

Request For Information from Independent Distribution Network Operators by 08 September 2026

DCP 464

'IDNO Connection Applications: Treatment of Existing Assets'

1. Purpose of this Document

- 1.1 The purpose of this Request for Information (RFI) is to understand the potential financial impacts to DNOs Distribution Use of System (DUoS) and therefore the impact on customers' electricity bills, if option 2 of [DCP 464 'IDNO Connection Applications: Treatment of Existing Assets'](#) is taken forward. The Working Group would like to identify connection projects where an IDNO was requested to fund the upgrade of existing DNO assets as part of an application for additional capacity regardless of whether the projects progressed or not.
- 1.2 The information gathered will support the Working Group with assessing the potential extent of any future cost socialisation and determining the next steps.
- 1.3 To enable this impact assessment to be carried out, the following two steps are required, :
 - Step 1: to gather project-level information from Independent Distribution Network Operators (IDNOs) This will create a pool of projects that would fall in the scope of the change, and from there;
 - Step 2: For DNOs to review the identified projects and to confirm which of them included upgrade of assets that would be deemed shared use under option 2. And to identify the cost associated with those upgrade works:
- 1.4 This RFI focuses on Step 1. Please respond to the questions posed in Section 3.1 of this document by completing the RFI response form found in **Attachment 1**.
- 1.5 The Working Group acknowledges that this RFI is being issued during the summer holiday period and therefore have agreed a 20-working day window to the respond to this RFI. This RFI will close at the end of business on 08 September 2026.

2. Summary

- 2.1 The purpose of DCP 464 is to clarify the Distribution Network Operators' (DNOs) approach to the Connections Charging Methodology applied to network asset(s) for IDNO applications when the IDNO is the sole user of specific network asset(s).

- 2.2 Following on from the consultation that was issued for this Change Proposal (CP) on 22 December 2025, the Working Group are keen to fully understand the potential financial impact, if option 2 (please see annex A) was taken forwards, to DNOs Distribution Use of System (DUoS) and therefore the impact on customers electricity bills. To enable this impact assessment to be carried out, we are seeking information on a number of projects, specifically from IDNOs—to better understand the volume and project data.
- 2.3 For a reminder of the options that the consultation explored, please see annex A at the end of this RFI document.
- 2.4 This RFI has therefore been issued to gather relevant data to:
- gather information about the instances in which upgrades to a DNO network for an existing IDNO network have been fully funded by the IDNO
 - Allow DNOs to review project level information to ensure identified projects meet the scope of DCP 464 and understand any potential financial impact on DUoS and customer bills
 - Understand the impact of DUoS cost socialisation under option 2
 - Develop the final Change Report
- 2.5 Responses to this RFI will be used solely for the purposes of DCP 464 analysis and handled as set out in 2.10 below.
- 2.6 For the avoidance of doubt, the Working Group do not require data related to general load growth applications (as described in paragraph 1.38 in Schedule 22 of DCUSA) as these are out of scope of the CP, as set out in the previous consultation document which can be found in attachment 2, DCP 464 Consultation and responses.
- 2.7 For the avoidance of doubt, the RFI Responses should include all relevant Connection Offers made from a DNO, regardless of whether the IDNO accepted the offer or not.
- 2.8 Please use the template provided (Attachment 2) for your responses.
- 2.9 The Working Group recognised that the data requested may be commercially sensitive.
- 2.10 Responses will be handled In line with the following agreed principles:
- All responses will be handled by the DCUSA Secretariat as an intermediary
 - Project Data will be aggregated and anonymised where appropriate
 - Information will only be shared with relevant DNO parties for the purposes of analysis
 - No commercially sensitive information will be published without consent

3. Feedback Request

- 3.1 The DCUSA Working Group is seeking the following information from IDNO Parties:

Section 1 of Attachment 2

1. How many times have you submitted an application for additional capacity at the exit point with a DNO? Please categorise these into either application -
 - to increase the number of entry/exit points on the IDNO network, or
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- an increase of capacity for a specific entry/exit point.
2. From the numbers gathered from Q1, for each category, how many of these already had more than one entry/exit point connected to the IDNO network?
 3. From the number gathered from Q2, for each category, how many of these applications required upgrade to the DNO network,
 4. From the number gathered from Q3, how many of these were you charged for the upgrade works?

Section 2 of Attachment 2

5. From the instances identified from Q4, could you provide the DNO names and application/enquiry references and status, as stipulated on the relevant BCA?

Section 3 of Attachment 2

6. Do you have any additional comments relating to this RFI?
- 3.2 Please respond to the above questions by completing the consultation response form found in Attachment 1.

4. Annex A

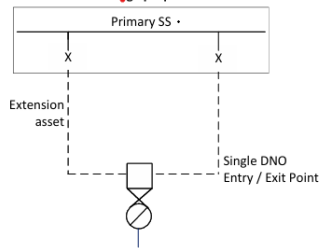
- 4.1 Option 1: The DNO assets to be upgraded shall continue to be treated as extension assets as they do not meet the definition of Reinforcement and therefore network upgrades are to be fully funded by the LDNO.
- 4.2 Option 2: Where the LDNO has more than one customer within this embedded network, the DNO assets to be upgraded will be treated as shared, therefore meeting the definition of Reinforcement as described in the CCCM, with the DNO fully funding the Reinforcement.
- 4.3 Please see the below illustrations of 6 Examples. The options discussed in this RFI only apply to Example 6 as neither option would impact on the first 5 examples, with all upgrades in these examples continuing to be treated as they are today. The treatment of the upgrades in Example 6 would differ depending on whether Option 1 or Option 2 was chosen.

DCP 464 Example Scenarios
LDNO Demand Customer Requests Additional Capacity

----- Assets to be upgraded

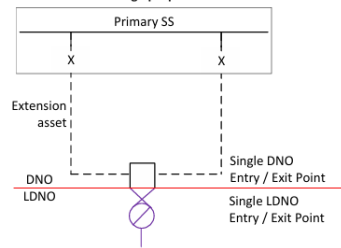
Example 1
 Single DNO Entry / Exit Point

Upgrade costs paid by connectee
No change proposed



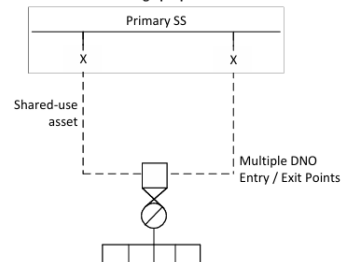
Example 2
 Single DNO Entry / Exit Point with
 Single LDNO Entry / Exit Point

Upgrade costs paid by connectee
No change proposed

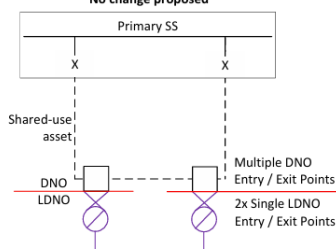


Example 3
 Multiple DNO Entry / Exit Points

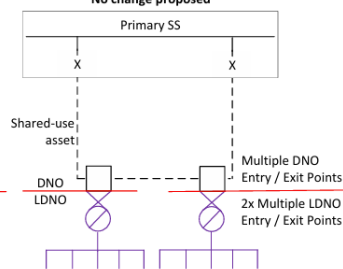
Upgrade costs socialised
No change proposed



Example 4
 Multiple DNO Entry / Exit Points each with
 Single LDNO Entry / Exit Point
Upgrade costs socialised
No change proposed



Example 5
 Multiple DNO Entry / Exit Points each with
 Multiple LDNO Entry / Exit Points
Upgrade costs socialised
No change proposed



Example 6
 Single DNO Entry / Exit Point with
 Multiple LDNO Entry / Exit Points
Option 1: Upgrade costs paid by connectee
Option 2: Upgrade costs socialised

