

DCP 461 Working Group - Meeting 08

9 December 2025 at 13:00 - Web-Conference

Attendee	Company
Working Group Members	
Aishwarya Harsure [AH]	NESO
Ben Godfrey [BG]	NGED
Brian Hoy [BH]	SP Electricity North West
Catherine Cleary [CC]	Roadnight Taylor
Claire Witty [CW]	SPEN
Drew Johnstone [DJ]	NPg
Ed Birkett [EB]	Low Carbon
Ed Grimsey [EG]	BUUK
Edda Dirks [ED]	SSE Generation
Hector Eduardo Perez [HEP]	Scottish Power
Helen Slack [HS]	Centrica
Jack Purchase [JP]	NGED
Joe Colebrook [JC]	Innova
John Harmer [JH]	Waters Wye
Mark Askew [MA]	SSE
Matthew Paige-Stimson [MPS]	National Grid
Natalija Zaiceva [NZ]	UKPN
Nina Sanghera [NS]	Drax
Rohan Sachdev [RS]	SSE Distribution
Code Administrator	
Craig Booth [CB] (Technical Secretariat)	ElectraLink
Andy Green [AG] (Chair)	ElectraLink

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 no apologies had been received.

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 reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting and the actions.
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 was to review the consultation responses.

3. Consultation Responses Review

- 3.1 The Chair noted that the responses document contained confidential information and reminded Working Group members that it is not to be shared outside of the Working Group.
- 3.2 The Working Group reflected on the high level of responses to the consultation and the broadly strong support for a solution amongst industry respondents.
- 3.3 The Working Group noted that the responses document was over 100 pages long and discussed that reviewing this line by line would take a lot of time. It was proposed to instead review the summary document produced by the Secretariat, which showed which options each respondent supported, and to use this as a basis for switching back to the responses document to review feedback on the options.
- 3.4 The Chair captured Working Group conclusions on the consultation responses document, which will be included with future meeting minutes once the review has concluded, which included:
- 3.4.1 the agreement to progress options 1.1 and 1.2 due to the majority of consultation respondents supporting these;
 - 3.4.2 the decision to not progress option 1.3 due to the solution creating distortion/discrimination between the treatments of demand sites and generation sites, specifically in relation to contributions to shared assets between demand and generation which conflicts with the TCR;

3.4.3 the decision, based on a show of hands, to not progress option 1.4, noting that this option does not resolve the 'last person standing' issue;

3.4.4 the agreement to progress options 2.1 and 2.2; and

3.4.5 the decision not to progress options 2.3 and 2.4, as it was agreed these would be contingent on options 1.3 and 1.4 being progressed (which are not being progressed, as per the above).

3.5 The Chair captured the following actions:

3.5.1 HS to confirm Centrica's support for option 1.3 would change now that the transformer charging/costs have been clarified; and

3.5.2 Secretariat to reach out to Ethical Power to clarify the point raised around option 1.3, particularly if connecting at 33KV whether this option would result in any transmission connection charges.

4. Next Steps

4.1 The Working Group agreed to meet again on 18 December 2025 at 13:00.

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.

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 apportionment 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
08/01	HS to confirm if Centrica's support for option 1.3 would change now that the transformer charging/costs have been clarified; and	HS	New Action
08/02	Secretariat to reach out to Ethical Power to clarify the point raised around option 1.3, particularly if connecting at 33KV whether this option would result in any transmission connection charges.	Secretariat	New Action

Closed Actions

Action Ref.			Update
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	Closed
06/01	The Secretariat to invite Suppliers and CVA Registrants to join the DCP 461 Working Group.	Secretariat	Closed
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	Closed
06/03	The Secretariat to schedule the next Working Group meeting for 05 November 2025 for a final review of the draft Consultation document.	Secretariat	Closed
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	Closed as consultation issued
07/01	The Secretariat to circulate a clean version of the draft Consultation document, alongside the previously tracked changed version, for the Working Group to review and agree offline.	Secretariat	Closed as consultation issued
07/02	The Secretariat to issue the Consultation to wider industry seeking feedback.	Secretariat	Closed as consultation issued