

Distribution Charging Methodologies Development Group (“DCMDG”) - Meeting 103

17 September 2026 at 10:00 via Microsoft Teams

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Tim Aldridge [TA]	Ofgem
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Mel Kendal [MK] (Secretariat)	ElectraLink
Richard Colwill [RC] (Chair)	ElectraLink
Apologies	
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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 it was identified that the DCP 458 legal text was not within the [guidance document](#), and this has since been updated offline prior to being published. The Working Group agreed to discuss this further during the relative agenda item.
- 2.3 Action 96/01 – The Chair noted that the Ofgem Consultation is currently live and the group will be notified of any further updates.
- 2.4 Action 96/02 – The Chair confirmed that there has yet to be any further updates.
- 2.5 Action 97/05 – The Chair noted that this is an ongoing item and shall remain open.
- 2.6 Action 102/02 – The Chair reiterated that the derogation is not to amend and/or change the 15 September 2026 deadline, but to determine how far a DNO can go back. The Chair confirmed that the derogation was approved by the DCUSA Panel. It was noted that a CP related to the derogation still needs to be raised to address the issue, and members agreed to add this to the action log, and the current action is now closed.

Action 103/01	The Secretariat to seek a volunteer to raise a new Change Proposal in relation to the DCUSA Derogation Application.
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- 2.7 The group noted the updates.

3. Ofgem Update

- 3.1 The Chair invited TA to provide an Ofgem update.
- 3.2 The key points can be found below:

- 3.3 TA informed the group that the Consultation on notice periods for setting charges during the first two years of ED3, closed in August 2026. TA stated that there were mixed responses with Suppliers favouring the maximum notice and Networks favouring the minimum notice. The responses from this Consultation are currently being assessed and Ofgem aim to issue a decision in October 2026.
- 3.4 A number of members raised concerns around the Ofgem decision timeline as losses submissions will be completed by the end of September 2026, noting that making an indication on the 2028/29 charging position important prior to October 2026 planning. TA stated that if the Ofgem decision is not available by the end of September 2026, Ofgem would seek to alert DNOs regarding the likely outcome or whether planned work could be stopped.
- 3.5 TA informed the group that DCP 412 '[Allocation of banding for TCR Charges for 'Peak' Final Demand Customers](#)' is with Ofgem's legal team. The expected publication of the Consultation document is expected in mid-October 2026.
- 3.6 TA also informed the group that DCP 452 '[Correct application of Forward Cost Pricing EDCM charges to users connected directly to a Grid Supply Point](#)' is expected to be considered next by Ofgem, followed by DCP 466 '[Tariff Band to Follow Capacity](#)'.
- 3.7 Members queried why the decision for DCP 466 is taking longer than originally expected – TA explained that internal discussions led to thoughts that this change may not be as straight forward as initially expected, however, agreed to take an action to follow this up internally to gain a more accurate timescale. Members noted that an end of September 2026 decision date would be ideal.

Action 103/02	TA to follow-up the timescales of DCP 466 internally to gain a more accurate date of expected decision.
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- 3.8 The group noted the Ofgem update.

4. DCP 414/458 Updated Guidance Document

- 4.1 The Chair invited the group to further discuss the DCP 414/458 updated Guidance document.
- 4.2 The key points can be found below:
- 4.3 RF informed the group that a subgroup was held to discuss the DCP 414/458 Guidance document. it identified that milestone 14 is expected soon (28 October 2026) and requires P432 sites and MPANs to have migrated to half-hourly settlement. Following this, RF queried what would happen if a Supplier was to miss this milestone; i.e., would they remain within the DCP 414 process, or move directly to normal half-hourly tariffs without transitional protection?
- 4.4 RF also queried what happens after the deadline passes; i.e., is this process continued and used indefinitely, or is there a hard stop (meaning anything after the deadline date is treated as BAU)? RF suggested both concerns should be further discussed and considered.
- 4.5 LS explained to the group that the DCP 414 protections were intended to operate independently of compliance with the BSC milestone, with non-compliance managed through the BSC and its assurance processes.

- 4.6 LS added that P478 had broadened the definition of advanced metering to ensure that traditional meters were also captured. The group also noted that CP1628 and guidance are not expected until November 2026, creating practical difficulties in populating mandatory data.
- 4.7 Following RF's earlier question, LS confirmed that both milestone 14/15 dates are hard deadlines and explained that if protection runs until migration at milestone 15 (potentially expected around 07 May 2026), transitional tariffs could be required until the end of April 2028 and therefore need to remain available into the 2028/29 charging year. CO suggested that 31 March 2026 would be operationally cleaner as it aligns with the end of regularity charging year. Members agreed that this appropriate date requires further consideration.
- 4.8 Following on from the above discussion, the Chair agreed to take an action to establish what the BSC intends to do about Suppliers that do not meet the milestone requirement. Given the reported migration volumes and the operational consequences for DNOs.
- 4.9 The Chair agreed to take an action to follow-up the above discussions and seek a response from BSC.

Action 103/03	The Secretariat to follow-up with BSC and seek a response as to what they intend to do about Suppliers that do not meet the milestone requirement.
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- 4.10 Following the above discussions, the Chair confirmed that the guidance document has officially been published, and the group agreed to reconsider whether the guidance document needs further amendments or whether a new CP needs to be raised. This item will be added to the October DCMDG meeting for further consideration.

5. Any Other Business

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

6. Agenda Items for the Next Meeting

- 6.1 The Chair explained that there we no specific items for the agenda, however the progress of the actions would be assessed and an agenda produced with these in mind.

7. DNO ("Distribution Network Operator") Operational Matters

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

8. Date of Next Meeting

- 8.1 The next DCMDG meeting will be held on 15 October 2026 via Microsoft Teams.

9. Attachments

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