

Meeting Session	DCUSA Panel (Open Session)
Paper Reference	Panel_2026_0121_04_Initial Assessment Paper: DCP 468, 469 and 470
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, three Change Proposals (CPs) 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 CP 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 Proposers as to whether their CP relates to a Part 1 or Part 2 Matter and whether they should be treated as a Standard or Urgent changes are detailed in the bullet points below.
 - It is the view of the Proposer of DCP 468 that it be classed as a Standard Change and a Part 2 Matter.
 - It is the view of the Proposer of DCP 469 that it be classed as an Urgent Change and a Part 1 Matter.
 - It is the view of the Proposer of DCP 470 that it be classed as a Standard Change and a Part 2 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 CPs are 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 468	Remove Redundant Data Flow from DTC/EMDS	Electricity North West	Part 2	Next Release Following Approval	None identified	General	The Proposer notes that D0164 / MM00069 might be a redundant relic from 1998. The Proposer can find no current obligation, nor any right, under DCUSA which would either be discharged or exercised (respectively) by its use. If no longer required, any such redundant data flows should be removed from DTC/EMDS.
DCP 469	Cross Code Standardisation of Charging Arrangement Notice Periods	Eastern Power Networks	Part 1	To take effect for the setting of charges effective for 2028/29	Section 2A 19.1A	General	The Proposer seeks to achieve Cross Code standardisation of Charging Arrangement Notice Periods.
DCP 470	Independent Credit Assessments	UK Power Networks	Part 2	Next Release Following Approval	Schedule 1	General	The purpose of this Change Proposal is to allow the Company to apply an independent credit assessment where a User has not requested it.

3. Progression of the Change Proposal

DCP 468 'Remove Redundant Data Flow from DTC/EMDS'

- 3.1 ElectraLink recommends that DCP 468 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	21 January 2026
Consultation Issued to Industry Participants	March 2026
Change Report Approved by Panel	15 July 2026
Change Report issued for Voting	16 July 2026
Party Voting Closes	06 August 2026
Change Declaration Issued	10 August 2026

DCP 469 ‘Cross Code Standardisation of Charging Arrangement Notice Periods’

3.2 ElectraLink recommends that DCP 469 is treated as a Part 1 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	21 January 2026
Consultation Issued to Industry Participants	March 2026
Change Report Approved by Panel	15 July 2026
Change Report issued for Voting	16 July 2026
Party Voting Closes	06 August 2026
Change Declaration Issued	10 August 2026

DCP 470 ‘Independent Credit Assessments’

3.3 ElectraLink recommends that DCP 470 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	21 January 2026
Consultation Issued to Industry Participants	March 2026
Change Report Approved by Panel	20 May 2026
Change Report issued for Voting	21 May 2026
Party Voting Closes	11 June 2026
Change Declaration Issued	15 June 2026

4. Recommendations

4.1 For DCP 468 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
 - **AGREE** the progression of the CP in accordance with the timescales set out in the table under paragraph 3.1 above; or

- **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).

4.2 For DCP 469 the DCUSA Panel is invited to:

- **ACCEPT** the referral of the CP; and in doing so
- **AGREE** that the CP should be treated as an 'Urgent' 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 3.2 above; or
- **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).

4.3 For DCP 470 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
 - **AGREE** the progression of the CP in accordance with the timescales set out in the table under paragraph 3.3 above; or
- **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).

5. Attachments

- Attachment 1 – DCP 468 Change Proposal Form
- Attachment 2 – DCP 469 Change Proposal Form
- Attachment 3 – DCP 470 Change Proposal Form

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