

Meeting Session	DCUSA Panel (Open Session)
Paper Reference	Panel_2023_1018_02_Initial Assessment Paper
Action	For Decision

Initial Assessment Paper

1. Synopsis

- 1.1 This paper refers any DCUSA Change Proposals (DCP) to the DCUSA Panel for agreement on their progression.
- 1.2 This month, 2 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 Proposal 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 430 that it be classed as a Standard Change and a Part 2 Matter;
 - It is the view of the Proposer of DCP 431 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	CP Area	Summary
DCP 430	Reducing Good Payment Record	Eastern Power Networks	Part 2	29 February 2024	Schedule 1	Cover	To clarify how Distributors should deal with late payments in considering good payment record reductions.
DCP 431	Party Novation Process	Eco Green Management Limited	Part 2	11 December 2023	Section 1A – Clause 2 & Section 3 – Clause 60	General	The intent of this Change Proposal (“CP”) is to add clarity to the DCUSA for how a Party can transfer its rights and obligations to another Party via a novation agreement.

3. Progression of the Change Proposal

DCP 430

- 3.1 ElectraLink recommends that DCP 430 is progressed as a Part 2 Matter to be progressed to the Voting Phase in accordance with the timetable set out in the table below:

Activity	Target Date
Initial Assessment Report	18 October 2023
Change Report Approved by Panel	15 November 2023
Change Report issued for Voting	16 November 2023
Party Voting Closes	07 December 2023
Change Declaration Issued to Parties	11 December 2023
Implementation Date	29 February 2024

DCP 431

- 3.2 ElectraLink recommends that DCP 431 is progressed as a Part 2 Matter to the Consultation Phase and for a Working Group to develop a proposed solution in accordance with the timetable set out in the table below:

Activity	Target Date
Initial Assessment Report	18 October 2023
Consultation Issued to Parties	N/A
Change Report Approved by Panel	15 November 2023
Change Report issued for Voting	16 November 2023
Party Voting Closes	07 December 2023
Change Declaration Issued to Parties	11 December 2023

4. Recommendations

- 4.1 For DCP 430 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 430 should be treated as a Part 2 Matter;
- **AGREE** that DCP 430 should be progressed to the Voting Phase; 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 431 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 431 should be treated as a Part 2 Matter;
- **AGREE** that DCP 431 should be progressed to the Consultation Phase; and

- **AGREE** the progression of the CP in accordance with the timescales set out in the table under paragraph 3.2 above.

5. Attachments

- Attachment 1 – DCP 430 Change Proposal Form
- Attachment 2 – DCP 431 Change Proposal Form

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