







DCUSA Change Report		At what stage is this document in the process?
<h1>DCP 471</h1> <h2>Lead Time For DCPs</h2> <p><b>Date Raised:</b> 22 February 2026</p> <p><b>Proposer Name:</b> Peter Waymont</p> <p><b>Company Name:</b> Eastern Power Networks</p> <p><b>Party Category:</b> DNO</p>		01 - Change Proposal
		02 - Consultation
		03 - Change Report
		04 - Change Declaration
<b>Purpose of the Change Proposal</b> <p>The purpose of this Change Proposal ("CP") is to ensure that a lead time of 8 working days is given for changes to reach the next Panel meeting.</p>		
	<p>This document is issued in accordance with Clause 11.20 of the DCUSA. Parties are invited to consider the proposed amendment and submit their votes using the voting form (attachment 2) to <a href="mailto:dcusa@electralink.co.uk">dcusa@electralink.co.uk</a> by no later than 8 May 2026. Votes received after this date cannot be counted.</p> <p>The voting process for the proposed variation and the timetable of the progression of the CP through the DCUSA Change Control Process is set out in this document.</p> <p>If you have any questions about this paper or the DCUSA Change Process, please contact the DCUSA by email to <a href="mailto:dcusa@electralink.co.uk">dcusa@electralink.co.uk</a> or telephone 020 7432 3011.</p>	
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	 <p><b>Impacted Clauses</b> <a href="#">Section 1C</a> Clause 10.12</p>	

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Timetable		
Activity	Date	
Initial Assessment Report	18 March 2026	
Consultation Issued to Parties	N/A	
Change Report Approved by Panel	15 April 2026	
Change Report Issued for Voting	16 April 2026	
Party Voting Closes	08 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 publishes 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

- 2.1 This CP is a Part 2 Matter.

## 3 Relevant Objectives

### Assessment Against the DCUSA Objectives

- 3.1 For a DCUSA CP to be approved it must be demonstrated that it better facilitates the DCUSA Objectives. This CP is being assessed against the DCUSA General 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

- 3.2 The Proposer believes DCUSA General Objective 4 is better facilitated by as this makes the 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.

## 4 Impacts & Other Considerations

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

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

### Impacts on other Codes

4.2 No impacts on other codes have been identified.

### Consumer Impacts

4.3 No consumer impacts have been identified.

### Environmental Impacts

4.4 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. No impacts were identified.

### Are there any wider industry impacts?

4.5 No wider industry impacts have been identified.

## 5 Implementation

5.1 If approved, the solution will be implemented in the next DCUSA release following approval.

## 6 Legal Text Commentary

6.1 Paragraphs 10.12, 10.12.1 and 10.12.2 have been amended to:

6.1.1 to specify that a non-urgent CP will be reviewed at the next Panel meeting if it is received at least 8 Working Days before the next Panel meeting, otherwise it will be reviewed at the following Panel meeting; and

6.1.2 to retain the requirement, by moving from Paragraph 10.12 to 12.12.1, that for an urgent CP, and where necessary, that the Panel shall convene a Panel meeting to review the CP.

## 7 Code Specific Matters

### Reference Documents

7.1 There are no additional reference documents included with this document.

## 8 Recommendations

8.1 The Panel approved this Change Report on 15 April 2026. The Panel considered that the Working Group has carried out the level of analysis required to enable Parties to understand the impact of the proposed amendment and to vote on this CP.

8.2 The Panel has recommended that this report is issued for voting and DCUSA Parties should consider whether they wish to submit views regarding this CP.

## 9 Attachments

- 9.1 Attachment 1 – DCP 471 Voting Form
- 9.2 Attachment 2 – DCP 471 Legal Text