

DCP 466 Working Group - Meeting 03

12 January 2026 at 10:00 - Web-Conference

Attendee	Company
Working Group Members	
Alexander Pentecost [AP]	Eclipse Power
Chris Ong [CO]	UKPN
Dan Briggs [DB]	Amber
David Fewings [DF]	SE First
Donna Jamieson [DJ]	Idcsl
Erik Baguzis [EB]	Indigo
Hakan Feridun [HF]	Energunit
Itunu Akin-Olawale [IAO]	SPENW
John Harmer [JH]	Waters Wye
Kavya Kavya [KK]	Brook Green Supply
Louise Robinson [LR]	ESP
Nik Wills [NW]	Stark
Peter Waymont [PW]	UKPN
Seun Adedapo [SA]	National Grid
Tony Collings [TC]	Ecotricity
Victoria Burkett [VB]	EON Next
Wayne Farnell [WF]	Savills
Code Administrator	
Mel Kendal [MK] (Technical Secretariat)	ElectraLink
Richard Colwill [RC] (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 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 minutes from the last meeting were not yet available due to the group meeting only a few days later.
- 1.5 The Chair provided the updates on the current open actions; these 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 draft Consultation document and legal and agree next steps.

3. Review of Draft Consultation Document

- 3.1 The Chair presented the draft consultation document on screen for the Working Group to review. He noted that an update was made to explain the rationale for the original decision to add the exceptional circumstances rule to DCUSA and the working group position on this now. The following was reviewed and agreed to be included in the consultation:

One of the reasons for introducing the exceptional circumstances rule was to prevent users from manipulating their capacity or usage simply to drop into a lower-cost charging band without a genuine change in site use. The Working Group considered this and believe that this risk is mitigated by the fact that customers are only permitted to apply for a reduction in their MIC once per year, preventing them from frequently toggling capacity levels to avoid charges. There is also no guarantee that a customer can easily increase their capacity back to previous levels once reduced, as the network capacity may have been reallocated to other users in the interim.

Furthermore, the working group noted that the financial landscape has shifted significantly since the TCR decision was reached in 2019. At that time, the financial impact of the exceptional circumstances rule was lower because Transmission Network Use of System (TNUoS) charges, which are a major component of these fixed residual charges, were not as high as they are in 2026. This increased financial burden on customers makes the flexibility to re-evaluate capacity and banding even more critical than it was when the rule was first introduced.

- 3.2 It was agreed that the current draft will be circulated to working group members for a further opportunity to comment offline.

4. Review of legal text

- 4.1 The Chair brought up Schedule 32 and shared with the group some amendments that had been made prior to the meeting. He noted that further working group input was needed. During the review it was agreed that it would be difficult to update live in the working group and PW took an action to update the legal text offline.

Post meeting note

- 4.2 The draft legal text and consultation was issued to the working group post meeting for review and comments. This will be approved offline and circulated to industry shortly

5. Agreed Next Steps

- 5.1 The Working Group discussed the next steps, and the following items were captured:
- Finalise the legal text and consultation document offline and circulate to industry for a period of three weeks.
 - Review the consultation responses at the next meeting scheduled for 11 February 2026.

6. Any Other Business

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

7. Date of Next Meeting – 11 February 2026

- 7.1 The next Working Group meeting will be held on 11 February 2026 at 10am.

APPENDIX A

New and Open Actions

Action Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
02/03	The Secretariat to complete analysis on TNUoS under recovery post-Consultation.	Secretariat	Ongoing

Closed Actions

Action Ref.			Update
01/02	The Secretariat to produce a draft Consultation for the Working Group to review offline.	Secretariat	Closed.
01/01	The Secretariat to contact Ofgem to seek views on whether gathering this data would be helpful and whether there is anything else they would like to see to aid their decision.	Secretariat	Closed
02/01	The Secretariat to include a summary of why the 50% threshold was initially introduced (taken from DCP 360) to be included under Section 4 of the draft Consultation along with additional wording in relation to mitigating gaming.	Secretariat	Closed
02/02	The Secretariat to add the discussion around what process DNOs follow when dealing with exceptional processes, and feedback to the group.	Secretariat	Closed
02/04	The Secretariat to schedule the next meeting for 12 January 2026.	Secretariat	Closed

02/05

The Secretariat to circulate the updated draft Consultation and draft legal text documents to the Working Group for review.

Secretariat

Closed