

Distribution Charging Methodologies Development Group (“DCMDG”) - Meeting 99

21 May 2026 at 10:00 via Microsoft Teams

Attendees	Company
Ahna Taylor [AT]	SSE
Amanda McFarlane [AMF]	Aurora
Andrew Malley [AM]	Ofgem
Christos Papaevangelou [CP]	National Grid
David Fewings [DF]	Sustainable Energy First
Diandra Orodan [DO]	BUUK
Dimuthu Wijetunga [DW]	Shell
Donald Preston [DP]	SSE
Ed Grimsey [EG]	BUUK
Emma Clark [EC]	SSE
Emma Robinson [ER]	E.ON
Georgia Preece [GP]	NPg
Gordon Frazer [GF]	NESO
Jacob Harris [JH]	Engie
James Knight [JK]	Centrica
John Harmer [JH]	Waters Wye
Lorna Murray	SPEN
Mark Fletcher [MF]	Shell
Nik Wills [NW]	Stark
Oliver Bubb-Humfries [OBH]	CEPA
Ryan Farrell [RF]	NPg
Seema Singtalur [SS]	Shell
Zviko Baxter [ZB]	St-Clements
Secretariat	
Mel Kendal [MK] (Secretariat)	ElectraLink
Richard Colwill [RC] (Chair)	ElectraLink
Apologies	
Craig Booth [CB]	ElectraLink
Edda Dirks [ED]	SSE Generation
Louise Robinson [LR]	ESPUG
Victoria Burkett [VB]	E.ON Next

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. No further feedback was received, and the previous minutes were approved.

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.

Action Updates

- 2.2 Action 95/01 – The Chair noted that they have reached out but no further updates have been provided yet.
- 2.3 Action 95/04 - The Chair noted that the first meeting has now been held and there is a second meeting scheduled. The Chair agreed to take an action to provide a headline report at the next DCMDG meeting.

Action 99/01	The Secretariat to provide a headline report in relation to the FCP Methodology Subgroup at the June DCMDG meeting.
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- 2.4 Action 96/01 - The Chair agreed to keep this item on the agenda until there are further updates.
- 2.5 Action 96/02 - The Chair agreed to keep this action open for now, with a potential update from Ofgem during the meeting.
- 2.6 Action 97/05 - The Chair noted that this is an ongoing item.
- 2.7 Action 98/01 - The Chair informed the group that no issues were raised and reminded the group that issues can be raised at any point during the year. This action was closed.
- 2.8 98/02 - The Chair noted that the guidance document has now. The Chair informed the group that the guidance will be further discussed at the SIG and updates will be provided at the next DCMDG meeting.
- 2.9 Action 98/03 - The Chair informed the group that legal advice has not been sought yet and suggested it may be beneficial to review and understand what has been done previously prior to moving forward.
- 2.10 Action 98/04 – This action remains ongoing as it is reliant on Action 98/03.

- 2.11 Action 98/05 - The Chair informed the group that a draft DCMDG agenda template has now been set up to include DNO Obligations as opposed to holding these discussions annually. If no issues are raised, the agenda item will not need to be discussed. The Chair agreed to circulate this template to DCMDG members offline.

Action 99/02	The Secretariat to circulate the new DCMDG agenda template (including DNO Obligations agenda item) to DCMDG members offline.
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- 2.12 Action 98/06 - EC confirmed that there has been a meeting held for these discussions, and there are no further updates currently. The Chair agreed to keep this action open.

3. Ofgem Update

- 3.1 The Chair invited AM to provide an Ofgem update.
- 3.2 The key points can be found below:
- 3.3 AM informed the group that Ofgem are expecting to consult on DCP 412 '[Allocation of banding for TCR Charges for 'Peak' Final Demand Customers](#)' around June 2026.
- 3.4 AM also stated that Ofgem are expecting to consult on P441 '[Creation of Complex Site Classes - Elexon BSC](#)' around July 2026, but the linked DCUSA change DCP 424 '[Use of System charging for Complex Sites](#)' remains ongoing.
- 3.5 Ofgem thanked the DNOS for their work in relation to the ED3 charge setting. Ofgem are now keen to work out how best to get Suppliers involved in these conversations and looking to carry out these discussions in the coming weeks/months. AM noted that questions/topics that rise from these discussions will be consulted on.
- 3.6 In relation to the debt relief scheme, AM stated that although there is no firm decision as of yet, a skeleton mod (in relation to Gas) has been produced so that it is ready to use if the decision is to go ahead. With that being said, AM suggested that it may be worth members having a think about a DCUSA change as one will be needed if the decision is to go ahead.

4. DNO Annual Obligation [Action 98/05]

- 4.1 The Chair informed the group that there were now further updates as of yet, however, a template of how this will be used moving forwards will be issued to members post-meeting for review (Action 99/02).

5. Any Other Business

- 5.1 The Chair asked if there were any other items of business to discuss.
- 5.2 [DCP 475 'Incentives and Compensation for Extended Outages'](#)
- 5.3 JH informed the group that DCP 475 was presented to the DCUSA Panel on 20 May 2026 and was approved, and now progressing to a Working Group.

- 5.4 JH stated that there are a number of embedded generators who are suffering increasing frequency and duration of outages, with some lasting many months. This seems to have increased over the last couple of years and JH believes that there does not seem to be a recognition from the Networks around a cost to the generators of being out of action for so long.
- 5.5 Due to this, JH submitted DCP 475 to look at the solutions that are a greater incentive (as opposed to paying compensation) on the networks to carry out work that does not detrimentally affect those that are connected to it.
- 5.6 The Chair informed the group that invitations to join the DCP 475 Working Group have now been issued with a deadline to respond date of 28 May 2026. An additional form has also been included within the invitation email which allows those who may not want to join the Working Group but have thoughts/feedback on the change, to provide these comments for the Working Group to further discuss at the first meeting.
- 5.7 AM queried whether this change relates to generators with non-firm connections or are these firm connections and there are network outages that are impacting those – JH explained that there are standard connections and some of them are subject to active network management. The Parties that have been spoken to about this have an understanding that the networks need to invest and increase capacity, but it seems to be having a material effect on them as there are no means of them managing it.
- 5.8 DCC Costs / Smart Meter Costs
- 5.9 AH stated that there has been mention of DCC costs having a review/price control, and this might be the body that fed into the Smart Meter costs with a 40% increase of costs to the DNO contribution. AH queried whether there was an updated view on the 40% DNO contribution increase as a result of this going out yesterday – the Chair explained that the understanding is that DNOs have included this increase within their published charges recently. The Chair suggested it may be beneficial to wait for a DNO member to confirm this.
- 5.10 No other items were discussed.

6. Agenda Items for the Next Meeting

- 6.1 The Chair explained that there were 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 18 June 2026 via Microsoft Teams.

9. Attachments

- 9.1 Attachment 1 – DCMDG Action Log & Forward Work Plan