

Distribution Charging Methodologies Development Group (“DCMDG”) - Meeting 93

20 November 2025 at 10:00 via Microsoft Teams

Attendees	Company
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Andrew Malley [AM]	Ofgem
Chris Barker [CB]	ENWL
Chris Ong [CO]	UKPN
Dave Wornell [DW]	National Grid Electricity Distribution
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Diandra Orodan [DO]	BUUK
Dimuthu Wijetunga [DW]	Shell Energy
Donna Jamieson [DJ]	IDCSL
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Edda Dirks [ED]	SSE Generation
Emma Clark [EC]	SSE
Emma Robinson [ER]	E.ON
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Hakan Feridun [HF]	Energunite
James Knight [JK]	Centrica
John Harmer [JH]	Waters Wye
Kavya Kavya [KK]	Brook Green Supply
Laura Waldron [LW]	Engie
Lee Stone [LS]	E.ON
Lorna Murray [LM]	SPEN
Mark Fletcher [MF]	Shell
Matthew Smith [MS]	UKPN
Nik Wills [NW]	Stark Energy
Rachel Lilley [RL]	ESP
Rakesh Gohil [RG]	Centrica
Ryan Farrell [RF]	NPg
Samantha Willock [SW]	Shell
Seema Singtalur [SS]	SEEMA Infosystems
Seun Adedapo [SA]	NGED
Steve Harris [SH]	OVO
Tony Collings [TC]	Ecotricity
Zviko Baxter [ZB]	St Clements
Secretariat	
Mel Kendal [MK] (Secretariat)	ElectraLink
Richard Colwill [RC] (Chair)	ElectraLink
Apologies	
Craig Booth [CB]	ElectraLink

1. Administration

- 1.1 The Chair asked members if they were comfortable for this Working Group to be recorded. No members objected to this request. The purpose of this recording is purely to aid the Technical Secretariat in producing an accurate report of the meeting. The recording will be deleted after the minutes are approved.
- 1.2 The Working Group reviewed the “Competition Law Guidance” and it was noted that all members agreed to be bound by the Competition Law Guidance for the duration of the meeting.
- 1.3 Attendees reviewed the draft minutes from the previous meeting. No comments were made on the accuracy of the minutes.

2. DCMDG Forward Work Plan and Issues Log

- 2.1 The group reviewed the DCMDG Forward Work Plan and Issues Log, during which the following points were covered:
- 2.2 Action 92/01 & 92/02 – AM confirmed that the presentation will be sent to the Secretariat post-meeting. **Post-meeting note:** This was received by the Secretariat and has been included as an attachment within the DCMDG 93 post-meeting pack.
- 2.3 Action 92/03 – The Chair confirmed that this was raised and the CCSG and further engagement will be held with CUSC to see if it is feasible to set-up a pre-Change Proposal subgroup, with the aim to set this up in Q1 2026.
- 2.4 Action 92/04 – The Chair confirmed that a live subgroup tab has now been included within the DCMDG Forward Work Plan and Issues Log to show all of the latest updates.
- 2.5 Action 92/05 – The Chair confirmed that a title has been added to the guidance document along with DCUSA branding.
- 2.6 Action 92/06 – The Chair confirmed the guidance document has now been uploaded to the [DCUSA website](#) and was also included within the DCMDG 93 meeting pack for the attention of all DCMDG members.
- 2.7 In relation to Action 92/06, ED suggested it would be beneficial to include a table(s) as an appendix to the guidance note that shows where the band boundaries are as this matters within the context of reallocating sites. The Secretariat agreed to add the appendix to the guidance document, however, it was noted that it will need to state ‘subject to change’ in accordance with Schedule 32.

Action 93/01	The Secretariat to include an Annex to the Guidance document that shows the band boundaries (noting that these are subject to change).
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- 2.8 RF also pointed out an error in bullet point 5 of the Guidance document and stated it should say ‘The average MIC was 160kVA in the initial ET3 allocations, and the MIC was 180kVA when the ET3 allocation took place. The Secretariat agreed to make the update.

Action 93/02	The Secretariat to update bullet 5 of the Guidance document to change 180kVA to 160kVA in the first instance.
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DCMDG Live Subgroups

2.9 Subgroup 02 [‘Annual Allocation Review and Exceptional Circumstances for Future Electricity Transmission Price Control’](#)

- The subgroup met for the first time and discussed a number of points for consideration.
- It was agreed that the Secretariat would review the points raised in this subgroup and identify those in scope of this subgroup versus those in scope of the subgroup to be formed to review the exceptional circumstances thresholds.
- The Secretariat would also review sections 2 and 3 of the DCUSA, for the potential removal/merging of these sections, and identify consequential changes required. The next meeting is to be arranged via doodle poll once the minutes are published and the actions progressed.

2.10 Subgroup 03 [‘Site Specific Shared Network Asset Categories’](#)

- The subgroup met on 12 November 2025 and an RFI was produced (currently being reviewed by the Working Group). The RFI is expected to be issued in the coming weeks.

2.11 Subgroup 04 [‘Schedule 32 – Exceptional Circumstances’](#)

- This subgroup was placed on hold due to a new CP (DCP 466 [‘Tariff Band to Follow Capacity’](#)) that has been raised which will be presented at the November Panel. Subgroup members were informed of this prior to putting it on hold. It will likely be closed at DCMDG 93.

2.12 The group noted that this will be discussed as a separate item on the agenda.

DCMDG Issues

2.13 The Chair explained there were two new DCMDG issues currently open.

2.14 [Provide Targeted Relief from Residual Charges for Electric Bus Depots](#)

2.15 The Chair confirmed that the Secretariat will reach out to seek any further updates.

Action 93/03	The Secretariat to reach out to Zenobe to seek any further updates.
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2.16 [Application of Part 4 of Schedule 16 \(DCP414\) where Supplier is Non-Compliant with Clause 19.15](#)

2.17 The Chair informed the group that dependant on the chosen solution, DCP 458 [‘Amend DCP 414 process’](#) could potentially resolve this issue.

3. Ofgem Update

3.1 AM confirmed that a decision has been published in regard to DCP 450 [‘Managing the effects of surplus residual charge in the CDCM’](#) which was approved.

3.2 AM confirmed that DCP 437 [‘To Shorten the DUoS Pricing Notice Periods’](#) decision was to reject this.

- 3.3 AM informed the group that DCP 439 '[Backdating Tariff Changes](#)' was also rejected. Whilst reviewing the Impact Assessment (IA), it was identified that there were a number of Customers who would be affected by this and their ability to have their charges corrected if they were found to be in error.
- 3.4 The group were informed that DCP 446 '[Emergency Disconnections](#)' is still currently being looked at and AM confirmed that there is a number of legal questions to look into further.
- 3.5 In regard to DCP 446, CO queried when a decision can be expected to be made (i.e., 2025/2026) – AM explained that the aim is to have the decision made in December 2025.
- 3.6 AM confirmed that a number of new CPs, including DCP 465 '[NFD Generator and Battery Capacity Charges](#)', will be resourced by Ofgem.

4. DCP 466 + DCMDG Subgroup 04 Updates

- 4.1 The Chair provided an overview of DCP 466 '[Tariff Band to Follow Capacity](#)' and the DCMDG Subgroup 04 '[Schedule 32 – Exceptional Circumstances](#)' to the group for further discussion.
- 4.2 The key updates can be found below:
- 4.3 In regard to DCP 466, Members queried whether this CP is too close to the TCR. AM confirmed that Ofgem are mindful that this is close the boundary of design and defect, along with other issues. AM noted that the TCR direction states there should be fixed charges, be in bands, and based on capacity. The detail following implementation, Ofgem believe a Working Group would be useful. Ofgem do receive interactions with associates that query whether the TCR does what it was expected to do.
- 4.4 LS queried whether Subgroup 04 is being closed too soon – RF agreed and suggested that Subgroup 04 is placed on hold until after DCP 466 'and potentially revisited. The Secretariat noted this and agreed to place this Subgroup on hold as opposed to closing it down.

Action 93/04	The Secretariat to update the status of Subgroup 04 to state 'on hold'.
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5. DP 218 Update

- 5.1 The Chair invited RF to present the DP 218 '[Review of the SEC Charging Methodology - Smart Energy Code](#)' update to the group for further discussion.
- 5.2 RF informed the group that discussions are taking place within the SEC and DCC around their charging review. There will be an uplift in DNO charges for DCC costs – RF noted that the increase in pass through costs will rise from 6% to 40% which will be coming into effect in April 2027.
- 5.3 RF stated that they are currently setting charges for 2027/28 and queried whether DNOs will be including this within their uplift cost (assuming it will go through) or wait until the decision has been made (September 2026).
- 5.4 AM stated that a third option would be that if there is something material, DNOs would have the option for a derogation to notice periods to allow the tariffs to be updated. AM suggested he raised this with the DCC to see if there is any additional clarity and/or information.

- 5.5 RF stated that they are leaning towards including the uplift within their costs for 2027/28 to avoid a double cost impact on Customers. Other DNOs agreed to speak internally to seek further views of what they are planning to do.
- 5.6 Following discussions, it was agreed for RF to circulate comms to DNOs offline to gain a better understanding of what each DNO will be going.
- 5.7 The Chair agreed to keep this item on the agenda for DCMDG 94 for any updates.

6. Any Other Business

- 6.1 The Chair asked if there were any other items of business to discuss.
- 6.2 No items were raised.

7. Agenda Items for the Next Meeting

- 7.1 The Chair explained that there we no specific items for the agenda, however the progress of the actions would be assessed and a draft agenda produced with these in mind.

8. DNO (“Distribution Network Operator”) Operational Matters

- 8.1 The Chair asked if there were any DNO Matters to be raised. No matters were raised.

9. Date of Next Meeting

- 9.1 The next DCMDG meeting will be held on 18 December 2025 via Microsoft Teams.

10. Attachments

- 10.1 Attachment 1 – DCMDG Action Log & Forward Work Plan
- 10.2 Attachment 2 - Ofgem DCUSA DUoS and Residuals Update