

Meeting Session	DCUSA Panel (Open Session)
Paper Reference	Panel_2025_0820_04_Initial Assessment Paper: DCP 459, DCP 460 and DCP 461
Action	For Decision

Initial Assessment Paper

1. Synopsis

- 1.1 This paper refers any new DCUSA Change Proposals (DCPs) to the DCUSA Panel for agreement on their progression.
- 1.2 This month, two Change Proposals (CP) 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 Proposal Received

- 2.1 The table below details the CPs that have been received by the DCUSA Secretariat. The view of the Proposer as to whether their CPs 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 point below.
 - It is the view of the Proposer of DCP 459 that it be classed as a Standard Change and a Part 2 Matter.
 - It is the view of the Proposer of DCP 460 that it be classed as a Standard Change and a Part 2 Matter.
 - It is the view of the Proposer of DCP 461 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, the CPs relate 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 459	DNO invoices to Embedded DNO	UK Power Distribution	Part 2 Matter	Next scheduled release following approval	Paragraph 3 of Schedule 19	General	To require separate invoice backing data to be provided by DNO Parties when issuing invoices to EDNOs
DCP 460	Updating incorrect company names referenced throughout the DCUSA	ElectraLink	Part 2	Next scheduled release following approval	Sections 2 and 3 of Schedule 2B and Paragraph 1.2 in both Schedules 17 and 18	General	To ensure that any references to the company names of specific Parties within the DCUSA are correct and to explore the possibility of future proofing these against any future changes.
DCP 461	Reducing the impact of Transmission Distribution Charges	NGED	Part 1	Next scheduled release following approval	Schedule 22	General	To address a growing set of structural, economic, and policy misalignments that are actively hindering the UK's energy transition.

3. Progression of the Change Proposal

DCP 459 'DNO invoices to Embedded DNO'

- 3.1 ElectraLink recommends that DCP 459 is treated as a Part 2 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	13 August 2025
Consultation Issued to Industry Participants	October 2025
Change Report Approved by Panel	17 December 2025
Change Report issued for Voting	17 December 2025
Party Voting Closes	15 January 2026
Change Declaration Issued to Parties	19 January 2026

DCP 460 'Updating incorrect company names referenced throughout the DCUSA'

- 3.2 ElectraLink recommends that DCP 460 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 August 2025
Consultation Issued to Industry Participants	N/A
Change Report Approved by Panel	17 September 2025
Change Report issued for Voting	18 September 2025
Party Voting Closes	09 October 2025
Change Declaration Issued to Parties	10 October 2025

DCP 461 ‘Reducing the impact of Transmission Distribution Charges’

3.3 ElectraLink recommends that DCP 461 is treated as a Part 1 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	13 August 2025
Consultation Issued to Industry Participants	November 2025
Change Report Approved by Panel	18 February 2026
Change Report issued for Voting	19 February 2026
Party Voting Closes	12 March 2026
Change Declaration Issued to Parties	17 March 2026

4. Recommendations

4.1 For DCP 459 the DCUSA Panel is invited to:

- **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 2 Matter;
 - **AGREE** that the CP should be progressed to the Definition phase and for a Working Group to be established 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 460 the DCUSA Panel is invited to:

- **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 2 Matter;
 - **AGREE** that the CP should be progressed to the 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 461 the DCUSA Panel is invited to:

- **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 for a Working Group to be established 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 3.3 above.

5. Attachments

- Attachment 1 – DCP 459 Change Proposal Form
- Attachment 2 – DCP 460 Change Proposal Form
- Attachment 3 – DCP 461 Change Proposal Form and attachment

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