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## Working Group Updates

### DCP 473

#### 'Non-consuming De-energised CT Metered sites'

*Impacted Parties - Suppliers, DNOs, IDNOs, CVA Registrants*

To provide mechanisms for distributors to deal effectively with long term non-consuming CT-metered de-energised sites.

DCP 473 was presented to the Panel for initial assessment at their April meeting. The change was approved to progress to the definition phase. This CP was raised to update the intent of DCP 463. To allow continuity, the DCP 463 Working Group will form the basis of the Working Group, and an invitation to join will be issued to Contract Managers shortly.

### 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.

The DCP 472 Change Report was presented at the April Panel meeting. Members approved for it to progress to vote. Voting will begin on 16 April and will close on 08 May.

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## 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

The DCP 471 Change Report was presented at the April Panel meeting. Members approved for it to progress to vote. Voting will begin on 16 April and will close on 08 May.

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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 DCP 470 Change Report was presented at the April Panel meeting. Members approved for it to progress to vote. Voting will begin on 16 April and will close on 08 May.

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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 are scheduled to meet on 16 April to finalise the RFI.

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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 closed on 07 April. Members are reviewing the responses and are in the process of reviewing the Change Report.

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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 DCP 467 Working Group are due to meet on 20 April to discuss the draft consultation document and legal text.

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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 Working Group met on 13 April to review the current draft Change Report. They plan to meet again on 27 April with the aim of finalising the Change Report and legal text. If so, this will be sent to the Panel ex-committee for approval.

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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 24 March to review the collated RFI responses. A consultation is currently being drafted and the working group will meet again soon to review and finalise.

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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 23 March to continue reviewing the consultation responses. It was agreed to update the examples and request Gowling attend the next Working Group meeting.

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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 07 April to refine the solution options and to consider the legal text and second consultation. DCP 463 will be replaced by DCP 473. The current WG will remain in place and the next meeting will be held on 29 April. DCP 463 will be withdrawn once DCP 473 has been approved to progress.

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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 DCP 459 Change Report was presented at the April Panel meeting. Members approved for it to progress to vote. Voting will begin on 16 April and will close on 08 May.

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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.

Voting closed on 13 April. The Change Declaration will be issued on 15 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

The Working Group met on 14 April to review the legal text and discuss the Change Report. The updated legal text will be sent for legal review and the group are finalising the Change Report offline.

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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.

The BSC mod has now progressed, therefore a poll with dates for the next DCP 424 meeting has been issued.

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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.

This CP is on hold pending confirmation from the Proposer as to whether they wish to continue to progress DCP 419 following Ofgem's decision on the related REC change.

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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 -  
Summer/Autumn)

### 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)

## New Accessions

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

- Edge Utility Networks Limited (IDNO)
- Sphere Energy Connect Limited (IDNO)

The Panel approved the application to progress.

## Standing Issues Group (SIG) Update

The last [SIG](#) meeting took place on 27 March. The main topics of discussion are summarised below. The full minutes of the meeting can be found on the DCUSA website. The Chair provided a summary of the DCUSA Panel's discussion at their March meeting regarding a review of the embedded capacity register (ECR) change request process. The main points raised by the Panel were as follows.

- A question was raised regarding whether only DCUSA members could submit representations for ECR change requests or if anyone was able to provide one.
- The process for approving an ECR change request is not clearly defined.

The Chair took a vote regarding whether DCUSA should raise a DCP to review the representations process and amend it if needed. There was no clear majority, therefore the Chair agreed to discuss this with the DCUSA Panel at their April meeting.

## **Interventions Working Group (IWG) Update**

There has not been another [IWG](#) meeting since the March Newsletter was published. The next meeting will be held on 06 May.

## **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.

- Debt Relief Scheme - 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.
- Update on Allowed Revenue for 2028/29 - 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.
- Ofgem Debt Relief Scheme - The Chair reiterated that Ofgem have not yet formally confirmed whether the Debt Relief Scheme will go ahead. Once a decision is made, industry will need to consider raising a Change Proposal to address any required changes within DCUSA arrangements.
- AOB items included discussions on the DCP 414 / DCP 458 process for non-half hourly CT customers, concerns about domestic and non-domestic customer classification following market-wide half-hourly settlement, and DCUSA Schedule 19, Section 3, relating to site-specific charging for IDNO-connected sites.

## 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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## Join the DCUSA Digitalisation Development Group (DDDG)

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

And despite the name sounding technical, it's not a technical group. It's an open, collaborative space where we discuss the merit of these improvements, and balance their value add to users and the cost and complications to build them.

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

## Upcoming Meetings/Events

Apr <b>16</b>	DCMDG 98 <b>10:00 - 12:00</b>
Apr <b>16</b>	DGP 469 Working Group Meeting 03 <b>13:00 - 14:30</b>
Apr <b>20</b>	DGP 467 Working Group Meeting 02 <b>10:00 - 13:00</b>
Apr <b>24</b>	DCUSA Standing Issues Group (SIG) 179 <b>10:00 - 13:00</b>
Apr	DDDG Meeting 13

<b>28</b>	<b>10:00 - 11:00</b>
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Apr <b>28</b>	DDDG Technical Subgroup Meeting 07 <b>11:30 - 13:00</b>
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Apr <b>29</b>	DGP 463 Working Group Meeting 08 <b>10:00 - 13:00</b>
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May <b>06</b>	DCUSA IWG 87 <b>10:00 - 13:00</b>
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May <b>20</b>	DCUSA Panel & Board <b>10:00 - 16:00</b>
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To attend any of the above simply email your request to [DCUSA@electralink.co.uk](mailto:DCUSA@electralink.co.uk)

