

Distribution Charging Methodologies Development Group (“DCMDG”) - Meeting 102

20 August 2026 at 10:00 via Microsoft Teams

Attendees	Company
Amanda McFarlane [AMF]	Aurora
Ana Zanetti [AZ]	EDF
Andrew Malley [AM]	Ofgem
Cass Bothwell [CBo]	Scottish Power
Charles Mott [CM]	SSE
Chris Barker [CBa]	SP ENW
Chris Ong [CO]	UKPN
Dave Wornell [DW]	National Grid
David Fewings [DF]	SE First
Dimuthu Wijetunga [DW]	Shell
Donna Jamieson [DJ]	IdscI
Ed Grimsey [EG]	BUUK
Emma Robinson [ER]	EON
Erik Baguzis [EB]	Indigo
Hannah Penfold [HP]	ESP
Harvey Dawson [HD]	
Ife Garba [IG]	National Grid
James Knight [JK]	Centrica
John Harmer [JH]	Waters Wye
Karl Maryon [KM]	Drax
Kavya Kavya [KK]	Brook Green
Lee Stone [LS]	EON
Liam Beckwith [LB]	St Clements
Luke Norris [LN]	Drax
Lorna Murray [LM]	SPEN
Louise Robinson [LR]	ESP
Mark Fletcher [MF]	Shell
Meg Wong [MW]	Stark
Nik Wills [NW]	Stark
Rachel Lilley [RL]	ESP
Ryan Farrell [RF]	NPg
Seema Singtalur [SS]	Shell
Seun Adedapo [SA]	National Grid
Shyam Doraiswamy [SD]	Ofgem
Tom Jenkins [TJ]	Indigo
Tony Collings [TC]	Ecotricity
Secretariat	
Mel Kendal [MK] (Secretariat)	ElectraLink
Richard Colwill [RC] (Chair)	ElectraLink
Apologies	
Craig Booth [CB]	ElectraLink
Diandra Orodan [DO]	BUUK
Emma Clark [EC]	SSE

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.
- 1.4 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 97/02 – The Chair noted that the Secretariat has updated the guidance document (with DCP 458 [‘Amend DCP 414 process’](#) legal text) and this will be circulated to the DCMDG subgroup for review.
- 2.3 Action 96/01 – The Chair noted that there is currently a live Ofgem Consultation looking at various solutions. The Chair confirmed that the group will be informed of any further updates.
- 2.4 Action 96/02 – The Chair explained that a new CP may be needed if Ofgem approve the Debt Relief Scheme and therefore agreed to keep this action open until a decision has been made.
- 2.5 Action 97/05 – The Chair noted that this is an ongoing item and shall remain open.
- 2.6 Action 100/06 – The Chair informed the group that potential alternate DCMDG dates was presented to the August DCUSA Panel meeting; although it is recommended that a new CP is presented at the DCMDG for further feedback, the current DCMDG dates do not appear to be causing any major issues. Following the DCUSA Panel feedback, DCMDG members agreed for the current DCMDG meeting dates (3rd Thursday every month) to remain as they are. This action is now closed.

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 a Consultation is no longer going out for P441 [‘Creation of Complex Site Classes’](#) and Ofgem have chosen to go straight to a decision. AM noted that its dates will need to be aligned with both the distribution complementary mod and the REC complimentary mod. Ofgem confirmed that comms will be issued around this.

- 3.4 DW queried whether there was an update in relation to DCP 466 '[Tariff Band to Follow Capacity](#)' – AM explained that Ofgem do not anticipate a long decision-making timeline for this change and expect a decision to be published by late September 2026.
- 3.5 HD queried whether there was an update in relation to DCP 474 '[Application of Smart Meter Communication Licence Costs in the CDCM](#)' – SD informed the group that this change has been assigned and is currently still being consulted on. **Post-meeting note: the next DCP 474 meeting (05) is currently scheduled for 17 September 2026 at 1pm to review the collated Consultation responses.**
- 3.6 LM queried whether there was an update in relation to DCP 452 '[Correct application of Forward Cost Pricing EDCM charges to users connected directly to a Grid Supply Point](#)' – AM explained that this change has also been assigned, however, this change is not yet ready for a decision (expected decision mid-September 2026).
- 3.7 The group noted the Ofgem update.

4. Reasonableness of existing connection rules that place the cost of changing/repurposing industrial connections to domestic ones on the owner of the site

- 4.1 The Chair invited the group to further discuss the reasonableness of existing connection rules that place the cost of changing/repurposing industrial connections to domestic ones on the owner of the site.
- 4.2 The key points can be found below:
- 4.3 AM informed the group that a recent query has been received regarding a number of sites that have been redeveloped or have been picked up by one set of users and have undergone a change of use to become a domestic property (whether a housing estate or being redeveloped).
- 4.4 AM explained that the belief is that this is the responsibility of those who are buying that site to understand what liabilities come with that. Ofgem have noticed an increase in these sites and are aware that there are many sites where users are potentially being asked to pay for connection costs to change connections.
- 4.5 Ofgem believe for the most part that users are carrying out the relative due diligence, however, are interested to understand if this is a bigger issue and how many DNOs are coming across this particular scenario.
- 4.6 Lee Stone noted that CT-metered connections could present challenges, as they are often treated as non-domestic. He also highlighted potential issues relating to Standard Licence Condition 6 and the Domestic Premises Indicator, where a site's domestic/non-domestic classification may not always align with supplier registration arrangements. AM informed the group that more than one query has been received around domestic users who are on high voltage connections and there is not a high voltage domestic tariff. Following this, AM queried whether this scenario is common enough that one might be needed?
- 4.7 AM explained the question is whether this scenario is consumer harm, or whether this is something that solicitors and surveyors, for example, should be spending more time making sure their Customers understand the buying process.

- 4.8 DCMDG members did not raise any concerns around this scenario being a bigger issue currently, and no further actions were taken.

5. DCMDG Subgroup Updates

- 5.1 The Chair provided the group with an update in relation to the current DCMDG subgroups that are being held for members to further discuss.
- 5.2 The key points can be found below:

DCUSA Derogation Application - Approved

- 5.3 The Chair informed the group that a derogation has been drafted, and this was presented to the DCUSA Panel on 19 August 2026. The Panel approved the derogation, and comms were issued the same day to wider industry regarding this.
- 5.4 EB requested a copy of the comms issued around the approval of the derogation sent on 19 August 2026 – the Secretariat agreed to forward this to EB, and asked members to contact the Secretariat if they also did not receive the original comms and would like this to be sent.

Action 102/01	The Secretariat to forward the original comms regarding the approval of the DCUSA Derogation Application (issued on 19 August 2026 to all Contract Managers) to EB and DW and any additional members who request a copy of the comms.
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- 5.1 EG queried whether the Panel has considered the comments regarding the 15 September 2026 deadline (where distributors send them out to Suppliers) – the Chair confirmed that the Panel did review the comments, however, agreed to take this away as an action to check the meeting minutes and feedback to the group post-meeting.

Action 102/02	The Secretariat to provide the group with an update around the August DCUSA Panel discussions around the 15 September 2026 deadline (in relation to the DCUSA Derogation Application approval).
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- 5.2 LS queried how the approved derogation would apply in practice, specifically whether the Annual Allocation Review (AAR) would continue and, if so, from what date any banding changes would take effect. CO clarified that the AAR will still be undertaken on 15 September 2026 as normal. However, reviews will only be applied from 1 April 2026 (the start of ED3), or from the date a site migrated if this occurred after 1 April 2026. By way of example, a site that migrated on 1 August 2026 would only be reviewed back to that date.

6. Any Other Business

- 6.1 The Chair asked if there were any other items of business to discuss.
- 6.2 No other items were discussed.

7. Agenda Items for the Next Meeting

- 7.1 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.

8. DNO (“Distribution Network Operator”) Operational Matters

- 8.1 The Chair asked if there were any DNO Matters to be raised. No matters were raised.

9. Date of Next Meeting

- 9.1 The next DCMDG meeting will be held on 17 September 2026 via Microsoft Teams.

10. Attachments

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