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DCP 467

'Online reporting tools for Category A and B defects'

Impacted Parties - Suppliers, DNOs, IDNOs, SIPS

To mandate that relevant DCUSA Parties utilise online reporting tools where DNOs have made them available for the purpose of reporting Category A and B situations.

The first Working Group meeting has been scheduled for 12 January 2026.

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DCP 466

'Tariff Band to follow capacity'

Impacted Parties - Suppliers, DNOs, IDNOs, CVA Registrants

To ensure tariff bands for HH settled sites are aligned to a customer's capacity at all times (e.g. tariff bands are assessed/changed whenever a capacity change is agreed.)

The first Working Group meeting was held on 11 December at which members reviewed the DCP. The next meeting is scheduled to be held on 07 January 2026 to review the draft consultation.

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DCP 465

'NFD Generator and Battery Capacity Charges'

Impacted Parties - Suppliers, DNOs, IDNOs, CVA Registrants

To align The Differential In Generator and Battery Capacity charges between the CDCM and EDCM methodologies and therefore reduce the capacity charges for CDCM Generators and Batteries.

The first Working Group meeting is scheduled for 12 January 2026.

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DCP 464

'IDNO Connection Applications: Treatment of Existing Assets'

Impacted Parties - DNOs, IDNOs

To clarify and align the DNO approach to the charging methodology applied to network asset(s) for IDNO applications when the IDNO is the sole user of specific network asset(s).

The Working Group met on 03 December to discuss the consultation. This is currently being finalised with the aim to issue to industry before Christmas.

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DCP 463

'Charging non-consuming De-energised CT-Metered sites'

Impacted Parties - Suppliers, DNOs, IDNOs, CVA Registrants

To charge DUoS fixed and capacity charges to non-consuming CT-metered de-energised sites.

The last Working Group meeting was held on 01 December, at which members reviewed the consultation responses. Members agreed that legal advice was necessary and asked that a Gowling representative is present at the next meeting. The next meeting will be held on 19 December.

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DCP 461

Reducing the impact of Transmission Distribution Charges

Impacted Parties - DNOs, IDNOs

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

The next DCP 461 meeting will be held on 18 December at which members will review consultation responses.

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DCP 459

'DNO invoices to Embedded DNO'

Impacted Parties - DNOs, IDNOs

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

The last Working Group meeting was held on 05 December, at which members reviewed the consultation responses. Members agreed that an RFI should be issued, which is currently being drafted and agreed offline.

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DCP 458

'Amend DCP 414 process'

Impacted Parties - Suppliers, DNOs, IDNOs

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

The Change Report was issued to the Panel ex-committee for decision to progress to voting stage on 10 December. Approval was given and the change was issued for vote on 15 December. Responses will be due by 07 January 2026.

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DCP 454

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

Impacted Parties - Suppliers, DNOs, IDNOs

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 DCUSA Secretariat completed an initial draft of an impact assessment and is preparing to present this to the DCP 420 Working Group. The same impact assessment will form the basis of the impact assessment for DCP 454, but will be amended.

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DCP 452

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

Impacted Parties - Suppliers, DNOs, CVA Registrants

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.

A consultation was issued to industry on 16 December, with a deadline for responses set at 12 January 2026.

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DCP 443

'Excess Capacity'

Impacted Parties - Suppliers, DNOs, IDNOs, CVA Registrants

To drive the correct customer behaviour regarding exceeding capacity.

The Working Group have agreed to issue a second consultation on this change and are reviewing/considering the consultation document.

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DCP 442

'Aligning enduring flexible connections'

Impacted Parties - DNOs, IDNOs

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'

Impacted Parties - Suppliers, DNOs, IDNOs

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 met on 11 December to review the consultation responses. It was agreed to update the legal text to cater for migrated MHHS MPANs and also non-MHHS MPANs. It was also agreed that the Chair would set up discussions with some of the consultation respondents who were not present at the last meeting to gain a more detail understanding of their comments. The Working Group will meet again in January, the date of the meeting is to be agreed via poll.

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DCP 423

'LDNO Discounts for negative scaling'

Impacted Parties - DNOs, IDNOs

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 advised they intend to withdraw this CP formally. Once this notice has been received a communication will be sent to Parties.

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DCP 420

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

Impacted Parties - Suppliers, DNOs, IDNOs

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 met on 16 December to review the impact assessment. Additional analysis needs to be considered and the Working Group intend to meet again in January (date yet to be agreed).

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DCP 419

'Pre-Notifications of Planned Supply De-Energisations'

Impacted Parties - Suppliers, DNOs, IDNOs, the CMRC, SIPs

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.

This CP is on hold.

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DCP 388

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

Impacted Parties - Suppliers, DNOs, IDNOs, CVA Registrants

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 2023 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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DCPs Awaiting Decision from Ofgem

- DCP 412** -
'Discounts from TCR charges for 'peaky' final demand customers' (Expected - TBC)
- DCP 446** -
'Emergency disconnections' (Expected - 30/01/2026)

DCPs Awaiting Implementation

- DCP 440** -
'Consuming "de-energised" site' (Implementation date 01/04/2027)
- DCP 450** -
'Managing the effects of surplus residual charge in the CDCM' (Implementation date 01/04/2027)
- DCP 455** -
'Align RAV price-inflation with that used in ED2' (Implementation date 26/02/2026)

New Accessions

One Accession Application was presented to the Panel at the December meeting.

- McVickers Limited (SIP)

The Panel approved the application to progress.

Standing Issues Group (SIG) Update

The SIG meeting scheduled to be held on 12 December was cancelled due to no issues or topics being raised for discussion.

Interventions Working Group (IWG) Update

The [IWG](#) meet every other month, therefore there has not been a meeting since the last newsletter was published.

Distribution Charging Methodologies Development Group (DCMDG) Update

The [DCMDG](#) last met on 20 November. The main topics of discussion are summarised below. The full minutes of the meeting can be found on the DCUSA website.

- DCP 466 & DCMDG Subgroup 04 Updates - The Chair provided an overview of DCP 466 'Tariff Band to Follow Capacity' and the DCMDG Subgroup 04 'Schedule 32 – Exceptional Circumstances' to the DCMDG. Members queried whether the CP is too close to the TCR. Ofgem confirmed they are mindful that this is close to the boundary of design and defect, along with other issues. Ofgem believe a Working Group would be useful. Members suggested that Subgroup 04 is placed on hold until after DCP 466 and potentially revisited (as opposed to closing it down).
- DP 218 Update - The DCMDG were informed 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 – the increase in pass through costs will rise from 6% to 40% coming into effect in April 2027. They are currently setting charges for 2027/28 and queried whether DNOs will be including this within their uplift cost or waiting until the decision has been made (September 2026). Ofgem suggested 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. Ofgem suggested this is raised with the DCC. It was agreed for DNOs to hold discussions offline to gain a better understanding of what each DNO will be doing.

Digitalisation Update

We are continuously adding new features to our website, based on your feedback, to improve the user experience. Additionally, we regularly add new videos demonstrating new updates. The latest videos can be found on the DCUSA website at the link below:

[Digitalisation Archives - DCUSA](#)

During December we released the following videos:

- A walkthrough of the new Legal Text button - <https://www.dcusa.co.uk/videos/draft-legal-text/>

Join the DCUSA Digitalisation Development Group (DDDG)

We've set up a 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.

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Upcoming Meetings/Events

Dec 18	DCMDG Meeting 94 10:00 - 12:00
Dec 18	DCP 461 Working Group Meeting 09 13:00 - 16:00
Dec 19	DCP 463 Working Group Meeting 03 14:00 - 15:30
Dec 23	DDDG Meeting 09 10:00 - 11:30
Dec 23	DDDG Technical Subgroup Meeting 03 11:30 - 13:00

Jan 07	DCP 466 Working Group Meeting 02 10:00 - 12:00
Jan 12	DCP 467 Working Group Meeting 01 14:00 - 16:00
Jan 14	IWG Meeting 85 10:00 - 13:00
Jan 15	DCMDG Meeting 95 10:00 - 12:00
Jan 19	IWG Subgroup 'Restricted Access' Meeting 06 10:00 - 12:00
Jan 19	DIF 72 Subgroup Meeting 05 13:00 - 15:00
Jan 21	DCUSA Panel & Board 10:00 - 16:00

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