

Meeting Session	DCUSA Panel (Open Session)
Paper Reference	Panel_2026_0318_03_Initial Assessment Paper: DCP 471 and 472
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, two 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 471 that it be classed as a Standard Change and a Part 1 Matter.
 - It is the view of the Proposer of DCP 472 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 471	Lead Time For DCPs	Eastern Power Networks	Part 1	Next Release Following Approval	Clause 10.12 in Section 1C	General	To ensure that a lead time of 8 working days is given for changes to reach the next Panel meeting
DCP 472	DCMDG & SIG Agenda timings	Npower Commercial Gas Ltd	Part 2	To take effect as soon as possible following approval	Schedule 7 'DCUSA Standing Issues Group' Schedule 28 'Distribution Charging Methodologies Development Group'	General	To amend DCUSA so that the Secretariat circulates DCMDG & SIG agendas for each meeting at least 5 Working Days in advance

3. Progression of the Change Proposal

DCP 471 'Lead Time For DCPs'

- 3.1 ElectraLink recommends that DCP 471 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	18 March 2026
Consultation Issued to Industry Participants	N/A
Change Report Approved by Panel	15 April 2026
Change Report issued for Voting	16 April 2026
Party Voting Closes	07 May 2026
Change Declaration Issued	11 May 2026

DCP 472 'DCMDG & SIG Agenda timings'

- 3.2 ElectraLink recommends that DCP 472 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	18 March 2026
Consultation Issued to Industry Participants	N/A
Change Report Approved by Panel	15 April 2026
Change Report issued for Voting	16 April 2026
Party Voting Closes	07 May 2026
Change Declaration Issued	11 May 2026

4. Recommendations

4.1 For DCP 471 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 1 Matter;
- **AGREE** that the CP should be progressed to the Report 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 472 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 Report 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).

5. Attachments

- Attachment 1 – DCP 471 Change Proposal Form
- Attachment 2 – DCP 472 Change Proposal Form

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