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## Working Group Updates

### DCP 475

#### 'Incentives and Compensation for Extended Outages'

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

To provide increased financial incentives to network companies that reflect the lost opportunity cost to end Users of extended network outages which may include enhanced compensation payments to affected Users

DCP 475 was presented to the Panel for initial assessment at their May meeting. The change was approved to progress as a Part 1 matter to the definition phase. A Working Group invitation will be issued shortly.

### DCP 474

#### 'Application of Smart Meter Communication Licence Costs in the CDCM'

*Impacted Parties - Suppliers, DNOs, IDNOs*

To amend Schedule 16 of the DCUSA so that Smart Meter Communication Licence Costs are to be recovered from customer categories which drive these costs, by means of a fixed charge adder applied on an equivalent per-MPAN basis.

DCP 474 was presented to the Panel for initial assessment at their May meeting. The change was approved to progress as a Part 1 matter to the definition phase. A Working Group invitation will be issued shortly.

## **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.

The DCP 473 consultation was issued on 19 May with a deadline of 10 June.

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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 is scheduled to meet on 21 May to review the responses to 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 Change Report was presented at the May Panel meeting. Members approved for it to progress to vote. Voting will begin on 21 May and will close on 12 June.

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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 consultation closed on 19 May. The Working Group is due to meet on 27 May to review responses.

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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 Change Report was presented at the May Panel meeting. Members approved for it to progress to vote. Voting will begin on 21 May and will close on 12 June.

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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 is currently finalising a consultation document to be issued to industry shortly.

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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 agreed that further support from the legal advisors is needed and a poll has been issued to agree the next meeting date where the Working Group will review updated examples for this CP.

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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 consultation was issued on 6 May, with a deadline of 29 May. A meeting has been scheduled for 18 June to review responses.

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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 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.

A poll has been issued to Working Group members to determine the date of the next meeting where the second consultation document will be reviewed.

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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 Working Group met on 12 May to agree the legal text and finalise the consultation document. The consultation is due to be issued shortly.

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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 - 07/09/2026)

**DCP 452 -**

'Correct application of Forward Cost Pricing EDCM charges to users connected directly to a Grid Supply Point' (Expected - TBC)

### DCPs Awaiting Implementation

**DCP 440 -**

'Consuming "de-energised" sites' (Implementation date 01/04/2027)

**DCP 450 -**

'Managing the effects of surplus residual charge in the CDCM' (Implementation date 01/04/2027)

**DCP 459 -**

'DNO invoices to Embedded DNO' (Implementation date 11/11/2026)

**DCP 470 -**

'Independent Credit Assessments' (Implementation date 25/06/2026)

**DCP 471 -**

'Lead Time For DCPs' (Implementation date 25/06/2026)

## **New Accessions**

One Accession Application was presented to the Panel at the May meeting.

- Tesla Energy Ventures Limited (Supplier)

The Panel approved the application to progress.

## **Standing Issues Group (SIG) Update**

The last [SIG](#) meeting was scheduled to be held on 24 April 2026, however was cancelled due to no issues or topics being raised. The next meeting will be held on 29 May 2026.

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

The [IWG](#) last met on 06 May. The main topics of discussion are summarised below. The full minutes of the meeting can be found on the DCUSA website.

- Fuse Downgrades – Members discussed situations in which an oversized fuse is identified when a Meter Operator attends a site to install a meter. Members noted that in these circumstances the customer is referred to the DNO to have the fuse replaced, usually at a cost. Often, the customer is unwilling to pay this and the issue remains unresolved. To improve the customer journey, members discussed the possibility of developing a process allowing Suppliers to downgrade the fuse providing a maximum demand check is completed. DNOs on the call indicated support and noted that the matter is due to be discussed at the next AMO meeting.
- Mixed Cutout Assets, Fuse Carriers - The group discussed cases where different types of main fuse carriers are present on meters. It was confirmed that if fuse carriers are the correct size and fit properly, they can remain in place; otherwise, the issue should be reported to the DNO. Further bilateral discussions with DNOs were planned.

## **Distribution Charging Methodologies Development Group (DCMDG) Update**

The [DCMDG](#) last met on 16 April. The main topics of discussion are summarised below. The full minutes of the meeting can be found on the DCUSA website.

- Update on Allowed Revenue for 2028/29 - The Chair provided an update on progress and the current thoughts/discussions regarding the options. The Chair summarised that current thinking is leaning towards using draft or final audit determination values, though no decision has been made. Ofgem plans to engage Suppliers and other parties for views, with Energy UK also being consulted.
- Residual Charges for Private Networks (DCP 328 Query) – A member raised a customer query who is being charged residuals twice: once directly based on their own meter; and again via a share of the private network's residual charges passed on to them. The member noted that DCP 328 'Use of system charging for private networks with competition in supply' was intended to codify a solution to this type of issue and asked whether progress had been made since the change was rejected. It was noted that following the rejection, a DCMDG subgroup was established to progress the issue, however the group were not able to make progress. The Chair agreed to raise this with Ofgem.
- Charging Methodologies and Associated Distribution Systems – A representative from the Elexon metering team outlined BSC measurement requirements, including responsibilities for boundary points/system connection points and the role of Codes of Practice and dispensations. The discussion focused on Associated Distribution Systems (ADS) and the impact of BSC Modification P062 on Settlement and Use of System charging, with concern about inconsistent treatment versus direct LDSO/IDNO connections. The group highlighted a charging mismatch risk where ADS boundary voltage differs from customer connection voltage and highlighted a largely unused provision in DCUSA Schedules 17 and 18, which allows an unlicensed network that is part of the Total System and open to supply to be treated as an IDNO. Line Loss Factors and loss responsibility within ADSs remain unresolved; current workarounds (e.g., difference metering/complex calculations) are viewed as unsatisfactory and may require code clarification. The Chair agreed to ask the Panel whether legal advice could be sought from Gowling, and agreed to establish an issue group to progress next steps.
- Annual Review of the Charging Methodologies – The annual review of the Charging Methodologies was discussed, with members agreeing that holding an explicit annual discussion provides an audit trail and reassurance that charging methodology issues remain on DNOs' radar, though views were mixed on whether this is strictly necessary given changes can be raised at any time. It was suggested that this review would be high-level and generic, signposting that issues can be raised at any point via CPs, what activity has occurred over the past year (e.g. FCP subgroups, live changes), and providing a prompt for any concerns. There was a view that engagement with Ofgem may be beneficial.

## 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:

## 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.

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## Upcoming Meetings/Events

May <b>21</b>	DCMDG 99 <b>10:00 - 12:00</b>
May <b>21</b>	DGP 469 Working Group Meeting 04 <b>10:00 - 13:00</b>
May <b>21</b>	Embedded Capacity Register Subgroup Meeting 06 <b>10:00 - 12:00</b>
May <b>26</b>	DDDG Meeting 13 <b>10:00 - 11:00</b>
May <b>26</b>	DDDG Technical Subgroup Meeting 08 <b>11:30 - 13:00</b>
May	DGP 467 Working Group Meeting 03 <b>13:00 - 16:00</b>

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DCUSA Standing Issues Group (SIG) 180  
**10:00 - 13:00**

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DCUSA Panel & Board  
**10:00 - 16:00**

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