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## Distribution Charging Methodologies Development Group (DCMDG) Headline Report 97

### 1. Synopsis

- 1.1 This report sets out the headlines from the 97th DCMDG meeting held on 19 March 2026 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 32 industry participants dialled into the meeting.

### 2. Ofgem Update

- 2.1 Ofgem provided an update on several live and emerging issues. They confirmed that DCP 446 (Emergency Disconnections) has been sent back for further work, with another Working Group meeting scheduled. Ofgem also highlighted their interest in how tariffs are being set under ED3, particularly where allowed revenues are not yet confirmed.

### 3. Debt Relief Scheme

- 3.1 DCMDG members discussed the impending Ofgem decision on the Debt Relief Scheme (DRS). 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.

### 4. Update on Allowed Revenue for 2028/29

- 4.1 The Chair updated the group on ongoing discussions between DNOs and Ofgem about how Allowed Revenue for 2028/29 should be handled. This is a key issue because 2028/29 will be the first year of ED3, while the final allowed revenues will not be confirmed until late 2027. The discussions are exploring possible approaches and what information will be available, and further engagement with Suppliers is planned.

## 5. Ofgem Debit Relief Scheme

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- 5.1 The Chair reiterated that Ofgem has not yet formally confirmed whether the Debt Relief Scheme will go ahead. However, once a decision is made, industry will need to consider raising a Change Proposal to address any required changes within DCUSA arrangements.

## 6. Any Other Business

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- 6.1 Several additional issues were raised. The group discussed the DCP 414 / DCP 458 process for non-half hourly CT customers, particularly what information DNOs need from Suppliers and how it should be provided. It was agreed that using the existing spreadsheet template would be helpful, and the Secretariat will locate and update the original guidance email and recirculate it with up-to-date DNO contact details.
- 6.2 Members also raised concerns about domestic and non-domestic customer classification following market-wide half-hourly settlement, noting that current arrangements may not clearly explain how some customers will be allocated. This issue was agreed to be kept open for further consideration.
- 6.3 Finally, there was discussion on DCUSA Schedule 19, Section 3, relating to site-specific charging for IDNO-connected sites, where some wording may prevent DNOs from billing full capacities as intended. This will be brought back to a future meeting. The group also noted potential issues with backdating under annual allocation reviews following market-wide half-hourly settlement, with members agreeing that changes to the current wording may be needed.

## 7. Next Meeting

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- 7.1 The next DCMDG meeting will be held on 16 April 2026 via Microsoft Teams.

## 8. Actions

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

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