

Meeting Session	Panel (Open Session)
Paper Reference	DCUSA_2026_0122_09_DCMDG 94 Headline Report
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## Distribution Charging Methodologies Development Group (DCMDG) Headline Report 94

### 1. Synopsis

- 1.1 This report sets out the headlines from the 94th DCMDG meeting held on 18 December 2025 via Microsoft Teams. The full minutes and associated papers are available on the DCUSA website.
- 1.2 This meeting was chaired by Richard Colwill.
- 1.3 A total of 27 industry participants dialled into the meeting.

### 2. Forward Work Plan and Issues Log

- 2.1 The group reviewed the Forward Work Plan and Issues Log, with two current issues.

#### **Provide Targeted Relief from Residual Charges for Electric Bus Depots**

- 2.2 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**

- 2.3 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.

#### **DCMDG Live Subgroups**

- 2.4 Subgroup 02 '[Annual Allocation Review and Exceptional Circumstances for Future Electricity Transmission Price Control](#)'

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

- 2.5 Subgroup 03 '[Site Specific Shared Network Asset Categories](#)'

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

- 2.6 Subgroup 04 '[Schedule 32 – Exceptional Circumstances](#)'

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

## Actions Agreed:

- The Chair to circulate an updated version of the guidance document.

### 3. Ofgem Update

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- 3.1 Ofgem 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 Ofgem 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 Ofgem 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; it was noted that they are keen to here from industry whether they believe there are any ongoing charging roles for Ofgem.
- 3.5 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

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- 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. AOB

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- 5.1 No items were raised.

### 6. Next Meeting

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

### 7. Actions

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- 7.1 The DCUSA Panel is invited to:
  - **NOTE** the contents of this Paper.

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