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Working Group Updates

DCP 479

'Update to Schedule 20 ('Production of the Cost Information Review Pack') and the CDCM inputs to maintain alignment with the distribution licence'

Impacted Parties - Suppliers, DNOs, IDNOs, CVA Registrants

The intent of this Change Proposal is to align Schedule 20 ('Production of the Cost Information Review Pack'), and the inputs to the CIRP template and CDCM model, with the latest version of the electricity distribution licence.

DCP 479 was presented to the Panel for initial assessment at their July meeting. The change was approved to progress as a Part 2 matter and will progress to Change Report phase.

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DCP 478

'Resolving Housekeeping Items'

Impacted Parties - Suppliers, DNOs, IDNOs, CVA Registrants, Gas Suppliers, OTSO Party, SIPs

The intent of this Change Proposal is to resolve housekeeping items 132, 133, 134, 135 and 136 and to correct any errors introduced as part of the implementation of the harmonised prioritisation process directed by Ofgem.

DCP 478 was issued for voting on 16 July, with a deadline of 06 August.

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DCP 477

'Managing the effects of excessive surplus residual revenue in the EDCM'

Impacted Parties - Suppliers, DNOs, IDNOs, CVA Registrants

The purpose of this Change Proposal is to include within DCUSA Schedule 17 solutions, previously approved by Ofgem through derogation, which can be applied by affected DNOs in instances of excessive surplus residual revenue within the Forward Cost Pricing (FCP) Extra High Voltage Distribution Charging Methodology (EDCM) model at a tariff set case.

The DCP 477 consultation was issued on 17 July, with a deadline of 31 July.

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DCP 476

'Treatment of multi MPAN sites'

Impacted Parties - Suppliers, DNOs, IDNOs, CVA Registrants

To determine how a site-specific billed site which has multiple MPANs but which are traded with different Suppliers should be treated

The first DCP 476 Working Group meeting was held on 22 July. Members agreed that a consultation would be required before they draft the legal text. The basis of this consultation has been agreed and the Working Group have agreed to meet again on 18 August to finalise the consultation before issuing to industry.

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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

The Working Group have agreed to issue an RFI and are in the process of finalising this. A date for the next meeting will be decided shortly.

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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.

The Working Group met on 29 June to review the draft consultation. The consultation is currently being finalised and will be issued shortly.

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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 Working Group have reviewed over half of the consultation responses and a poll will be issued shortly to agree a date to complete the review.

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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 DCP 469 Working Group will meet on 27 July to review the draft consultation.

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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 Working Group have agreed that more work is required before this CP can be issued for voting. The proposer, REC and the Chair will meet to explore the idea of using the SDEP and the output of this meeting will be shared with the Working Group.

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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 are 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 are finalising an RFI and plan to issue this at the end of July.

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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 01 July to review responses to the second consultation and consider next steps. A poll will be issued shortly to arrange the next meeting.

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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 Working Group met on 7 July to review previous work and consider the modelling, impact assessment requirements and supporting evidence needed to progress the proposal. A poll will be issued shortly to arrange the next meeting.

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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 has been sent for legal review and the Working Group will finalise 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 Working Group met on 30 June to agree the solutions to be taken forwards in the second consultation. The Chair will draft the consultation document offline and the next Working Group meeting is being agreed via poll.

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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 second consultation closed on 03 July. A meeting to review responses is being arranged by poll.

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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 - 04/08/2026)

DCP 466 -

'Tariff Band to follow capacity' (Expected - 14/09/2026)

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 468 -

'Remove Redundant Data Flow from DTC/EMDS' (Implementation date 05/11/2026)

New Accessions

Six Accession Applications were presented to the Panel at the July meeting.

- Balnacraig Battery Storage Limited (CVA Registrant)
- Harrington Franklin Limited (CVA Registrant)
- Devine Energy Limited (SIP)

- PHS Home Solutions Limited (SIP)
- Capture Energy Ltd (Supplier)
- Alfred Electricity & Gas Limited (Supplier)

The Panel approved the applications to progress.

Standing Issues Group (SIG) Update

The [SIG](#) were last due to meet on 26 June however this meeting was cancelled due to a lack of issues raised.

Interventions Working Group (IWG) Update

The [IWG](#) last met on 01 July. The main topics of discussion are summarised below. The full minutes of the meeting can be found on the DCUSA website.

- Phenolic cut-outs update: An update was provided advising that the final report from the research work has now been received and a preliminary review has taken place. It was agreed that a dedicated presentation would be scheduled for the September IWG meeting.
- Voltage testing equipment safety issue: Following an incident where a voltage tester failed to detect a hazardous voltage, investigations identified that the equipment did not operate at voltages below levels still deemed a risk. Alternative equipment has been sourced, approved and ordered, with deployment expected in July. It was noted that in the interim DNOs may see an increase in A19 reports. Relevant industry forums will also be informed so that other organisations can review their own equipment where appropriate.
- Quality of A07 reports submitted through the online reporting tool: Members felt that some issues could be resolved safely by meter operatives without requiring DNO involvement. It was agreed that clearer guidance and examples would help improve reporting consistency and reduce unnecessary referrals.
- Increasing numbers of misreports involving Building Network Operator (BNO) equipment: Suppliers reported that engineers sometimes struggle to determine whether equipment belongs to a DNO or a BNO, leading to incorrect reports. Members agreed there would be value in developing clearer guidance for engineers. It was recognised that equipment ownership varies between DNO areas, meaning a national approach may be difficult. The group agreed that DNOs should consider providing clearer ownership guidance and that the topic should be discussed further through the Service Termination Issues Group (STIG) and future IWG meetings.

Distribution Charging Methodologies Development Group (DCMDG) Update

The [DCMDG](#) last met on 18 June. The main topics of discussion are summarised below. The full minutes of the meeting can be found on the DCUSA website.

- Forward Work Plan reviewed: The group closed several completed actions and discussed enhancing the DNO Annual Obligation paper with additional references and examples. Interest in MHHS migration progress was also noted.
- Ofgem consultation updates: Upcoming consultations were announced for DCP 412, P441, and DCP 424, alongside tariff setting for ED3 price control. Discussion included timelines and pending decisions like DCP 466, with emphasis on their impact on the Annual Allocation Review.
- Guidance and subgroup formation: The DCP 414 guidance document was finalised, but issues with related LLFCs lacking tariffs prompted agreement to form a subgroup for further investigation.
- Industry issues and next steps: Discussions covered meeting scheduling changes, CIRP submission quality, REP-900 flow inconsistencies, connections reform costs, and risks linked to the September 2026 Annual Allocation Review, leading to the establishment of dedicated subgroups for detailed consideration.

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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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

Jul 27	DCP 469 Working Group Meeting 06 10:00 - 13:00
Jul 28	DDDg Meeting 16 10:00 - 11:00
Jul 28	DDDg Technical Subgroup Meeting 10 11:30 - 13:00
Jul 31	DCUSA Standing Issues Group (SIG) 181 10:00 - 13:00
Aug 13	DCP 477 Working Group Meeting 04 13:30 - 16:30
Aug 17	DCP 474 Working Group Meeting 03 10:00 - 13:00
Aug 18	DCP 476 Working Group Meeting 02 10:00 - 13:00
Aug 15	DCUSA Panel & Board 10:00 - 16:00

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