Objectives

- Consistency and standardisation of format across all DNO's
- 4 initial options to be considered
- Not to change format prior to issue of final prices for 2007/08
 I.e. potential for disruption to parties
- Inclusion of all affected Industry parties in the discussions and all feedback will be welcome and acknowledged.





Summary of Options

- 1. No change LC4A and LC36 as separate documents (LC4A including schedules)
- 2. New combined document which has LC4A and LC36 and schedules
- 3. New combined LC4A and LC36 but with schedules in separate look-up tables
- 4. A suite of documents which would include methodology, LC4A and LC36 as separate documents and with MDD based look-up tables as an appendix to LC4A





Option 1:- LC4A and LC36 separate (LC4A including schedules)

Pros

- Status quo and parties are aware of existing structures;
- Avoids the problem of having to issue whole document when changes may be related to only one area.
- Facilitates the timeframes for publication of DUoS/ MAP in terms of Licence Condition and contractual obligations

- Does not address concerns already highlighted by the industry
- Problem of parties not finding all charges located in one place.





Option 2:- New combined LC4A and LC36 (including schedules)Pros

- All information in one document: easier for parties to make a reasonable estimate of the charges they would be liable for;
- Prevents duplication of charges and methodology in other statements;
- Assists in the alignment to the DCUSA governance arrangements and charging provisions.

- Timeframes for publication of DUoS/MAP not the same in terms of Licence Condition and contractual obligations;
- If one section needs changing, whole document re-submitted;
- A lot of detailed information: may be seen as not being user friendly and relevant to all parties.





Option 3:- New combined LC4A and LC36 but with schedules in look-up tables

Pros

- Same as Option 2, plus
- As charges and MDD data are schedules in the form of look-up tables, if a change occurs, easier to submit individually;
- Parties can look at those individual look-up tables that reflect their needs.

- Same as Option 1, plus
- Issue with parties not finding all the information in one place.





Option 4:- Suite of documents including Methodology LC4, LC4A and LC36 with schedules and look-up tables as appendices to LC4

Pros

- Suite of cross referenced documents: can be set up with links to each other;
- Change control in each document rather than a continually changing document for different markets I.e. UoS/Metering.
- Avoids the problem of having to issue whole document when changes may be related to only one area.
- Facilitates the timeframes for publication of DUoS/ MAP in terms of Licence Condition and contractual obligations

- Too many documents may prove to be confusing for parties to locate charging information and charges;
- Parties having issues understanding contents of each area;
- The amount of work needed for DNO's to set up this regime.



