

Meeting Session	DCUSA Panel (Open Session)
Paper Reference	Panel_2025_0521_03_Initial Assessment Paper: DCP 454
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, one Change Proposal (CP) has been received by the Secretariat.
- 1.3 The 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 The table below 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 is detailed in the bullet point below.
 - It is the view of the Proposer of DCP 454 that it be classed as a Standard Change and a Part 1 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 1/2 Matter	Proposed Implementation Date	Impacted Clauses	CP Area	Summary
DCP 454	Provide enduring targeted relief from residual charges for electric vehicle charging sites	DCUSA Secretariat	Part 1 Matter	01 September 2026	Schedule 16 – Clauses 92(a), 92(b), 92(c), 92A, 92D Schedule 32 – Clauses 1.2, 1.3, Schedule 32 – Clauses introduced by DCP 420 (if approved)	CDCM	To provide enduring targeted relief from residual charges to publicly accessible electric vehicle (“EV”) charging sites, replacing the temporary provisions introduced by DCP 420, if that CP is approved. The new solution is not intended to be a permanent measure and will be subject to removal either at a predetermined date or when market conditions are sufficient that the relief is no longer required.

3. Progression of the Change Proposal

DCP 454 'Provide enduring targeted relief from residual charges for electric vehicle charging sites'

- 3.1 ElectraLink recommends that DCP 454 is treated as a Part 1 Matter and that it be progressed to the Definition phase, and for a Working Group to be set up in order to further refine the proposed solution in accordance with the timetable set out in the table below:

Activity	Target Date
Initial Assessment Report	21 May 2025
Impact Assessment	July 2025
Consultation Issued to Industry	August 2025
Change Report Approved by Panel	15 October 2025
Change Report issued for Voting	16 October 2025
Party Voting Closes	6 November 2025
Change Declaration Issued to Parties	11 November 2025

4. Assessment of Impacts on the Distribution Use of System (DUoS) Charges Significant Code Review (SCR)

- 4.1 The Panel should note that as the DUoS Charges SCR is still currently underway, there are some additional considerations needed when deciding whether or not to accept the referral of a new CP. Those considerations are set out within Clause 10.23 of the DCUSA, which is set out below for convenience:

10.23 Where a Change Proposal is submitted during a Significant Code Review Phase, the Panel shall:

10.23.1 unless the Authority gives notice otherwise, notify the Authority as soon as practicable of:

- (A) any representations received in relation to the relevance of the Significant Code Review to the proposal; and**
- (B) the Panel's assessment of whether the proposal falls within the scope of the Significant Code Review and its reasons for that assessment; and**

10.23.2 comply with any direction of the Authority stating that the Change Proposal should be treated as falling:

- (A) within the scope of the Significant Code Review, in which case the referral of the Change Proposal shall be rejected (or its progress suspended if its referral was previously accepted); or**
- (B) outside the scope of the Significant Code Review, in which case the referral of the Change Proposal shall be accepted.**

- 4.2 As part of the Panel's assessment of whether the proposal falls within the scope of the Significant Code Review, the Secretariat notes that the Proposer has included some comments on their views on the matter in section 7 'Impacts & Other Considerations' of the CP form. In particular, the Secretariat notes that DCP 454 provides an interim solution to a problem for which a permanent solution is currently being progressed by the DCP 420 working group, and which Ofgem has been heavily involved in, and that Ofgem will be invited to attend and participate in the Working Groups for this CP as well.
- 4.3 The Panel should also note that Ofgem recently published an update related to their approach to the DUoS Charges SCR which is available via: <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications/distribution-use-system-charges-significant-code-review-update> and which the Secretariat recommends the Panel take into consideration.

5. Recommendations

5.1 For DCP 454 the DCUSA Panel is invited to:

- **ASSESS** whether, in their view, the proposal falls within the scope of the DUoS Charges SCR;
- **INSTRUCT** the Secretariat to notify the Authority of the Panel's assessment and the reasons for that assessment as well as the representations made by the Proposer; and subject to receiving a direction from the Authority as to whether the proposal falls within the scope of the SCR, either:
- **ACCEPT** the referral of the CP; and in doing so
 - **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; and
 - **AGREE** the progression of the CP in accordance with the timescales set out in the table under paragraph 3.1 above.
- **REJECT** the referral of the CP; and in doing so
 - **INSTRUCT** the Secretariat to notify the Proposer of that refusal as soon as is reasonably practicable, and to publish details of the Change Proposal in question and the Panel's reasons for such rejection on the Website (in accordance with Clause 10.15).

6. Attachments

- Attachment 1 – DCP 454 Change Proposal Form

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