

Meeting Session	DCUSA Panel (Open Session)
Paper Reference	Panel_2024_0717_03_Initial Assessment Cover Paper: DCP 442 & DCP 443
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, two Change Proposals (CPs) have been received by the Secretariat.
- 1.3 The CPs 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 The table below details the CPs that have been received by the DCUSA Secretariat. The views of each of the Proposers 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.
  - It is the view of the Proposer of DCP 442 that it be classed as a Standard Change and a Part 1 Matter;
  - It is the view of the Proposer of DCP 443 that it be classed as a Standard Change and a Part 1 Matter;
- 2.2 Taking into account the view of the Proposers above, the DCUSA Panel should, with reference to DCUSA Clause 9.4 and 10.7, determine whether, in their opinion, each CP relates to a Part 1 or Part 2 Matter and whether each CP is to be treated as a Standard or an Urgent change.

DCP No.	Title	Proposer	Part 1/2 Matter	Proposed Implementation Date	Impacted Clauses	CP Area	Summary
DCP 442	Aligning enduring flexible connections	Northern Powergrid	Part 1 Matter	The earliest opportunity following Authority approval	Schedule 2D (Clause 7.4, Definitions, and appendix B). Schedule 22 (Clause 1.20 and Glossary of Terms).	General / CCCM	This change proposal aims to align (and clarify) the two approaches that currently may result in a flexible connection being provided on an enduring basis. A flexible connection on an enduring basis is an arrangement that allows a Customer's import/export of electricity via a connection to be restricted by a DNO/IDNO Party in perpetuity. This CP proposes that such a connection shall be a Flexible Connection rather than a Curtailable Connection.
DCP 443	Excess Capacity	Eastern Power Networks	Part 1 Matter	01 April 2026	Schedules 16/17/18	CDCM/EDCM	This Change Proposal seeks to drive the correct customer behaviour regarding exceeding capacity.

### 3. Progression of the Change Proposals

#### **DCP 442 'Aligning enduring flexible connections'**

3.1 ElectraLink recommends that DCP 442 is treated as a Part 1 Matter and that it be progressed to the Definition Phase in accordance with the timetable set out in the table below:

Activity	Target Date
Initial Assessment Report	18/07/2024
Consultation Issued to Parties	01/09/2024
Change Report Approved by Panel	20/11/2024
Change Report issued for Voting	21/11/2024
Party Voting Closes	12/12/2024
Change Declaration Issued to Parties/Authority	16/12/2024
Authority Decision	TBC

## **DCP 443 'Excess Capacity'**

3.2 ElectraLink recommends that DCP 443 is treated as a Part 1 Matter and that it be progressed to the Definition Phase in accordance with the timetable set out in the table below:

Activity	Target Date
Initial Assessment Report	17 July 2024
Consultation Issued to Industry Participants	TBC
Change Report Approved by Panel	15 January 2025
Change Report issued for Voting	16 January 2025
Party Voting Closes	06 February 2025
Change Declaration Issued to Parties/Authority	10 February 2025
Authority Decision	TBC

## 4. Recommendations

4.1 For DCP 442 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 442 should be treated as a Part 1 Matter;
- **AGREE** that DCP 442 should be progressed to the Definition Phase via a Working Group to further refine the 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 443 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 443 should be treated as a Part 1 Matter;
- **AGREE** that DCP 443 should be progressed to the Definition Phase via a Working Group to further refine the proposed solution; 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 442 Change Proposal Form
- Attachment 2 – DCP 443 Change Proposal Form

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