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## DCUSA E-Bulletin

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#### Monthly Summary

#### WORKING GROUP UPDATES

##### DCP 369 'Theft Charter'

*This Change Proposal seeks to implement a cross-industry Theft Vulnerability Charter which shall be endorsed and integrated with existing vulnerability measures by all energy suppliers.*

- DCP 369 was issued to the April Panel, at which it was approved for it to be issued for voting. The outcome of the Party vote was that the solution for DCP 369 was accepted but the implementation date was rejected. Therefore, the implementation date for the Change Report was given further consideration by the Proposer and the TIG prior to re-submission to the voting phase which will only be in respect of the implementation date. Once these alterations were made, the Change was sent out to vote once more. However, no votes were received and therefore leaving the Change Proposal without an acceptance

or rejection. At the July Panel meeting, the Panel agreed that the Change Proposal should have an extended voting period of a further 15 Working Days. However, if at the end of the period, there are still no votes, then the Change Proposal will likely have to be withdrawn from the process.

### **DCP 364 'Provision of information on Suppliers out of Hours Metering Service Provisions'**

*The intent of this Change Proposal (CP) is to require supplier parties to provide and maintain up to date information on Suppliers out of hours metering service provisions*

- The DCP 364 Change Report was issued for voting with a deadline of 10 July. The Change Declaration was released on 14 July 2020 and is now awaiting implementation.

### **DCP 361 'Ofgem Targeted Charging Review (TCR) Implementation – Calculation of Charges**

*The intent of this Change Proposal (CP) is to implement certain areas of Ofgem's TCR Decision; specifically relating to the calculation of charges.*

*This CP seeks to address paragraphs 17-19, paragraphs 24-28 and paragraph 30, whilst having regard for paragraphs 34 and 36-39, of the TCR Direction.*

- The DCP 361 Change Report group met on 19 May during which the consultation document was finalised and any outstanding actions closed down. The consultation was issued on 28 May 2020 with responses due by 18 June 2020, following which the Working Group met on 22 and 23 June and then again on 02 July to review the responses to the consultation and finalise the change report. The Change Report was submitted to the July Panel meeting and was issued to the Parties through the Voting stage on 17 July for 15 Working Days.

### **DCPs 352, 353, 354 and 355 'CDCM, EDCM (LRIC), EDCM (FCP) and PCDM Modelling Assumptions Housekeeping'**

***These CPs are intending to clarify and better align the legal text to the CDCM, EDCM (LRIC), EDCM (FCP) and PCDM models.***

- The DCUSA Panel instructed that a Joint Working Group be established to assess the solution for all four of these CPs. The Joint Working Group for DCPs 352, 353, 354 and 355 met on 07 January 2020 to review the CPs and to discuss the draft legal text and next steps for the changes. There are still a couple of outstanding issues on the assumptions log that require attention and so the Working Group will be reviewing these and producing solutions before Change Reports will be drafted.

**DCP 349 'Effectiveness of the current provision of unsecured cover under Schedule 1'**

***This CP seeks to mitigate the financial risk associated with supply business failures by strengthening the criteria around the provision of unsecured cover and protect customers from increased socialised failure costs.***

- After review of the RFI, there was agreement that the reduction of the maximum number of qualifying months of good payment history together with a time limit after which a form of secured cover must be used was appropriate. The Working Group were also concerned that based on the current COVID-19 situation and the nature of this change that it may be inappropriate to progress this change during this time

**DCP 344 'Solutions for a new approach to billing and remittance'**

***This CP seeks to introduce a new approach for billing that will create efficiencies for DCUSA Parties and better facilitate competition.***

- Based on the recent transition of domestic customers to OVO and the original proposer leaving SSE, we have asked whether SSE still wish to continue with this CP and an update will be provided shortly.

### **DCP 328 'Use of system charging for private networks with competition in supply'**

*This CP looks to ensure that use of system charging remains cost reflective when competition in supply on a private network is in place.*

- This CP has been placed on hold pending the outcome of the TCR DCPs 358-361, which are looking at residual charging (including private networks). A decision on the status of DCP 328 will be made following the outcome of these CPs.

### **DCP 325 'Reviewing the requirements of Sections 35A, 35B, Schedule 15 and Schedule 20'**

*This CP seeks to combine, review and if appropriate, amend the requirements of Section 35A and 35B, Schedule 15 and 20 to improve transparency and efficiency in the data published by DNOs.*

- The Working Group are continuing to finalise their solution and legal text. The updated models have been received but with most members tied up with the TCR related CPs, work is unlikely to progress until those CPs have been finalised.

### **DCPs Approved at Panel**

**DCP 371** 'Last resort arrangements for Distributors to manage specific consumer connected devices'

### **DCPs Awaiting Approval from Ofgem**

**DCP 266** 'The calculation and application of IDNO Discounts'

**DCP 297** 'Network Interventions SLA Enhancement'

**DCP 313** 'Eligibility Criteria for EDCM Generation Credits'

**DCP 314** 'Appropriate treatment of Bad Debt following appointment of Supplier of Last Resort'

**DCP 343** 'Use of a nominated calculation agent for the calculation of the LV mains split'

**DCP 350** 'Creation of Embedded Capacity Registers'

**DCP 358** 'Ofgem Targeted Charging Review (TCR) Implementation – Determination of Banding Boundaries'

**DCP 359** 'Ofgem Targeted Charging Review (TCR) Implementation – customers: who should pay?'

**DCP 360** 'Ofgem Targeted Charging Review (TCR) Implementation – customers: allocation to bands and interventions'

**DCP 368** 'Amendment to the Electricity Theft Detection Incentive Scheme (ETDIS) Timing'

### **DCPs Implemented in v12.4 DCUSA release on 14 July 2020**

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### **DCPs Approved and Scheduled for Implementation**

**DCP 268** 'DUoS Charging Using HH Settlement Data' **Implementation Date: 01 April 2021**

**DCP 333** 'Appropriate Treatment and Allocation of Eligible Use of System Bad Debt Costs' **Implementation Date: 01 April 2021**

**DCP 341 and DCP 342** 'Removal of residual charging for storage facilities in the CDCM and the EDCM' **Implementation Date: 01 April 2021**

**DCP 356** 'Housekeeping change following the approval of DCP 332 and DCP 268' **Implementation Date: 01 April 2021**

**DCP 363** 'Refining the definition of 'Eligible Electricity Storage Facility' in the EDCM' **Implementation Date: 01 April 2021**

**For any further information on any of the DCUSA Change Proposals, please visit the DCUSA Change Register section of the DCUSA website using the following [link](#).**



## DCUSA Key Dates

**Next DCUSA release: 05 November 2020**

### DCPs Sent Back to Panel

**DCP 340** 'Notice period required to recover approved last resort supply payment claims which breach the materiality threshold'

### DCPs on Pause

**DCP 362** 'The update of relevant European Union (EU) clauses as a result of Brexit'

## DCUSA Training Day

The **DCUSA Training Day** was held on 23 July 2020 via teleconference.

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