

Distribution Charging Methodologies Development Group (“DCMDG”) - Meeting 94

18 December 2025 at 10:00 via Microsoft Teams

Attendees	Company
Amanda McFarlane [AMF]	Aurora
Ahna Taylor [AT]	SSE
Andrew Malley [AM]	Ofgem
Chris Barker [CB]	ENWL
Chris Ong [CO]	UKPN
Dave Wornell [DW]	National Grid Electricity Distribution
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Emma Robinson [ER]	E.ON
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Kavya Kavya [KK]	Brook Green Supply
Kyran Hanks [KH]	Waters Wye
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Meg Wong [MW]	Stark
Nadir Hafeez [NH]	Ofgem
Nik Wills [NW]	Stark Energy
Pamela Howe [PH]	NPg
Rachel Lilley [RL]	ESP
Rustam Ellis-Majainah [REM]	OVO
Seun Adedapo [SA]	NGED
Tony Collings [TC]	Ecotricity
Secretariat	
Craig Booth [CB]	ElectraLink
Mel Kendal [MK] (Secretariat)	ElectraLink
Richard Colwill [RC] (Chair)	ElectraLink

1. Administration

Recording

- 1.1 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.

Competition Law Guidance

- 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.

Draft Minutes

- 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 93/01 – The Chair noted that this is still ongoing and is to be completed.

2.3 Action 93/02 – The Chair informed the group that this change has been made, and an updated version of the guidance document will be circulated.

Action 94/01	The Chair to circulate an updated version of the guidance document.
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2.4 Action 93/03 – The Chair confirmed that the Secretariat has reached out to Zenobe to seek further updates around the Bus Depot issue, however a response has not yet been received. The group will be updated in due course.

2.5 Action 93/04 – This has been updated by the Secretariat. This action is now closed.

DCMDG Live Subgroups

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

- No further updates were provided since the previous DCMDG meeting.

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

- No further updates were provided since the previous DCMDG meeting.

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

- This subgroup has been closed due to CP (DCP 466 [‘Tariff Band to Follow Capacity’](#)) being raised.

DCMDG Issues

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

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

2.10 The Chair confirmed that the Secretariat has reached out to Zenobe to seek any further updates and will update the group once a response has been received.

[Application of Part 4 of Schedule 16 \(DCP414\) where Supplier is Non-Compliant with Clause 19.15](#)

2.11 The Chair informed the group that this has been discussed at the Standing Issues Group (SIG) and the DCP 458 [‘Amend DCP 414 process’](#) is currently out to vote, which will if approved, will address these issues.

3. Ofgem Update

- 3.1 AM informed the group that there have been surplus residual issues previously and stated that with the approved mods for TDCM, hopefully this should no longer be an issue. Ofgem welcome all industry feedback in relation to this.
- 3.2 AM noted that there are a number of issues with EDCM around tariffs delivering negative fixed charges again and models not running at all. Ofgem welcome DNOs to contact Ofgem with any issues in relation to this if not done so already.
- 3.3 Ofgem are expecting to do Notice Period Derogations for SSEN and NGED and will expect to see further derogations on the methodologies. The group will be kept updated.
- 3.4 AM informed the group that there has been ongoing work on the DCC changes to Smart Meters network charging and how it affects the DNO price control; AM noted that they are keen to here from industry whether they believe there are any ongoing charging roles for Ofgem.
- 3.5 ED queried whether two derogations are needed (for Ofgem and DCUSA Panel) – AM confirmed that in previous years, a derogation has been issued against the Notice Period to remove the 15-month notice and defaults to the licence notice. Ofgem confirmed that they will try to do something similar to this and will direct users not to follow the DCUSA in specific places as the model that DCUSA recommends following is not working.
- 3.6 The group noted that Suppliers should expect a one-month delay from DNOs in terms of the next tariff setting. Ofgem will keep industry updated if any further delays are expected.
- 3.7 EC informed the group that although there is currently a workaround for the CDCM per the revised legal text if models issues arise, this cannot be published without finalising the EDCM.
- 3.8 AT queried whether the CDCM charges can be published and whether the EDCM issue is the same as last year – AM stated that it depends on the area. Most DNOs should be able to deal with any CDCM issues through DCP 450 '[Managing the effects of surplus residual charge in the CDCM](#)' if any arise. In EDCM, in some cases, the model does run but it provides negative fixed charges; in other cases the model will not run.
- 3.9 Ofgem suggested a new CP to help resolve some of these issues (as was done previously with the CDCM) and are open to industry views/feedback.
- 3.10 AM confirmed that they are still working on DCP 446 '[Emergency Disconnections](#)' with the legal team but informed the group that this may be expected to be sent back.

4. DP-218 'Review of the SEC Charging Methodology' (Uplift in DCC Charges) - Update

- 4.1 The Chair informed the group that there is a current plan to increase the DNO charges from 6% to 40%.
- 4.2 Following the previous DCMDG (93) meeting, the DNOs held discussions offline and ultimately agreed to include the increase into their DUoS pricing forecast.

5. Any Other Business

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

6. Agenda Items for the Next Meeting

- 6.1 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.

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

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

8. Date of Next Meeting

- 8.1 The next DCMDG meeting will be held on 15 January 2026 via Microsoft Teams.

9. Attachments

- 9.1 Attachment 1 – DCMDG Action Log & Forward Work Plan