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Working Group Updates

DCP 470

'Independent Credit Assessments'

Impacted Parties - Suppliers, DNOs, IDNOs, CVA Registrants

The purpose of this Change Proposal is to allow the Company to apply an independent credit assessment where a User has not requested it.

DCP 470 was presented at the January Panel meeting for initial assessment. It was approved to progress to definition phase. An invitation will be issued shortly.

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DCP 469

'Cross Code Standardisation of Charging Arrangement Notice Periods'

Impacted Parties - Suppliers, DNOs, IDNOs, CVA Registrants

The Proposer seeks to achieve Cross Code standardisation of Charging Arrangement Notice Periods.

DCP 469 was presented at the January Panel meeting for initial assessment. It was approved to progress to definition phase. An invitation will be issued shortly.

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DCP 468

'Remove Redundant Data Flow from DTC/EMDS'

Impacted Parties - Suppliers, DNOs, IDNOs, CVA Registrants, Gas Suppliers, OTSO Party

The Proposer notes that D0164 / MM00069 might be a redundant relic from 1998. The Proposer can find no current obligation, nor any right, under DCUSA which would either be discharged or exercised (respectively) by its use. If no longer required, any such redundant data flows should be removed from DTC/EMDS.

DCP 468 was presented at the January Panel meeting for initial assessment. It was approved to progress to definition phase. An invitation will be issued shortly.

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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 was held on 12 January 2026. Members discussed the proposal and agreed to issue an RFI to seek further information from parties. This is being drafted offline.

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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 Working Group met on 12 January to draft a consultation and discuss legal text amendments. The consultation is currently open and responses are due by 12 February. The date of the next meeting is currently being decided via a poll.

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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 took place on 12 January. A number of actions were taken and the group agreed to circulate an RFI to DNOs which will allow an impact assessment to be produced.

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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 consultation closed on 22 January. The Working Group will meet on 04 February to review responses.

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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 Working Group met on 16 January to discuss the legal feedback and to agree consultation questions. The consultation will be finalised offline and issued shortly. Once issued, a meeting will be scheduled to review responses.

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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 DCP 461 consultation responses have been reviewed by the Working Group. The Working Group agreed to raise additional CPs to cover the various defects and options identified. A paper was presented at the January Panel for the Panel to discuss. It was agreed for these to be considered ex committee.

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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 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 presented 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. The DCP 420 update is therefore relevant to this.

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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.

The Working Group met on 22 January to review the consultation responses.

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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.

Bi lateral calls with REC, BSC and Suppliers have taken place since the last meeting on 11 December. The legal text is being updated and will be reviewed at the next Working Group meeting in early February.

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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 DCUSA Secretariat completed an initial draft of an impact assessment and presented this to the Working Group. The Working Group identified a number of actions required to make the analysis robust and fit for purpose. These actions are being progressed offline and the next meeting will be arrange via a poll.

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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.

The relevant REC change has been rejected by Ofgem. The Chair will contact the Proposer to discuss the next steps.

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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' (Send Back Expected - TBC)

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.

- Evolve Home Energy Solutions Limited (SIP)
- 24-7 Electrical Services Yorkshire Limited (SIP)

The Panel approved the application to progress.

Standing Issues Group (SIG) Update

The [SIG](#) meeting scheduled to be held on 30 January was cancelled due to no issues or topics being raised for discussion.

Interventions Working Group (IWG) Update

The [IWG](#) last met on 14 January. The main topics of discussion are summarised below. The full minutes of the meeting can be found on the DCUSA website.

- Phenolic Cut-outs Update – The ENA are currently completing analysis and a report is expected by the end of February/start of March.
- MSDB with Open Fuseways – A member questioned whether they should report MSDBs with missing fuseways to DNOs, and how, as they are not Category Bs. Members agreed to raise this at the STIG.
- Testing procedure for reporting an A19: Surface voltage found on plastic cut-out – A member highlighted a scenario in which a meter and cut out were in a damp cabinet. Voltage was indicated on the plastic cut out using a single pole direct contact tester, however no voltage was indicated when a two pole tester or multi-meter were used. The member theorised this was due to the water/damp and questioned whether, in similar scenarios DNOs would allow these to be reported as an A19 based on the first test only. Members discussed and considered reviewing the A19.
- SIPs replacing substandard cut out to meter tails – A member received a query from a SIP advising they ordinarily fit 25mm cables and would like to swap out the tails between the cut out and meter, to match. DCUSA and REC currently do not allow this. Members agreed that the SIP could raise a DCUSA and REC change.
- Restricted Access Customer Letters Subgroup Update – On 19 January members reviewed the leaflet and provided feedback. The Chair agreed to issue the updated leaflet with the customer follow-up letters for review and approval offline.
- DIF 72 Subgroup Update - On 19 January members reviewed the RFI responses and reviewed a draft guidance document.

Distribution Charging Methodologies Development Group (DCMDG) Update

The [DCMDG](#) last met on 15 January. The main topics of discussion are summarised below. The full minutes of the meeting can be found on the DCUSA website.

- Provide Targeted Relief from Residual Charges for Electric Bus Depots - The Chair confirmed that the Secretariat has reached out to Zenobe to seek 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 - 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.
- Ofgem Update – The Ofgem representative advised a number of derogations have been published on their website. The work carried out under DCP 450 'Managing the effects of surplus residual charge in the CDCM' has clarified the process for the CDCM, but there is not an established process for the EDCM, and therefore Ofgem are still relying on Derogations as and when requested. Due to this, tariffs in those areas will not be expected to be published until the end of February 2026.

- Query 1: LLFC Updates without Charging Statements being Updated – Members requested further evidence/examples of this issue and for the individual to contact the Parties involved. An action was taken and feedback will be provided at the next DCMDG.
- Query 2: Timescales for LLF Updated linked to April 2026 Band Changes to be Communicated to Suppliers - members confirmed that comms were sent in June 2024, letting Suppliers know when to expect this. Members suggested further clarification is needed as to whether this will affect market wide half hourly.
- Query 3: Clarification on how MPANs Associated with Domestic Premises but Serving Communal or Landlord Areas should be Treated for the Purposes of Industry Charges – A DCMDG member stated that Suppliers had to set a domestic premise indicator against each MPAN. Therefore, if a Supplier believes a premise is domestic, they can set the indicator to 'true' and they will receive domestic charges.
- AOB items included DNO Allowed Revenues, Notice Periods, TCR and P222 Data Issue, Measurement Class G Volume Data, FCP Methodology, and Smart Meter Licence Costs. Details of these discussions can be found in the minutes.

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:

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During January we released the following videos:

- A walkthrough of the new filters bar - <https://www.dcusa.co.uk/videos/filter-bar/>

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We've set up a forum that reviews ideas and suggestions about how we can improve the DCUSA website.

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Upcoming Meetings/Events

Jan 27	DDDG Meeting 10 10:00 - 11:30
Jan 27	DDDG Technical Subgroup Meeting 04 11:30 - 13:00
Jan 29	Disputes Committee Meeting 04 10:00 - 11:00
Jan 29	DGP 461 Working Group Meeting 12 13:00 - 16:00
Feb 11	DGP 466 Working Group Meeting 04 10:00 - 13:00
Feb 12	DGP 452 Working Group Meeting 11 10:00 - 13:00
Feb 18	DCUSA Panel & Board 10:00 - 16:00

To attend any of the above simply email your request to DCUSA@electralink.co.uk



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