PLC	ACCEPT	ACCEPT		
NATIONAL GRID ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION (SOUTH WALES) PLC	ACCEPT	ACCEPT		
NATIONAL GRID ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION (SOUTH WEST) PLC	ACCEPT	ACCEPT		
SOUTHERN ELECTRIC POWER DISTRIBUTION PLC	REJECT	REJECT	None	In line with our Consultation response, we don't believe it's appropriate to encode a change within the DCUSA which was intended as an interim measure. The solution does not address the root cause issues and simply adjusts the balance of unit rate and fixed charges until the model does not enter an error state. These adjustments are not based on first
SCOTTISH HYDRO ELECTRIC POWER DISTRIBUTION PLC	REJECT	REJECT		

				principles assessment of how costs should be allocated and therefore does so on an arbitrary basis e.g. some HV customers have no unit rates or fixed charge.
IDNO PARTIES				
INDEPENDENT DISTRIBUTION CONNECTION SPECIALISTS LIMITED	ACCEPT	ACCEPT	We agree with the Working Group members that DCUSA Charging Objectives 1, 2, 3 and 6 are better facilitated.	
THE ELECTRICITY NETWORK COMPANY LIMITED	ACCEPT	ACCEPT	<p>Charging Objective 1 – Efficient compliance with licence obligations is achieved through this change. By enabling DNOs to modify the network asset costs themselves without the need for derogations, the charge setting process is more streamlined.</p> <p>Charging Objective 2 – This change supports effective competition by ensuring charge setting is consistent across DNOs and not reliant on derogations when model errors occur due to surplus residual.</p> <p>Charging Objective 6 – The charge setting process will be more efficient as a result of this change, as errored charges can be amended by DNOs, using the Ofgem guidance to reduce the asset values, without the requirement to seek derogations</p>	

SUPPLIER PARTIES				
BRITISH GAS	ACCEPT	ACCEPT	We agree that DCUSA Charging Objectives 1, 2, 3 and 6 are better facilitated by this CP as it delivers an enduring solution to the charging methodology which should avoid the need for future derogations in relation to an issue which has existed for some time.	
EDF ENERGY CUSTOMERS LIMITED	ACCEPT	ACCEPT	<p>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</p> <p>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)</p> <p>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</p>	

			6. That compliance with the Charging Methodologies promotes efficiency in its own implementation and administration	
CVA REGISTRANT PARTIES				
No Votes Received				
GAS SUPPLIER PARTIES				
Not Eligible				
SAFE ISOLATION PROVIDERS				
Not Eligible				