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| Standing Issue Title:<br><b>On-site Generation during Planned Outages</b>  | <b>Issue: 43</b> |
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| <b>Description of the Issue:</b> <p>During a planned outage the DNO and customer can agree the provision of on-site generation. Typically these outages are short but from time to time can last for extended periods and the provision of the generation can be made by either party. In a recent case a customer provided on-site generation connected on the distributor side of the meter resulting in all locally generated units passing through the meter and being counted in settlement for a period of four weeks (inclusive of all Triad periods).</p> <p>Though the outage was negotiated between customer and DNO no contact was made with the supplier. Due to the automation of the read process the DNO levied DUoS charges on the supplier.</p>   |                  |
| <p>This scenario raises a number of concerns:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The accuracy of settlement: since the electricity being entered into settlements is not from a registered metered export site or provided by a contracted generating party and contributing to the GSP Group metered volume</li> <li>2. The recovery of costs not incurred - e.g. by the network operators.</li> <li>3. The implications for suppliers – purchase versus sales imbalance as the customer refuses to pay charges levied by the supplier</li> <li>4. The treatment of export/spill.</li> <li>5. Safety – what rules permit/govern/control such connections?</li> <li>6. The role/responsibility of the DNO in permitting supply to a site which is effectively off-supply.</li> <li>7. Communication between impacted parties</li> <li>8. The extent to which these scenarios occur</li> </ol> |                  |
| <p>While it is considered that this relates predominately to planned outages, suppliers would like to understand the steps taken in the event of a prolonged outage, whether planned or unplanned and the impacts may have on settlements.</p> <p>The issues to be discussed would benefit from the inclusion of DCUSA/MRA/ENA and AMO representatives as clearly some of the issues cross over the codes.</p>   |                  |
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