









DCUSA Change Proposal (DCP)		At what stage is this document in the process?
<h1>DCP 471</h1> <h2>Lead Time For DCPs</h2> <p>Date Raised: 22 February 2026 Proposer Name: Peter Waymont Company Name: Eastern Power Networks Party Category: DNO</p>		<p>01 – Change Proposal</p> <p>02 – Consultation</p> <p>03 – Change Report</p> <p>04 – Change Declaration</p>
<p>Purpose of Change Proposal:</p> <p>To ensure that a lead time of 8 working days is given for changes to reach the next Panel meeting</p>		
	<p>Governance:</p> <p>The Proposer recommends that this Change Proposal should be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treated as a Part 2 Matter • Treated as a Standard Change • Progressed to the Change Report phase <p>The Panel will consider the proposer’s recommendation and determine the appropriate route.</p>	
	<p>Impacted Parties:</p> <p>Suppliers / DNOs / IDNOs / CVA Registrants / Gas Suppliers / OTSO Party</p>	
	<p>Impacted Clauses:</p> <p>Clause 10.12 in Section 1C</p>	

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Indicative Timeline		
The Secretariat recommends the following timetable:		
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	

1 Summary

What?

1.1 To clarify the lead time for change proposals

Why?

1.2 The Secretariat publish Panel papers 5 Working Days before the meeting. It is preferable if DCPs are included in these, rather than as late papers, to allow Panel members to review them before taking action.

1.3 The Secretariat performs a critical friend role with Proposers of changes, helping to refine DCPs prior to submitting them to the Panel.

How?

1.4 By allowing a clear timetable for Parties to understand which Panel meeting a DCP will be taken to.

2 Governance

Justification for Part 1 or Part 2 Matter

2.1 it concerns the governance or the change control arrangements applying to the DCUSA and should therefore be treated as a Part 1 Matter.

Requested Next Steps

2.2 This Change Proposal should:

- Be treated as a Part 1 Matter;
- Be treated as a Standard Change; and
- Proceed to the Change Report phase.

2.3 It is a simple change.

3 Why Change?

3.1 See Section 1.

4 Solution and Legal Text

Legal Text

4.1 Amend Clause 10.12 as follows;

10.12 The Panel shall consider the Change Proposal and the accompanying documents referred to in Clause 10.11.2:

10.12.1 in respect of Change Proposals specified as urgent in accordance with Clause 10.4.8, within five Working Days of the proposal's submission;

10.12.2 in respect of all other Change Proposals, ~~within 25 Working Days of the proposal's submission if received 8 Working Days before the next scheduled routine Panel meeting, at the next scheduled routine Panel meeting, or else at the following scheduled routine Panel meeting;~~

~~and, where necessary, the Panel Secretary shall convene a Panel meeting for such purpose.~~

The Panel shall consider whether to accept or refuse the Change Proposal, and whether or not the Change Proposal should, in light of the criteria set out in Clause 10.7, properly be treated as urgent. Only Change Proposals that the Panel considers should be treated as urgent shall be treated as Urgent Change Proposals.

Text Commentary

4.2 Clarifies that 8 working days' lead time is required for a DCP to be considered at the next Panel meeting.

5 Code Specific Matters

Reference Documents

5.1 None.

6 Relevant Objectives

	DCUSA General Objectives	Identified impact
<input type="checkbox"/>	1. The development, maintenance and operation by the DNO Parties and IDNO Parties of efficient, co-ordinated, and economical Distribution Networks	None
<input type="checkbox"/>	2. The facilitation of effective competition in the generation and supply of electricity and (so far as is consistent therewith) the promotion of such competition in the sale, distribution and purchase of electricity	None
<input type="checkbox"/>	3. The efficient discharge by the DNO Parties and IDNO Parties of obligations imposed upon them in their Distribution Licences	None
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4. The promotion of efficiency in the implementation and administration of the DCUSA	Positive
<input type="checkbox"/>	5. Compliance with the EU Internal Market Regulation and any relevant legally binding decisions of the European Commission and/or the Agency for the Co-operation of Energy Regulators.	None

6.1 Makes processes clearer to Parties who raise Change Proposals and is more manageable by the Secretariat who will have the opportunity to better review submitted Change Proposals without breaching the wording set out in the DCUSA.

7 Impacts & Other Considerations

Impacts on any Significant Code Review (SCR) or other significant industry change projects

7.1 No impacts on any current SCR or other industry change project have been identified.

Impacts on other Codes

7.2 None.

Grid Code..... SEC..... CUSC.....
Distribution Code... REC..... BSC.....
None.....

Consumer Impacts

7.3 None.

Environmental Impacts

7.4 In accordance with DCUSA Clause 10.4.5A, I assessed whether there would be a material impact on greenhouse gas emissions if this CP were implemented and that assessment is set out below.

7.5 No impact.

Are there any wider industry impacts?

7.6 None.

8 Implementation

Proposed Implementation Date

8.1 Next release after approval.

9 Recommendations

The Code Administrator will provide a summary of any recommendations/determinations provided by the Panel in considering the initial Change Proposal. This will form part of a Final Change Report.