

Meeting Session	DCUSA Panel (Open Session)
Paper Reference	Panel_2023_0816_02_Initial Assessment Paper
Action	For Decision

Initial Assessment Paper

1. Synopsis

- 1.1 This paper refers any DCUSA Change Proposals (DCPs) to the DCUSA Panel for agreement on their progression.
- 1.2 This month, three Change Proposals have been received by the Secretariat.
- 1.3 These Change Proposals (CP) have been assessed by the Secretariat in accordance with Clause 10.11 of the DCUSA, and the Secretariat believes that the CPs have met the requirements set out in the DCUSA. Therefore, the Secretariat has prepared a set of recommendations for consideration by the Panel.

2. Change Proposals Received

- 2.1 Table 1 details the CPs that have been received by the DCUSA Secretariat. The view 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 is detailed in the bullet point below:
 - It is the view of the Proposer of DCP 425 that it be classed as a Standard Change and a Part 1 Matter;
 - It is the view of the Proposer of DCP 426 that it be classed as a Standard Change and a Part 2 Matter; and
 - It is the view of the Proposer of DCP 427 that it be classed as a Standard Change and a Part 2 Matter.
- 2.2 Taking into account the view of the Proposer above, the DCUSA Panel should, with reference to DCUSA Clause 9.4 and 10.7, determine whether, in their opinion, the CP relates to a Part 1 or Part 2 Matter and whether the CP is to be treated as a Standard or an Urgent change.

DCP No.	Title	Proposer	Part 1 / Part 2 Matter	Proposed Implementation Date	Impacted Clauses	Impacted Parties	Summary
DCP 425	Cost Apportionment Factor “cap” methodology	Northern Powergrid	Part 1	At the earliest opportunity once approved by the Authority	Schedule 22	DNOs, Customers (Generation Connection).	The intent of this Change Proposal (“CP”) is to provide further clarification as to how costs of Reinforcement are apportioned between the Company and the Customer (a Generation Connection) when the High-Cost Project Threshold is triggered.
DCP 426	Multiple Party Categories	Eastern Power Networks	Part 2	2 November 2023	Section 3 – Clause 57	All DCUSA Parties	The intent of this Change Proposal (“CP”) is to add clarity to the DCUSA for how a Party can hold more than one Party Category and how they can add additional Party Categories if required.
DCP 427	Housekeeping Log Items	Energy Assets Networks	Part 2	2 November 2023	Various	All DCUSA Parties	This CP seeks to address and where appropriate to implement a number of housekeeping items that have been identified over a period of time.

3. Progression of the Change Proposals

DCP 425

- 3.1 ElectraLink recommends that DCP 425 is treated as a Part 1 Matter and is progressed to the Definition Phase and for a Working Group to be established to further develop a proposed solution in accordance with the timetable set out in the table below:

Activity	Target Date
Initial Assessment Report	16 August 2023
Consultation Issued to Industry Participants	October 2023
Change Report Approved by Panel	15 November 2023
Change Report issued for Voting	17 November 2023
Party Voting Closes	08 December 2023
Change Declaration Issued to Parties / Authority	12 December 2023
Implementation	At the earliest opportunity once approved by the Authority.

DCP 426

3.2 ElectraLink recommends that DCP 427 is treated as a Part 2 Matter and that it be progressed to the Change Report Phase in accordance with the timetable set out in the table below:

Activity	Target Date
Initial Assessment Report	16 August 2023
Change Report Approved by Panel	20 September 2023
Change Report issued for Voting	21 September 2023
Party Voting Closes	12 October 2023
Change Declaration Issued to Parties	16 October 2023
Implementation	2 November 2023

DCP 427

3.3 ElectraLink recommends that DCP 427 is treated as a Part 2 Matter and that it be progressed to the Change Report Phase in accordance with the timetable set out in the table below:

Activity	Target Date
Initial Assessment Report	16 August 2023
Change Report Approved by Panel	20 September 2023
Change Report issued for Voting	21 September 2023
Party Voting Closes	12 October 2023
Change Declaration Issued to Parties	16 October 2023
Implementation	2 November 2023

4. Recommendations

4.1 For DCP 425 the DCUSA Panel is invited to:

- **ACCEPT** the referral of the CP;
- **AGREE** that the CP should be treated as a 'Standard' Change;
- **AGREE** that DCP 425 should be treated as a Part 1 Matter;
- **AGREE** that DCP 425 should be progressed to the Definition Phase and for a Working Group to be established to further develop a proposed solution; and
- **AGREE** the progression of the CP in accordance with the timescales set out in the table under paragraph 3.1 above.

4.2 For DCP 426 the DCUSA Panel is invited to:

- **ACCEPT** the referral of the CP;
- **AGREE** that the CP should be treated as a 'Standard' Change;
- **AGREE** that DCP 426 should be treated as a Part 2 Matter;
- **AGREE** that DCP 426 should be progressed to the Change Report Phase; and
- **AGREE** the progression of the CP in accordance with the timescales set out in the table under paragraph 3.2 above.

4.3 For DCP 427 the DCUSA Panel is invited to:

- **ACCEPT** the referral of the CP;
- **AGREE** that the CP should be treated as a 'Standard' Change;
- **AGREE** that DCP 427 should be treated as a Part 2 Matter;
- **AGREE** that DCP 427 should be progressed to the Change Report Phase; and
- **AGREE** the progression of the CP in accordance with the timescales set out in the table under paragraph 3.3 above.

5. Attachments

- Attachment 1 – DCP 425 Change Proposal Form
- Attachment 2 – DCP 426 Change Proposal Form
- Attachment 3 – DCP 427 Change Proposal Form

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