

Distribution Charging Methodologies Development Group (“DCMDG”) - Meeting 96

19 February 2026 at 10:00 via Microsoft Teams

Attendees	Company
Ahna Taylor [AT]	SSE
Chris Barker [CB]	ENWL
Chris Ong [CO]	UKPN
Dave Wornell [DW]	National Grid Electricity Distribution
Diandra Orodan [DO]	BUUK
Dimuthu Wijetunga [DW]	Shell
Ed Grimsey [EG]	BU-UK
Edda Dirks [ED]	SSE Generation
Emma Clark [EC]	SSE
Emma Robinson [ER]	E.ON
Ephie Chalakateva [EC]	National Grid
Georgia Preece [GP]	NPg
Itunu Akin-Olawale [IAO]	SP ENW
John Harmer [JH]	Waters Wye
Kavya Kavya [KK]	Brook Green
Kyran Hanks [KH]	Waters Wye
Lee Stone [LS]	EON
Lorna Murray [LM]	Scottish Power
Mark Fletcher [MF]	Shell
Meg Wong [MW]	Stark
Niall Coyle [NC]	NESO
Nik Wills [NW]	Stark
Ryan Farrell [RF]	NPg
Seun Adedapo [SA]	NGED
Tom Jenkins [TJ]	ESP
Secretariat	
Dylan Townsend [DT]	ElectraLink
Richard Colwill [RC] (Chair)	ElectraLink
Apologies	
Craig Booth [CB]	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. At the previous meeting, CO stated that there is an issue with determining Distribution Network Operators’ (DNOs’) allowed revenues for 2028/29, the first year of ED3. Historically, when shifting between price controls, companies reused the final year of the previous control because the new allowed revenue wasn’t confirmed until shortly before implementation. However, ED2 licence changes now require DNOs to use the Price Control Financial Model (PCFM), which will not be available early enough. Discussions are ongoing outside of the DCMDG and it was agreed that updates to the DCMDG will be provided at future meetings. An agenda item will be added to the next meeting.

Action 96/01	Add an agenda item to the next meeting title “DNO allowed revenues for 2028/29”.
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2. DCMDG Forward Work Plan and Issues Log

- 2.1 The group reviewed the DCMDG Forward Work Plan and Issues Log, latest updates can be found in attachment 1.

DCMDG Live Subgroups

- 2.2 Subgroup 02 [‘Annual Allocation Review and Exceptional Circumstances for Future Electricity Transmission Price Control’](#)
- No further updates were provided since the previous DCMDG meeting.
- 2.3 Subgroup 03 [‘Site Specific Shared Network Asset Categories’](#)
- No further updates were provided since the previous DCMDG meeting, however, and RFI is currently being developed.

3. Debt Relief Scheme

- 3.1 DCMDG members discussed the impending Ofgem decision on the Debt Relief Scheme (DRS), expected by late February. The Chair noted that if the decision is to go ahead with the scheme a Change Proposal will be needed to incorporate the process into DCUSA. It was noted that ENA have been following this process and the Chair took an action to reach out to them to see what work they have done to date.

Action 96/02	Chair to reach out to ENA in relation to the Debt Relief Scheme.
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- 3.2 DT informed the group that it seems to operate as it should, but potentially may require an update to Schedule 20, and an additional paragraph within Schedule 16. DT also stated that it may be more appropriate as a DNO/Supplier raised change.

4. Future DCMDG Agendas

- 4.1 The Chair informed the DCMDG that a recent change to the DCUSA contract means that draft agendas will no longer be issued for working groups. Therefore, moving forward only one agenda will be issued five working days before the meeting. The plan is for this to also be the case for DCMDG and SIG, but at present there is a clause with the actual DCUSA document that states that an agenda will be issued 10 days prior to these meetings. It was noted that a simple house keeping change is needed to change this to five working days. LS volunteered to draft this CP and the aim is that it will be presented at the March Panel meeting.

Action 96/03	LS to draft a CP to change the current text in relation to DCMDG and SIG agendas.
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5. Any Other Business

- 5.1 The Chair asked if there were any other items of business to discuss.
- 5.2 TCR Banding Allocation
- 5.3 EC asked the group their thoughts on the new thresholds that take effect from April. In respect of half-hourly Customers, SSEN were looking to clarify the approach that DNOs have taken to half-hourly Customers who were not energised or did not have data for them for the 24-month banding period for the new price control (May 2022 to April 2024).
- 5.4 EC queried what banding should a Customer be allocated, is it when they came online or should the capacity they are at now be looked at.
- 5.5 DW suggested that it is sensible to band the Customer based on the agreed capacity and then this gets re-looked at within the Annual Review. RF agreed with this, explaining that it is open to interpretation as if a Customer has not been allocated to ET3 yet, then an average could be used.
- 5.6 Land Loss Factor Class Reallocations
- 5.7 LS asked members thoughts on the line loss factor class reallocations for residual band ET3 price control as they are due in April – LS queried whether this is to be completed by April, or over the course of April.
- 5.8 RF explained that they are planning on doing this around mid-April, which should be able to be completed within one week. CO stated that there may be some DNOs who will complete this in March, so it is effective from 01 April.
- 5.9 DT informed the group of a related query, which asked will there be any changes to timing or structure/format of the D0171 updates – LS confirmed that they are not aware of any structure changes or intent to change that flow.

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 an 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 19 February 2026 via Microsoft Teams.

9. Attachments

9.1 Attachment 1 – DCMDG Action Log & Forward Work Plan