

DDDG Technical Subgroup Meeting 12

22 September 2026 at 11:30 - Web-Conference

Attendee	Company
Attendees	
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Code Administrator	
Furqan Aziz [FA]	Chair
Hannah Proffitt [HP]	Secretariat

1. Administration

Recording

- 1.1 The Chair reminded members that this meeting is recorded. The purpose of this recording is purely to aid the Technical Secretariat in producing an accurate report of the meeting.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

- 1.2 No comments were raised. Updates on the actions can be found in the appendix.
- 1.3 The slides presented are included as **Attachment 1**.

2. Project Recap and Timeline

- 2.1 The Chair recapped the project's aim to create a standardised, web-based dashboard for network charging statements (CDCM tariff data), allowing users to filter, download, and utilise data from all network operators in a unified format.
- 2.2 The Chair advised that Phase 1 is now complete as the dashboard was launched on 09 September. The Chair advised that the DCUSA Board provided approval for work on Phase 2 to begin immediately.
- 2.3 The Chair presented the below timeline.

2026	
March	Board sign-off on MVP scope
April	Initial data extraction
May	Technical build
July	Staging Env Review
August	Board Sign-off
September	MVP Public Release
September	Phase 2

3. Phase 1 Evaluation

- 3.1 The Chair showed members where the dashboard is located on the DCUSA website currently (Quick Links and Network Charging Page) and provided a walkthrough, highlighting the main features.

Feedback since launch

- 3.2 The Chair advised that five positive pieces of feedback on the dashboard had been received so far.
- 3.3 The Chair added that one issue had been identified regarding one region being incorrect, and that this has been fixed.

Closing Phase 1

- 3.4 The Chair outlined the following next steps in raising awareness of the dashboard.
 - Article to be posted on the DCUSA website in the next week.
 - Work to produce a walkthrough video is also ongoing. The video will outline how the dashboard works and highlight what is included and excluded.
 - LinkedIn post will be posted in the next week.

Evaluation of Phase 1

- 3.5 The group discussed what went well during Phase 1 and what problems they faced.

What went well?

- Open and effective communication between all parties.
- How quickly the group reached agreement on what data needed to be included and in what structure.
- Goals were achieved quickly.
- Agreement reached quickly defining what was to be included in Phase 1 and Phase 2.

What problems did we face?

- IDNO and Annex 2 data were not able to be included (users therefore not able to retire some databases yet).
- Group were limited by what the Board approved. Members noted that Phase 2 will be crucial in implementing data/features that will make the dashboard fit for purpose.
- Group felt that going forward, less time should be spent during meetings recapping the project/progress so far. Meeting time should be prioritised for discussions on developments etc.
- One member noted that an AI specialist contractor was used, and suggested discussion/clarity was needed regarding this. The Chair agreed that this would be covered.
- Members felt that the technical solution could have been more ambitious. More automation and the potential use of an API. Members felt that the ideal solution would have a single master source - billing system to dashboard.

4. Phase 2 Development

- 4.1 The Chair noted that the release of Phase 2 will be in December but that work can start immediately following this meeting. The Chair asked members for their thoughts on what should be prioritised for Phase 2.

Phase 2 Items

IDNO Data

- 4.2 The Chair highlighted the challenge of reviewing, uploading, and keeping 1,100+ worksheets up to date. The Chair highlighted that Artificial Intelligence (AI) was used to download/collect the worksheets, but not to analyse them. The Chair added that without using AI, it will be challenging to manage the uploading and checking for updates, especially for Annex 2. The Chair asked members if they objected to the collection of the worksheets using AI. Members agreed that that this limited download use case was not a concern.

- 4.3 JD and CO noted that a number of IDNOs do not have any Extra High Voltage (EHV) Annex 2 charges because they do not have any of those types of customers. CO noted that they will need to check all of them however, to ensure nothing is missed.
- 4.4 The Chair outlined challenges in identifying IDNOs with different Annex 1 charges to their host DNOs, despite DJ advising that several did. The Chair asked members which IDNOs this applies to.
- 4.5 AT advised that they had looked into this previously and that typically it was the generation charges that differed rather than the demand tariffs. CO added that it is possible that there were previous differences that DJ was aware of, but that these have changed and that it is no longer the case.
- 4.6 JD explained that they will be using the data to match an LLFC to a charging rate, therefore the LLFCs from the IDNO need to be added, regardless of whether the rates are different or not, so that they can be matched from the ECOES (Electricity Central Online Enquiry Service) data.
- 4.7 JD raised that most Suppliers will already have processes in place for the IDNO data and highlighted that their organisation uses a Python script to download the statements and then run the script against the directory that contains all the charging statements. JD added that they then spot check for any errors.
- 4.8 CO highlighted the importance of including the data as published by the IDNO, rather than assuming it is the same as the host DNO. The group agreed.
- 4.9 AT noted that DCUSA has a Contract Manager contact for all IDNOs and suggested that an IDNO group could be formed to discuss the issues with the data and to identify any differences. Members suggested that this could be raised at the next Independent Networks Association (INA) meeting.

IDNO Filtering and Layout

- 4.10 The Chair suggested updating the filtering/layout for IDNO data so users will only see the regions IDNOs actually operate in.
- 4.11 The group decided that this is not a priority for Phase 2.

Annex 2 and Annex 6 Data

- 4.12 Members agreed that both Annex 2 and Annex 6 need to be included.
- 4.13 CO explained the relationship between Annex 2 and Annex 6, noting that Annex 2 contains the initial EHV charges at the start of the charging year, while Annex 6 records new or amended EHV sites during the year; affected Annex 2 entries are crossed out and the revised information appears in Annex 6. At the next charging year, Annex 2 is republished with the full set and Annex 6 starts blank again.
- 4.14 CO noted that Annex 6 updates are generally quarterly but may be delayed. GP explained that Northern Powergrid publishes separate dated addendum documents rather than including Annex 6 in the main statement. The Chair noted that the differing approaches mean the team must understand each DNO's publication method and timing. AT suggested that there is an opportunity for guidance to be created to align DNO processes.

- 4.15 Members discussed the possibility of DNOs notifying DCUSA when a new Annex 6 document or addendum is available, allowing the team to download it without repeatedly searching individual websites.
- 4.16 AT suggested that this requirement should be formalised via a DCUSA change as without a formal obligation, the dashboard may become outdated. The Chair agreed that an interim agreement could support delivery while a Change Proposal is considered.
- 4.17 PW proposed eliminating Annex 6 by replacing the relevant Annex 2 dataset in full whenever it changes, with a change or effective-date field to show updates. Members supported exploring this approach, and CO took an action to discuss a common approach with the other DNOs.

Action 12/01 – CO to discuss with the other DNOs, the possibility of eliminating Annex 6 by replacing the relevant Annex 2 dataset in full whenever it changes, with a change or effective-date field to show updates.

Illustrative tariffs (from CIRP files) & API

- 4.18 Members asked that these items are discussed and considered for Phase 2 at the next meeting.
- 4.19 A summary of the discussion is also provided in the table below.

Item	Type	Why it matters	Difficulty	Known challenges	Dependencies
IDNO annex 1 data	New	Complete GB coverage	High	1,100+ worksheet to review. - Uploading the dataset - Keeping up to date - Not often annex 2 idno data changes. - LLFC are different - Objective match llfc to charges. - Generation tariffs likely to be different. - Python script – download - Spot check is fine. - Use the published charge	- Software that can review all worksheets 1,100 AI used in ok for this. - Python script extract charges.
IDNO filtering and layout	Quality of life (not a priority)	Users only see the regions IDNOs actually operate in.	Medium		- IDNO data. - Regional operations

Annex 2	New	Complete GB coverage	High	• Updates more regularly than annex 1 • Annex 6 – new or changed ehv site • Timing of annex 6 publication (every quarter, maybe be delayed, no set schedule). • Sperate addendums in a separate document (NPG).	• Understand the different Annex 6 setup. How and when they are released. Setup an agreement that annex 6 data is sent to dcusa. • Need to raised on a bigger forum for agreement. • Long term this should be put into code. • Understand what each dno is doing across the year. Chris – discuss agreement on annex 6.
CIRP data also included in P2 Also API for next session.					

5. Any Other Business

5.1 The Chair asked members whether there was any other business, to which nothing was raised.

Attachments

- Attachment 1 - DDDG TSG Meeting 12 Slides

New and Open Actions

Action Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
10/01	DJ took an action to investigate which IDNOs have different charges and to feed this back to the Chair.	DJ	Action ongoing.
12/01	CO to discuss with the other DNOs, the possibility of eliminating Annex 6 by replacing the relevant Annex 2 dataset in full whenever it changes, with a change or effective-date field to show updates.	CO	New action.

Closed Actions

Action Ref.	Update		
11/01	The Chair to investigate the issue regarding the rates for DNO 18 for 2027.	The Chair	Action closed. <i>Complete.</i>