

## **Pants On Fire, episode 14**

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1. Schedule 16 of DCUSA is the DNOs' CDCM charging methodology. It includes the statements reproduced in exhibit 1.

### **Exhibit 1 Paragraph 3 of DCUSA schedule 16**

3. In order to comply with this methodology statement when setting distribution Use of System Charges the DNO Party will populate and publish:
  - (a) the CDCM model version 104 as issued by the Panel on 1 April 2017; and
  - (b) the CDCM "Price Control Disaggregation" model version 3.0 as issued by the Panel on 1 April 2016.
2. The "Price Control Disaggregation" model is also called the "Method M" model or "IDNO model".
3. SP Distribution Ltd and SP Manweb plc are licensed DNOs. They are part of SP Energy Networks, within the ScottishPower group (owned by Iberdrola).
4. SP Energy Networks seems to have two websites for regulatory documents. Relevant links are listed in exhibit 2.

### **Exhibit 2 Web links for SP Energy Networks regulatory documents**

[https://www.spenergynetworks.co.uk/pages/regulatory\\_information\\_library.aspx](https://www.spenergynetworks.co.uk/pages/regulatory_information_library.aspx)

[https://www.spenergynetworks.co.uk/pages/connections\\_use\\_of\\_system\\_and\\_metering\\_services.aspx](https://www.spenergynetworks.co.uk/pages/connections_use_of_system_and_metering_services.aspx)

[https://www.scottishpower.com/pages/connections\\_use\\_of\\_system\\_and\\_metering\\_services.aspx](https://www.scottishpower.com/pages/connections_use_of_system_and_metering_services.aspx)

5. I have looked on these websites for the information required to comply with the CDCM charging methodology according to the text reproduced in exhibit 1.
6. The link from the regulatory information web page to the "Connections, Use of System and Metering Services" page is broken. It looks like people who do not already know that, bizarrely, this distribution business publishes its distribution charging information on a corporate website that also promotes its competitive generation and supply business activities are expected to rely on an Internet search engine to discover that oddity.
7. CDCM models for SP Distribution and SP Manweb are available from the scottishpower.com web page. But I cannot find any CDCM "Price Control Disaggregation" model for SP Distribution and SP Manweb anywhere.
8. A good regulator might have enforced the obligation of a regulated company to provide information to its customers; but the electricity sector in England, Wales and Scotland does not seem to have any of those.