

Meeting Session	DCUSA Panel (Open Session)
Paper Reference	Panel_2024_1120_03_Initial Assessment Paper: DCP 446, DCP 447 and DCP 448
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 (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 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 points below.
 - It is the view of the Proposer of DCP 446 that it be classed as a Standard Change and a Part 1 Matter;
 - It is the view of the Proposer of DCP 447 that it be classed as a Standard Change and a Part 2 Matter; and
 - It is the view of the Proposer of DCP 448 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, 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 446	Emergency Disconnections	Eastern Power Networks	Part 1 Matter	next release after approval	Schedule 2B	NTC	To enable distributors to charge customers covered by section 2 of the National Terms of Connection for emergency disconnections that have been caused by their act or omission.
DCP 447	NTC Section Footers	Eastern Power Networks	Part 2 Matter	next release after approval	Schedule 2B	NTC	This is a housekeeping change to add the Section Number into the Footers within Schedule 2B so the reader can be sure the

							terms they are reading are for the intended section.
DCP 448	Supercustomer Billing	Eastern Power Networks	Part 2 Matter	01/04/2025	Clause 20	General	This is a housekeeping change to align DCUSA text to what happens in the supercustomer process by amending Clause 20.4 to replace “different from those included in an Initial Account” with “different from those previously billed”

3. Progression of the Change Proposals

DCP 446 ‘Emergency Disconnections’

- 3.1 ElectraLink recommends that DCP 446 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	20 November 2024
Consultation Issued to Industry	December 2024/ January 2025
Change Report Approved by Panel	16 April 2025
Change Report issued for Voting	17 April 2025
Party Voting Closes	08 May 2025
Change Declaration Issued to Parties	12 May 2025
Change Declaration Issued to Authority	12 May 2025
Authority Decision	TBC

DCP 447 ‘NTC Section Footers’

- 3.2 ElectraLink recommends that DCP 447 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	20 November 2024
Change Report Approved by Panel	18 December 2024
Change Report issued for Voting	19 December 2024
Party Voting Closes	15 January 2025
Change Declaration Issued to Parties	16 January 2025

DCP 448 ‘Supercustomer Billing’

- 3.3 ElectraLink recommends that DCP 448 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	20 November 2024
Change Report Approved by Panel	18 December 2024
Change Report issued for Voting	19 December 2024
Party Voting Closes	15 January 2025

4. Recommendations

4.1 For DCP 446 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 the CP should be treated as a Part 1 Matter;
- **AGREE** that the CP 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 447 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 the CP should be treated as a Part 2 Matter;
- **AGREE** that the CP 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 448 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 the CP should be treated as a Part 2 Matter;
- **AGREE** that the CP 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 446 Change Proposal Form
- Attachment 2 – DCP 447 Change Proposal Form
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