





DCUSA Change Proposal (DCP)		At what stage is this document in the process?
<h1>DCP 466</h1> <h2>Tariff Band to follow capacity</h2> <p>Date Raised: 23 October 2025</p> <p>Proposer Name: Peter Waymont</p> <p>Company Name: Eastern Power Networks</p> <p>Party Category: DNO</p>	01 – Change Proposal	
	02 – Consultation	
	03 – Change Report	
	04 – Change Declaration	
<p>Purpose of Change Proposal:</p> <p>To ensure tariff bands for HH settled sites are aligned to a customer's capacity at all times (e.g. tariff bands are assessed/changed whenever a capacity change is agreed.)</p>		
	<p>Governance</p> <p>The Proposer recommends that this Change Proposal should be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treated as a Part 1 Matter • Treated as a Standard Change • Progressed to the Working Group phase <p>The Panel will consider the proposer's recommendation and determine the appropriate route.</p>	
	<p>Impacted Parties:</p> <p>Suppliers/DNOs/IDNOs/CVA Registrants</p>	
	<p>Impacted Clauses:</p> <p>Schedule 32</p>	

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Indicative Timeline		
The Secretariat recommends the following timetable:		
Initial Assessment Report	19 November 2025	
Consultation Issued to Industry Participants	January 2026	
Change Report Approved by Panel	15 April 2026	
Change Report issued for Voting	16 April 2026	
Party Voting Closes	8 May 2026	
Change Declaration Issued	12 May 2026	
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1 Summary

What?

- 1.1 Change the rules such that, for those customers whose tariff band is based on their capacity, the band is aligned to their capacity at all times. When a change of capacity is agreed between the distributor and the customer, the tariff band is amended as required as per the published capacity bands.

Why?

- 1.2 The arbitrary greater than 50% change threshold and the need for a customer application results in discriminatory application of the tariff bands.
- 1.3 We have had many conversations with customers who are not happy with the way the re-banding currently works.

How?

- 1.4 Change schedule 32 to state that tariff bands will be aligned to capacity, and each time capacity is agreed to be changed the band will be re-assessed according to the capacity banding thresholds.
- 1.5 This change would not impact MPANs which do not have an agreed capacity.
- 1.6 This change would apply to increases as well as decreases of capacity. Currently the process requires a customer to request a banding change following a change of capacity and it is unlikely that a customer who increases their capacity requests their band to be reviewed. This change would align the process for all customers.
- 1.7 Reviewing all sites at the time of the capacity change would avoid issues where a customer contacts the DNO months after the capacity change took place asking for a backdated amendment to their banding, as it had not been requested at the time. This will be especially important with the change to the settlements window reducing from 14 to 4 months following the implementation of MHHS, which will otherwise result in some customers not realising the full benefit of a change of capacity.

2 Governance

Justification for Part 1 or Part 2 Matter

- 2.1 This CP should be considered a Part 1 Matter as it is likely to have a significant impact on the interests of electricity customers.

Requested Next Steps

- 2.2 This Change Proposal should:
- be treated as a Part 1 Matter;
 - be treated as a Standard Change; and
 - proceed to the Working Group phase.

3 Why Change?

- 3.1 The arbitrary greater than 50% change threshold and the need for customer application results in discriminatory application of the tariff bands.
- 3.2 We have had many conversations with customers who are not happy with the way the re-banding currently works.
- 3.3 Exception reporting can be developed and would be simple as it could detect where a customer's capacity and tariff band do not align.

4 Solution and Legal Text

Legal Text

- 4.1 Amend Schedule 32 to achieve the intent, with the legal text to be developed by the Working Group.

5 Code Specific Matters

Reference Documents

- 5.1 There are no reference documents, however the issue of tariff bands requiring a change of capacity greater than 50% and a letter from the customer has been discussed at [meeting 91 of the DCMDG](#). This CP has not been raised as a result of the DCMDG discussions.

6 Relevant Objectives

	DCUSA General Objectives	Identified impact
<input type="checkbox"/>	1. The development, maintenance and operation by the DNO Parties and IDNO Parties of efficient, co-ordinated, and economical Distribution Networks	Neutral
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2. The facilitation of effective competition in the generation and supply of electricity and (so far as is consistent therewith) the promotion of such competition in the sale, distribution and purchase of electricity	Positive
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3. The efficient discharge by the DNO Parties and IDNO Parties of obligations imposed upon them in their Distribution Licences	Positive
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4. The promotion of efficiency in the implementation and administration of the DCUSA	Positive
<input type="checkbox"/>	5. Compliance with the EU Internal Market Regulation and any relevant legally binding decisions of the European Commission and/or the Agency for the Co-operation of Energy Regulators.	Neutral

- 6.1 Aligning the residual charging band to customers' agreed capacities will reduce discrimination and hence facilitate License compliance, facilitate competition by providing clarity for suppliers and customers (and hence promote competition), and improve the efficiency in the implementation and administration of the DCUSA. The band that is applied will be the band that the capacity falls into the threshold of, at any given time.

7 Impacts & Other Considerations

Impacts on any Significant Code Review (SCR) or other significant industry change projects

- 7.1 This CP may impact upon the DUoS SCR, however this is considered to be a defect and resolving this should be acceptable.

Impacts on other Codes

- 7.2 Insert text here.

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Distribution Code...	<input type="checkbox"/>	REC.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	BSC.....	<input type="checkbox"/>
None.....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				

Consumer Impacts

- 7.3 The change will result in the residual charging bands being aligned to agreed capacities at all times. Whilst some consumers may see their residual charges increase, treatment will be consistent and all consumers will be treated fairly.

Environmental Impacts

- 7.4 In accordance with DCUSA Clause 10.4.5A, the Proposer assessed whether there would be a material impact on greenhouse gas emissions if this CP were implemented. No impacts on greenhouse gas emissions were identified.

Are there any wider industry impacts?

- 7.5 No wider industry impacts were identified.

8 Implementation

Proposed Implementation Date

- 8.1 The next DCUSA release following approval by the Authority. As this does not impact the methodology itself, it does not need to be 1 April.

9 Recommendations

The Code Administrator will provide a summary of any recommendations/determinations provided by the Panel in considering the initial Change Proposal. This will form part of a Final Change Report.