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DCP 482

'REP-900 Splitting'

Impacted Parties - Suppliers, DNOs, IDNOs

To describe how the REP-900 should be split if it exceeds the DIP limitation of 1MB.

DCP 482 was presented to the Panel for initial assessment at their August meeting. The change was approved to progress, and a Working Group invitation will be issued shortly.

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DCP 481

'Notices Under the National Terms of Connection (NTC)'

Impacted Parties - DNOs, IDNOs

To ensure that notices sent by the customer to the company under Section 3 of the NTC contain at least a site address and, where available for the connection, an MPAN or MSID.

DCP 481 was presented to the Panel for initial assessment at their August meeting. The change was approved to progress to Change Report phase.

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DCP 480

'REP-900 cancellations charges'

Impacted Parties - Suppliers, DNOs, IDNOs

To ensure consistency among senders of REP-900.

DCP 480 was presented to the Panel for initial assessment at their August meeting. The change was approved to progress, and a Working Group invitation will be issued shortly.

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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.

The DCP 479 Change Report was presented to the Panel at their August meeting. The Change Report was approved and will be issued for voting on 19 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 Working Group met on 13 August to review the consultation responses. Members agreed to address several points raised and will be making the appropriate changes to the legal drafting. A further meeting is scheduled for 25 August to review the draft Change Report and agree the final version of legal text (which will then be issued to the legal advisors). The group are aiming to have the Change Report ready for the September Panel meeting.

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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 Working Group met on 18 August to work on the draft consultation and have issued it to the group for a final review. The intention is to issue to industry on 21 August for a period of 15 working days.

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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.

A meeting was held on 16 July to discuss the consultation document. A question was raised related to the potential interaction between the proposed solution and the solution implemented by DCP 395. CEPA/TNEI joined the next meeting on 06 August and provided guidance that whilst the original solution would work in practice, there was another way which may be more accurate. The Working Group agreed to commission a modelling request based on the suggested approach and have arranged a meeting for 17 September to review the output and finalise the consultation.

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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 met on 17 August. The group completed their review of the consultation responses and decided which solution options to take forward. The group will meet again on 02 September to work on the legal text and discuss the outstanding matters.

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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 met on 04 August to work on the consultation document. The document will be finalised at the next meeting scheduled for 26 August.

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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 Proposer, REC and the Chair have met to explore the idea of using the SDEP. A poll is ongoing to establish a date for the next meeting to discuss this.

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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 RFI for this CP was issued to IDNOs on 10 August 2026 for a period of 4 weeks (the Working Group requested a 4 week window due to the summer holidays).

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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 is ongoing with dates for 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 07 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 05 August and agreed on the solutions that will be taken forwards in the second consultation. The Chair agreed to update the document which will be reviewed at the next meeting on 21 August.

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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 reviewed the consultation responses on 03 August and are meeting again on 20 August to progress the change.

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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)

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)

DCP 478 -

'Resolving Housekeeping Item' (Implementation date 24/08/2026)

New Accessions

Three Accession Applications were presented to the Panel at the August meeting.

- FEMSCO ENERGY SERVICES LTD (SIP)
- HAPPY ENERGY SOLUTIONS LTD (SIP)
- BUSTON & MAUGHAN LIMITED (SIP)

The Panel approved the applications to progress.

Standing Issues Group (SIG) Update

The [SIG](#) met on 31 July 2026. The main discussions are summarised below, however the full minutes can be found on the website.

- DIF 91 Notices Under NTC - the group considered whether updates were required to the process for issuing notices under the NTCs. The group addressed difficulties in processing formal notices under the National Terms for Connection when company names on notices do not match DNO records due to changes over time. It was agreed that including a site address and, where available, an MPAN or MSID would improve identification and processing of notices. The SIG decided to close DIF 91 and proceed with a Change Proposal to formalise this update. The SIG recognised that for CVA registered sites, MSIDs rather than MPANs may be used, and agreed that the Change Proposal should accommodate this exception by allowing either identifier as appropriate.
- Updates on DCP 466 derogation - An update was provided regarding DCP 466 and an associated derogation, which had been circulated for comments and was scheduled for consideration at the next DCUSA Panel meeting on 19 August 2026. Further progress and decisions will be communicated through industry channels.

Interventions Working Group (IWG) Update

There has not been an [IWG](#) meeting since the last Newsletter was issued. The next meeting will be held on 02 September.

Distribution Charging Methodologies Development Group (DCMDG) Update

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

- Forward Work Plan and Issues Log reviewed - The group noted progress on outstanding actions, including closing several tasks related to previous activities and charging matters. Discussions included Ofgem's consultation on electricity distribution charging notice periods and updates on industry initiatives and subgroups. A new Retail Energy Code Change Proposal was noted to clarify market message requirements on negative values. The group also acknowledged approval of DCP 479 addressing Connections Reform Costs within charging governance.

- Ofgem updates on consultations and proposals - Ofgem confirmed the issuance of the ED3 electricity distribution charging notice periods consultation and encouraged stakeholder engagement. Updates were given on DCP 412 nearing final consideration and upcoming consultation on P441 for complex site classes. Consideration of DCP 466 is expected after DCP 412 decisions, with an indicative decision date of 14 September 2026.
- DCP 477 update - The group received an update on DCP 477, which aims to embed approved measures into DCUSA legal text to manage surplus residual revenue in the EDCM ahead of the 2028/29 charging year. The consultation opened on 14 July 2026 and closes on 31 July 2026. Discussions included a potential parallel proposal for arrangements from April 2029 and the possibility of a common methodology across all DNO areas, with Ofgem welcoming stakeholder input.

Digitalisation Update

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Upcoming Meetings/Events

Aug 20	DCMDG 102 10:00 - 12:00
Aug 20	DCP 424 Working Group Meeting 13 13:00 - 16:00
Aug 21	DCP 443 Working Group Meeting 19 10:00 - 13:00
Aug 24	Disputes Committee Meeting 06 11:00 - 12:00
Aug 25	DDDG Meeting 17 10:00 - 11:00
Aug 25	DDDG Technical Subgroup Meeting 11 11:30 - 13:00
Aug 25	DCP 477 Working Group Meeting 05 13:30 - 16:30
Aug 26	DCP 469 Working Group Meeting 08 10:00 - 13:00
Aug 28	DCUSA Standing Issues Group (SIG) 183 10:00 - 13:00
Sep 01	DIF 72 Subgroup Meeting 06 13:00 - 15:00

Sep 02	DCUSA IWG Meeting 89 10:00 - 13:00
Sep 02	DGP 473 Working Group Meeting 05 10:00 - 13:00
Sep 07	DCUSA IWG Subgroup - Restricted Access Customer Letters Meeting 07 13:00 - 15:00
Sep 16	DCUSA Panel & Board 10:00 - 16:00

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