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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.

The first DCP 470 Working Group meeting was held on 12 February. Members agreed to issue a consultation that will be finalised offline. The group will meet again on 20 March to review responses.

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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.

The first DCP 469 Working Group meeting was held on 11 February. Members agreed to finalise an RFI offline and circulate to industry for feedback 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.

The first DCP 468 Working Group meeting will be held on 26 February.

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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 DCP 466 consultation closed on 12 February. The Working Group will meet on 20 February to review responses.

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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.

An RFI was issued to DNOs in order to produce an impact assessment. The RFI closed on 06 February with one response having been received. The Chair is following this up and the next meeting will be held on 03 March.

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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 DCP 464 consultation closed on 22 January. Members met on the 04 and 17 of February to review responses. Legal advice has now been sought on the legal text and the next meeting date will be confirmed once availability has been received from the legal advisers.

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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.

A consultation was issued on 04 February, with responses due by 25 February. A meeting has been scheduled for 02 March 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 Working Group reviewed the consultation responses and agreed to raise additional CPs to cover the various defects and options identified. These were presented to the Panel at the February meeting at which Panel members decided the change should not be split into three at this stage and should continue to consultation with the full set of options. The Working Group will meet on 19 February to finalise the Consultation 2 document and legal text options.

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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

An RFI was issued on 06 February, with responses due by 27 February. A poll is ongoing to establish a date for the next meeting.

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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 12 February to review the consultation responses, draft Change Report and updated impact assessment. These documents will be finalised offline. The legal text has been sent for legal review.

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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 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 withdrawn this CP and an email was issued to contract managers on 06 February. Standard DCUSA procedure under Clause 11.31 states that, any DCUSA Party may take ownership of a CP where the original Proposer intends on withdrawing it. Any Party who is prepared to support a CP which would otherwise be withdrawn then becomes the Proposer of the CP, thus taking ownership of the CP and its continued development. Any offers to take ownership of a CP need to be received within 10 Working Days of this notification, otherwise the CP noted above will be withdrawn in accordance with Clause 11.29. The withdrawal date is set for Friday 20 February 2026.

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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 fit for purpose. These actions are being progressed. A NESO representative has offered assistance in understanding the TNUoS impacts of this CP. A meeting is in the process of being scheduled and this is being progressed as a matter of priority.

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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

Two Accession Applications were presented to the Panel at the February meeting.

- L&B Electrical Limited (SIP)
- Openreach 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](#) 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 next [DCMDG](#) will be held on 19 February, therefore there has not been a meeting since the last newsletter was published.

Digitalisation Update

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Upcoming Meetings/Events

Feb 19	DCMDG 96 10:00 - 12:00
Feb 19	DGP 461 Working Group Meeting 14 13:00 - 16:00
Feb 20	DGP 466 Working Group Meeting 04 10:00 - 13:00
Feb 24	DDDGP Meeting 11 10:00 - 11:00
Feb 24	DDDGP Technical Subgroup Meeting 05 11:30 - 13:00
Feb 27	DCUSA Standing Issues Group (SIG) 177 10:00 - 13:00
Mar 02	DGP 463 Working Group Meeting 05 10:00 - 13:00
Mar 04	DCUSA IWG Meeting 86 10:00 - 13:00
Mar 18	DCUSA Panel & Board 10:00 - 16:00

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