

DCP 470 Working Group - Meeting 01

12 February 2026 at 13:00 - Web-Conference

Attendee	Company
Working Group Members	
Ian Burman [IB]	Green Gen Cymru
Laura Quinn [LQ]	SPEN
Peter Waymont [PW]	UKPN
Tim Porter [TP]	SSE
John Hammer (JH)	Waterswye
Code Administrator	
Andy Green [AG] (Chair)	ElectraLink
Mel Kendal [MK] (Technical Secretariat)	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.

Actions

- 1.4 The Chair confirmed that all actions captured within this meeting will be recorded within the action log; this can be found in the Appendix.

2. Purpose of the Meeting

- 2.1 The Chair explained that the purpose of this meeting is to review and discuss the Change Proposal within the Working Group and agree next steps.

3. Overview of DCP 466 Change Proposal

- 3.1 The Chair invited the proposer [PW] to provide an overview of the DCP 470 Change Proposal to the Working Group.
- 3.2 The group were informed the group that the purpose of the change is to allow the Company to procure and use an Independent Credit Assessment (possibly in certain circumstances only) where the user has not provided or requested one.
- 3.3 The Proposer stated that they review the credit cover position of Users frequently. They write to Users who are in "Cover Default" under the credit cover arrangements. Some Users do not respond. However, they can see from credit assessment companies that those Users are not of concern. Similarly, the values may be immaterial. These Users are technically in Cover Default and they could suspend registrations. This seems a harsh sanction for immaterial values where they can see from independent assessments that the User is financially viable. Currently we cannot use this information unless the User requests us to do so. This results in us continuing to write to them and whilst they keep not responding.
- 3.4 The Proposer suggests amending Section 1 to add the ability for the Company to procure the assessment itself.

4. Review and Discussion of the Change Proposal

- 4.1 The Chair invited the Working Group to both review and discuss the DCP 470 Change Proposal.
- 4.2 The key updates can be found below:
- 4.3 IB queried whether the Party would be informed that they are going to have an Independent Credit Assessment – PW stated that they have a Credit Assessment Provider that they use, and they would make it clear when informing them of their Credit Cover that this has been done.
- 4.4 IB questioned who is liable for the costs of carrying out the Credit Assessment – PW explained that when a Supplier requests an Independent Credit Assessment, the DNO is charged for this. PW also mentioned that the DCUSA states the Supplier can provide an Independent Credit Assessment or they can request the DNO to obtain one annually (and therefore would not incur any additional costs if this change was approved). It was agreed to seek further feedback around this within the Consultation.
- 4.5 LQ queried whether all DNOs have the ability to run Independent Credit Assessments – it was agreed to add a question around this within the Consultation.

4.6 Legal Text

4.7 The Chair presented the proposed additional paragraph to the draft legal text as shown below:

- (c) where the Company has used the User's Payment record factor for 60 months and the User has not provided an Independent Credit Assessment pursuant to Paragraph 2.6 or requested the Company procure an Independent Credit Assessment pursuant to Paragraph 2.7, the Company may at its sole discretion procure an Independent Credit Assessment and notify the User it has done so, and Paragraph 2.8 to 2.10 shall apply.

4.8 Members discussed whether the 60-month period is appropriate and whether other scenarios, such as rapid Company growth or late payments, should be considered in the legal text and/or Consultation questions.

4.9 Agreed Consultation Questions

4.10 The Working Group agreed to the below draft Consultation questions:

- Are there any other scenarios that could cause a user to be in breach where a company may wish to apply an independent credit assessment to recognise that user is of a lower risk? If so, please elaborate.
- Do we believe this change, if approved, would create any unintended consequences within the credit cover process or elsewhere? Please provide rationale.
- To DNOs-Are you able to procure an independent credit assessment?
- Do you have any comments on the drafted legal text, and do you believe it captures all the scenarios the CP is seeking to cater for?

4.11 The Proposer suggested it may be beneficial for the Secretariat to make reference to this Consultation once it is published, during the next DCUSA Panel Update session, to enable smaller Suppliers to be aware (as they will likely be impacted by the CP). This will provide them with the opportunity to respond to the Consultation as the Working Group would like their feedback.

4.12 The Secretariat agreed to develop the draft Consultation and circulate to the Working Group for an offline review. Once reviewed, the Secretariat agreed to issue the final Consultation to wider industry on 20 February 2026 for a period of 3 weeks.

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4.13 The Working Group agreed to schedule the next meeting to review the collated Consultation responses on 20 March 2026 at 10am.

5. Agreed Next Steps

5.1 The Working Group discussed the next steps, and the following items were captured:

- The Secretariat to produce a draft Consultation for the Working Group to review offline.
- Once finalised, the Secretariat to issue the Consultation to wider industry for feedback.
- The Secretariat to schedule the next meeting for 20 March 2026 to review the collated Consultation responses.

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 – 20 March 2026

- 7.1 The next Working Group meeting will be held on 20 March 2026 at 10am.

8. Attachments

- Attachment 1_DCP 470 Work Plan

APPENDIX A

New and Open Actions

Action Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
01/01	The Secretariat to develop a draft Consultation and circulate to the Working Group for an offline review.	Secretariat	New Action.
01/02	The Secretariat to issue the final Consultation to wider industry on 20 February for a period of 3 weeks.	Secretariat	New Action.

Closed Actions

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