

DCP 461 Working Group - Meeting 06

04 November 2025 at 09:00 - Web-Conference

Attendee	Company
Working Group Members	
Aishwarya Harsure [AH]	NESO
Alexander Pentecost [AP]	Eclipse Power
Ben Godfrey [BG]	National Grid
Brian Hoy [BH]	ENWL
Catherine Cleary [CC]	Roadnight Taylor
Claire Witty [CW]	SPEN
Drew Johnstone [DJo]	NPg
Ed Grimsey [EG]	BU-UK
Edda Dirks [ED]	SSE Gen
Erik Baguzis [EB]	Indigo Networks
Hector Perez [HP]	Scottish Power
Helen Stack [HS]	Centrica
Jack Purchase [JP]	National Grid
John Harmer [JH]	Waters Wye
Kate Teubner [KT]	Low Carbon
Lee Wells [LW]	NPg
Liam Sweeney [LS]	Ofgem
Mark Askew [MA]	SSE
Matthew Paige-Stimpson [MPS]	National Grid
Natalija Zaiceva [NZ]	UKPN

Nina Sanghera [NS]	Drax
Will Bowen [WB]	UKPN
Code Administrator	
Craig Booth [CB] (Chair)	ElectraLink
Mel Kendal [MK] (Technical Secretariat)	ElectraLink
Apologies	
Ed Birkett [EB]	Low Carbon

1. Administration

Recording

- 1.1 The Chair noted that the meeting is being recorded. The purpose of this recording is purely to aid the Technical Secretariat in producing an accurate report of the meeting.

Apologies

- 1.2 The Chair noted received apologies. These can be found in the attendees list above.

Competition Law Guidance and Terms of Reference

- 1.3 The Working Group agreed to be bound by the Competition Law Guidance for the duration of the meeting.

Previous Minutes and Open Actions

- 1.4 The Chair noted that the previous meeting minutes had not yet been circulated and therefore have not yet been approved.
- 1.5 The current open actions can be found within the Appendix.

2. Purpose of the Meeting

- 2.1 The Chair explained that the purpose of this meeting is to have a review the feedback received for the draft Consultation within the Working Group and agree next steps.

3. Review of Feedback for Draft Consultation

- 3.1 The Chair presented the current draft Consultation document with recent feedback to the Working Group for further discussion – this was shared live on screen.
- 3.2 They key updates can be found below:
- 3.3 There was an ongoing debate around whether there should be additional clarity (based on LW feedback) around the description of this CP and the potential options that it proposes.

- 3.4 LW stated that it is not within the rights of DCUSA to change what DNOs can recover from DUoS and that this is covered within the licence. BG responded by stating DNOs are currently working with different approaches to this issue and DCUSA is an industry forum where views on this debate can be sought after from wider industry.
- 3.5 BH explained that the current stage is to seek wider industry feedback on all of the proposed options based on the issued outlined within the CP – once the feedback has been sought and reviewed, the Working Group can then work on developing an Impact Assessment for each of the solutions to seek which solution is best to resolve the issues raised.
- 3.6 BH also confirmed that the aim is to issue a second Consultation once the first Consultation responses have been reviewed, and the number of proposed options reduced.
- 3.7 Following this, ED suggested making it clear at the beginning of the draft Consultation to state that this will be a two-part Consultation, with the aim of Consulting on fewer proposed options for the second part. ED also suggested linking the relevant CUSC mods to the relevant proposed options.
- 3.8 ED also suggested making it clear within the draft Consultation that depending on which options are preferred, only a partial view from the relative CUSC mods will be available to view. ED continued by stating that this CP is a cross-boundary matter and should be referenced within the document.
- 3.9 The Chair re-iterated that there is no assumption that [CMP 460 'Improving Transmission Connection Asset Charging'](#) gets approved, and if this CP (DCP 461) implements an option that may not be compatible with CMP 460, the CUSC are able to request and develop a consequential change.
- 3.10 The Chair noted that feedback suggested that both CVA Registrants and Suppliers should be included as Impacted Parties of this CP. Following this, feedback suggested that these parties should also be included within the Consultation and Voting with a suggestion to also be invited to join this Working Group. Members agreed and the Secretariat took an action to do this.

ACTION 06/01: The Secretariat to invite Suppliers and CVA Registrants to join the DCP 461 Working Group.

- 3.11 In terms of moving forward with the draft Consultation, LW agreed to take an action to his recent feedback and make the necessary updates to remove any proposed amendments that may require a more in-depth review/changes to the document itself as the view of the majority of the Working Group is to keep the remaining text as is to help provide the respondents with a clear outline and understanding of the issues and why this CP has been developed.

ACTION 06/02: Lee Wells to make the agreed necessary updates (in regard to recent feedback) within the draft Consultation and circulate to the group for review prior to the next meeting.

- 3.12 DJo explained that additional information has been added to expand on their proposed option, but noted that this can be moved to a better suited place within the document if desired.
- 3.13 Following the above discussions, the Working Group noted that further refinement is needed in order to carry out a final review of the draft Consultation document. With that being said, the Working Group agreed to schedule another meeting the following day to carry out a final review of the draft Consultation once LW has made the necessary updates.

ACTION 06/03: The Secretariat to schedule the next Working Group meeting for 05 November 2035 for a final review of the draft Consultation document.

4. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- 4.1 The Working Group discussed the next steps, and the following items were captured:
- The Secretariat to circulate a clean version of the draft Consultation to the Working Group for final feedback offline, to further discuss at the next meeting.
 - The Secretariat to schedule the next Working Meeting for 05 November 2025 for a final review of the draft Consultation Document.

5. Any Other Business

- 5.1 The Chair asked the group whether there were any other items of business to discuss.
- 5.2 There were no other items raised.

6. Date of Next Meeting – 05 November 2025

- 6.1 The next Working Group meeting will be held on 05 November 2025 at 1pm.

7. Attachments

- Attachment 1_DCP 461 Work Plan

APPENDIX A

New and Open Actions

Action Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
02/02	MA, BH and BG to pull together work done by previous ENA group to see if it can be used by the Working Group.	MA / BH / BG	On Hold (Post-Consultation). <i>Members agreed to keep this action open as it is not required to consult, but may be required for an Impact Assessment, following the Consultation.</i>
04/03	WB to draft wording to explain the current distribution CAF apportion rules to be included as an annex.	WB	Ongoing. <i>Drafting has commenced, but still final amendments needed.</i>
05/01	Niall Coyle to seek internally a better understanding of the percentage of Infrastructure Sites across different areas, and update if needed.	Niall Coyle	Ongoing.
05/02	Mark Askew to provide examples of where the principles may not apply (i.e., in Scotland) and add to the draft Consultation for members to review.	Mark Askew	Ongoing.
05/03	The Secretariat to circulate a clean version of the draft Consultation to the Working Group for final feedback offline prior to the next Working Group meeting.	Secretariat	Ongoing.
06/01	The Secretariat to invite Suppliers and CVA Registrants to join the DCP 461 Working Group.	Secretariat	New Action.

06/02	Lee Wells to make the agreed necessary updates (in regard to recent feedback) within the draft Consultation and circulate to the group for review prior to the next meeting.	Lee Wells	New Action.
06/03	The Secretariat to schedule the next Working Group meeting for 05 November 2035 for a final review of the draft Consultation document.	Secretariat	New Action.

Closed Actions

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