

DCP 459 Working Group Meeting 05

10 April 2026 at 10am – Web-conference

Attendee	Company
Working Group Members	
Peter Waymont [PW]	UKPN
Phillip Mark [PM]	SSE
Donna-Marie Butcher [DB]	UKPN
Donna Jamieson [DJ]	IDCSL
Anne-Claire Leydier [ACL]	UK Power Distribution
Code Administrator	
Andy Green [AG]	ElectraLink
Apologies	
Hannah Profitt [HP]	ElectraLink
Mark Bellman [MB]	SP ENW
Jo Brown [JB]	NGED

1. Administration

Recording

- 1.1. The Chair informed Working Group members that, as per the Terms of Reference, the meeting would be recorded for the purpose of aiding the Technical Secretary in producing an accurate record of the meeting. The recording will be deleted no later than 60 days after the meeting.

Competition Law Guidance and Terms of Reference

- 1.2. The Working Group reviewed the “Competition Law Guidance” and “Terms of Reference”. All Working Group members agreed to be bound by the Competition Law Guidance for the duration of the meeting.

Action Log & Review of Minutes

- 1.3. The Chair presented the minutes of the previous meeting, there were no comments on the previous meeting minutes.
- 1.4. A summary of the open actions and updates are included in the appendix.

2. Purpose of the Meeting

- 2.1. The Chair set out that the purpose of the meeting was to review the draft legal text post the Gowlings professional legal review and to also review the draft Change Report and finalise it so it could be issued for voting.

3. Review Legal Text

- 3.1. The legal text was reviewed by the Working Group following some feedback by the legal professionals at Gowlings.
- 3.2. There were no comments on the legal text and as such, the Working Group agreed this would be the final version of the legal text to be submitted to the panel for approval.
- 3.3. The legal text can be found at **Attachment 1 DCP 459 Legal Text**.

4. Review of Draft Change Report

- 4.1. It was highlighted that there were some inconsistent capitalisations throughout the document that the Chair agreed to review and update.
- 4.2. There were some grammar and spelling errors that were corrected.
- 4.3. A Working Group member noted that in reference to using the REP-900 process as a potential solution, it should also be noted that any future change proposal should ensure that the change to utilise the REP-900 process is accompanied by a new DIP message for the billing data that the IDNO sends to the DNO, so the efficiencies are recognised by all parties.
- 4.4. The Working Group discussed the implementation date for this CP. It was acknowledged that whilst this CP could be delivered fairly early, as most DNOs were already providing some IDNOs with the backing data already, allowing for a 6-month implementation window, post approval, so that the automation of the process could be completed would help the CP to gain support as it would mitigate

the concerns of some DNOs who raised in the consultation that the process would need to be automated in order to reduce the resource required to create the backing data and send it along with the invoices.

- 4.5. The 6-month window wouldn't stop DNOs providing the backing data during that period if they wanted to do so.
- 4.6. It was noted that not all IDNOs request the data and this may lead to IDNOs contacting the DNO asking why the data was being sent. In mitigation to this it was noted that the 6-month implementation date would allow time for the IDNOs to be informed that they would be receiving the data in the future.
- 4.7. ACL also made it clear that this change had been discussed at several IDNO forums and that IDNOs were well away that this CP had been raised.
- 4.8. The Change Report can be found at **Attachment 2 DCP 459 Change Report**.

5. Next Steps and Work Plan

- 5.1. Members agreed to review any feedback from Gowlings on the Working Groups comments and that the Change Report would be submitted to the Panel with the notice that the legal text will be a late paper.

01/03 – The Chair to issue the change report for Panel submission with a notice the legal text will be provided as a late paper.
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6. Any Other Business

- 6.1. No other business was raised.

7. Next Meeting

- 7.1. There are no future meetings planned as the CP will be issued for voting pending Panel approval.

New and Open Actions

Action Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
01/03	The Chair issue the change report for panel submission with a notice the legal text will be provided as a late paper.	Secretariat	New Action

Closed Actions

Action Ref.			Update
01/01	The Secretariat to develop a draft Consultation and circulate to the Working Group for an offline review.	Secretariat	Closed
02/01	The Secretariat to issue the final Consultation to wider industry on 20 February for a period of 3 weeks.	Secretariat	Closed
01/02	The Secretariat to reach out to Utilita to seek further clarity around their understanding of the CP, in relation to the Consultation.	Secretariat	Closed
02/02	The Secretariat to provide Gus Wood with an outline of the intent of the legal text when seeking legal review.	Secretariat	Closed
03/02	The Secretariat to provide Gus Wood with the draft legal text for legal review.	Secretariat	Closed
04/02	The Secretariat to draft the Change Report and issue to the Working Group for review.	Secretariat	Closed

