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Working Group Updates

DCP 472

'DCMDG & SIG Agenda timings'

Impacted Parties - Suppliers, DNOs, IDNOs

To amend DCUSA so that the Secretariat circulates DCMDG & SIG agendas for each meeting at least 5 Working Days in advance.

DCP 472 was presented to the Panel for initial assessment at their March meeting. The change was approved to progress to the definition phase as a Part 2 matter. This will progress straight to Change Report.

DCP 471

'Lead Time For DCPs'

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

To ensure that a lead time of 8 working days is given for changes to reach the next Panel meeting

DCP 471 was presented to the Panel for initial assessment at their March meeting. The change was approved to progress to the definition phase as a Part 2 matter. This will progress straight to Change Report.

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 DCP 470 consultation closed on 13 March. The next Working Group meeting is scheduled for 20 March to review the consultation 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 Working Group met on 13 February to review the RFI ahead of it being issued. The RFI 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.

The DCP 468 consultation was issued on 17 March, responses are due by 07 April.

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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 06 March to complete their review of the consultation responses. The Working Group agreed to issue an RFI to industry. The next Working Group meeting is scheduled for 31 March 2026 where the RFI responses will be reviewed.

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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 Working Group met on 03 March to review the RFI responses. The Working Group agreed it would be beneficial to collect DNO data from 2025/26 and 2027/28 as well as the 2026/27 data that was requested in the first RFI. Therefore a second RFI was issued which closed on 17 March. The next Working Group meeting is scheduled for 24 March to review the responses.

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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 Working Group met on 12 March to review the legal text and develop the solution. The legal advisers are going to review/redraft the legal text and the Chair will circulate it to members for review before the next meeting on 23 March.

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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 11 March to complete their review of the consultation responses. The group discussed ways of expanding the scope of the CP and will review at the next meeting.

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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 Working Group met on 19 February to develop the second consultation document. This is being finalised offline and will be circulated to the Working Group to review prior to issuing. A further meeting may be arranged if needed.

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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 Working Group met on 09 March to review the RFI responses and discuss next steps. The group are due to meet again on 20 March, with a representative from St Clements (DNO billing provider) to discuss the future of DNO/IDNO DUoS billing. The group will also discuss the legal text.

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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 DCP 452 Change Report was presented at the March Panel meeting. Members approved for it to progress to vote. Voting will begin on 19 March and will close on 13 April.

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DCP 446

'Emergency Disconnections'

Impacted Parties - DNOs, IDNOs

To enable distributors to charge customers covered by section 2 of the National Terms of Connection for emergency disconnections that have been caused by their act or omission

Ofgem issued a send back letter on 02 March 2026. A meeting will be held on 01 April 2026, for Working Group members to discuss the send back and establish next steps.

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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 publication of final tariffs has now been completed. A draft consultation will be shared with the Working Group and a meeting poll will be issued shortly.

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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.

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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 has discussed with the Proposer and is determining 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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DCP 412 -

'Discounts from TCR charges for 'peaky' final demand customers' (Expected - Mid Aug)

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)

New Accessions

Three Accession Applications were presented to the Panel at the March meeting.

- JF Developments (Sussex) Limited (SIP)
- Grid Line Power Networks Limited (IDNO)
- Torfaen Maintenance Services Limited (SIP)

The Panel approved the application to progress.

Standing Issues Group (SIG) Update

The [SIG](#) meeting scheduled to be held on 27 February was cancelled due to no issues or topics being raised for discussion.

Interventions Working Group (IWG) Update

The [IWG](#) last met on 04 March. 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 Energy Networks Association (ENA) are currently at the final stage of their analysis and hope to be able to provide the results by the end of April.
- IWG 'Restricted Access Customer Letters' Subgroup Update - Following the previous meeting the group took an action to update the leaflet, specifically adding a picture to the back. This is in progress.
- DIF 72 'Meter Moves' Subgroup Update – At the last meeting members reviewed a draft guidance document. The document is in the process of being finalised following feedback provided by members offline.

Distribution Charging Methodologies Development Group (DCMDG) Update

The [DCMDG](#) last met on 19 March. 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 any further updates and will update the group once a response has been received.
- Debt Relief Scheme - DCMDG members discussed the impending Ofgem decision on the Debt Relief Scheme (DRS). If the decision is to go ahead with the scheme a Change Proposal will be needed to incorporate the process into DCUSA. The Chair took an action to reach out to the ENA regarding the work they have done to date.
- FCP Methodology - The group discussed an issue with the FCP (Forward Cost Pricing) methodology, following problems encountered in producing tariffs for certain regions. The methodology failed to generate valid charges in the East Midlands and produced negative residual charges in the West Midlands. This was linked to extremely high Charge 1 values, which in turn escalated capacity charges and caused the model to fail. An action was taken to create a DCMDG subgroup to discuss this issue further.

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

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Or learn more by visiting: <https://www.dcusa.co.uk/group/dddg/>

Upcoming Meetings/Events

Mar
19

DCMDG 97
10:00 - 12:00

Mar
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DCP 470 Working Group Meeting 02
10:00 - 13:00

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DCP 459 Working Group Meeting 04
14:00 - 15:30

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DCP 464 Working Group Meeting 08
10:00 - 13:00

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DDDG Meeting 12
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DCP 465 Working Group Meeting 03
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DDDG Technical Subgroup Meeting 06
11:30 - 13:00

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DCUSA Standing Issues Group (SIG) 178
10:00 - 13:00

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DCP 466 Working Group Meeting 06
10:00 - 13:00

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DCP 446 Working Group Meeting 05
10:00 - 13:00

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DCP 463 Working Group Meeting 07
10:00 - 13:00

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DCUSA Panel & Board
10:00 - 16:00

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