

Meeting Session	DCUSA Panel (Open Session)
Paper Reference	Panel_2021_1215_04 _Initial Assessment Paper: DCP 398
Action	For Decision

Initial Assessment Paper

1. Synopsis

- 1.1 This paper refers one DCUSA Change Proposal (DCP) to the DCUSA Panel for agreement on its progression.
- 1.2 The Change Proposal (CP) has been assessed by the Secretariat in accordance with Clause 10.11 of the DCUSA, and the Secretariat believes that the CP has met the requirements set out in the DCUSA. Therefore, the Secretariat has prepared a set of recommendations for consideration by the Panel.

2. Change Proposal Received

- 2.1 Table 1 details the CP that has been received by the DCUSA Secretariat. The views of the Proposer as to whether their CP relates to a Part 1 or Part 2 Matter and whether it should be treated as a Standard or Urgent change are detailed in the bullet points below:
- 2.2 It is the view of the Proposer that the Change Proposal should be treated as a 'Standard' change, by virtue of the fact that the change should be progressed in accordance with the Authority's proposed timetable.

Table 1 - Overview of new CP

DCP No.	Title	Proposer	Part 1 / Part 2 Matter	Proposed Implementation Date	Impacted Clauses	CP Area	Summary
DCP 398	Gender Neutral Amendments to the DCUSA	Eastern Power Networks	Part 2	01 April 2022	Various Clauses in Sections 1A, 1B, 1C, 2A, 2B, 3 and Schedules 2B, 7, 10 and 28.	General	The intent of this Change Proposal is to remove any gendered language used throughout the DCUSA and replace it with gender neutral language to ensure that the drafting reflects a more diverse and inclusive approach.

3. Progression of the Change Proposal

DCP 398

- 3.1 ElectraLink recommends that DCP 398 is progressed to the Change Report phase as a Part 2 Matter via the timetable set out in table 2 below:

Table 2 – Proposed Timetable for DCP 398

Activity	Target Date
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Panel review of Change Proposal (Initial Assessment)	15 December 2021
Extraordinary General Meeting held to vote on amendments to Articles of Association	16 February 2022
Change Report issued to Panel	16 February 2022
Change Report issued for Voting	18 February 2022
Party Voting Closes	11 March 2022
Change Declaration Issued	15 March 2022
Authority Decision	01 April 2022

4. Recommendations

4.1 For DCP 398 the DCUSA Panel is invited to:

- **ACCEPT** the referral of the CP, noting that in accordance with Clause 10.14A, the Panel may not refuse a Change Proposal submitted pursuant to Clause 10.2.5;
- **AGREE** that the CP should be treated as a 'Standard Change';
- **AGREE** that DCP 398 should be treated as a Part 2 Matter;
- **NOTE** that DCP 398 will be progressed to the Change Report phase,
- **NOTE** the progression of the CP will be in accordance with the timescales set out in the table under paragraph 3.1 above.

5. Attachments

- Attachment 1 - DCP 398 Change Proposal Form

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