

Meeting Session	Panel (Open Session)
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Distribution Charging Methodologies Development Group (DCMDG) Headline Report 99

1. Synopsis

- 1.1 This report sets out the headlines from the 99th DCMDG meeting held on 21 May 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 23 industry participants dialled into the meeting.

2. Ofgem Update

- 2.1 Ofgem are expecting to consult on DCP 412 '[Allocation of banding for TCR Charges for 'Peaky' Final Demand Customers](#)' around June 2026.
- 2.2 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.
- 2.3 Ofgem thanked the DNOS for their work in relation to the setting of revenues for ED3 and that 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.
- 2.4 In relation to the debt relief scheme, Ofgem 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. Ofgem 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.

3. DNO Annual Obligation [Action 98/05]

- 3.1 The Chair informed the group that there were no 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).

4. Any Other Business

DCP 475 'Incentives and Compensation for Extended Outages'

- 4.1 A member informed the group that DCP 475 '[Incentives and Compensation for Extended Outages](#)' was presented to the DCUSA Panel on 20 May 2026 and was approved and now progressing to a Working Group.
- 4.2 The member stated that there are a number of embedded generators who are suffering increasing frequency and duration of outages, with some lasting many months and that this seems to have increased over the last couple of years.
- 4.3 The member noted that DCP 475 was submitted to look at the solutions that will act as 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.
- 4.4 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.
- 4.5 Ofgem 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, to which it was explained that they 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.

DCC Costs / Smart Meter Costs

- 4.6 One member stated that there has been mention of DCC costs having been increased by 40% in terms of the DNOs contribution and questioned if there was an additional information relating to this. The Chair explained that the understanding is that DNOs have included this increase within their recently published charges. The Chair suggested it may be beneficial to wait for a DNO member to confirm this.

5. [Next Meeting](#)

- 5.1 The next DCMDG meeting will be held on 18 June 2026 via Microsoft Teams.

6. [Actions](#)

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

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