

DCP 466 Working Group Meeting 07

13 April 2026 at 10:00 - Web-Conference

Attendee	Company
Working Group Members	
Alex Riley [AR]	Tarmac
Chris Ong [CO]	UKPN
Dave Wornell [DW]	National Grid
Donna Jamieson [DJ]	IDCSL
Edda Dirks [ED]	SSE Gen
Erik Baguzis [EB]	Indigo
Hakan Feridun [HF]	Energunite
Itunu Akin-Olawale [IAO]	SP ENW
James Jones [JJ]	SSE
John Harmer [JH]	Waters Wye
Joshua Robinson [JR]	NFU Energy
Louise Robinson [LR]	ESP
Neil Shah [NS]	Switch Business
Nik Wills [NW]	Stark
Peter Waymont [PW]	UKPN
Ryan Farrell [RF]	NPg
Steve Harris [SH]	MAID
Swapam Bahrani [SB]	Brook Green
Tony Collings [TC]	Ecotricity
Victoria Burkett [VB]	EON Next
Wayne Farnell [WF]	Savills
Code Administrator	
Mel Kendal [MK] (Secretariat)	ElectraLink

Richard Colwill [RC] (Chair)	ElectraLink
Apologies	
David Fewings [DF]	SE First
Seun Adedapo [SA]	National Grid

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.

Previous Minutes

- 1.4 The Chair invited the Working Group to review the previous meeting minutes – no further feedback was received, and the minutes were approved.

Open Actions

- 1.5 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 the aggregated Impact Assessment, draft Change Report and draft legal text within the Working Group and agree next steps.

3. Aggregated Impact Assessment - Update

- 3.1. The Chair informed the group that only 10 out of 14 DNO areas have been received to date; due to this, the Chair suggested it may be beneficial to wait until the remaining 4 DNO areas have responded prior to review.
- 3.2. The Working Group agreed with this approach, and the Chair agreed to circulate the aggregated Impact Assessment once the whole data set has been received for the Working Group to review (open Action 06/02).

4. Draft Legal Text - Update

- 4.1. The Chair informed the group that the draft legal text was sent for legal review, however, feedback has not yet been received.
- 4.2. The Chair expects this to be received this week and informed the Working Group that the draft legal text review will be circulated to the Working Group for review once it has been completed.

ACTION 07/01: The Secretariat to circulate the draft legal text review to the Working Group for review once this has been received.

5. Review of Draft Change Report

- 5.1. The Chair presented the draft Change Report live on screen for the Working Group to further discuss.
- 5.2. The key points can be found below:
- 5.3. The Working Group discussed the timetable for the Change Report and suggested an ex-committee approval could be requested at the DCUSA Panel meeting being held on 14 April 2026 – the Chair agreed to present this request.
- 5.4. Under Section 3, the Chair informed the group that wording has been added to inform respondents of the background to the exceptional circumstances rule under the TCR, along with a rationale as to why the original approach is no longer considered appropriate. Members reviewed paragraphs 3.1 – 3.3 with the further feedback.
- 5.5. In regard to paragraph 3.7, ED queried whether a graph could be included illustrating the TNUoS changes – following this suggestion, the Chair added paragraph 3.8 introducing the graph, and the graph below this. Members reviewed the graph and it was noted that the years may be mislabelled – the Chair agreed to look into this and update as necessary (i.e., missing year 2025-26).

ACTION 07/02: The Secretariat to review the potential mislabelled year within the ‘TNUoS Residual Tariff Trend by Band’ graph (under paragraph 3.8) and update as necessary.

- 5.6. ED also queried whether the data may be more useful if the increases are presented in percentages, with 2023-24 being the base year, and potentially adding a fourth year. The Chair agreed to take an action to produce this to see if the data is better presented in this way.

ACTION 07/03: The Secretariat to update the ‘TNUoS Residual Tariff Trend by Band’ graph to present the increases in percentages, with 2023-24 being the base year, and potentially adding a fourth year.

- 5.7. Along with the above suggestions, the Chair agreed to create a variation of charts to see which type would be present the data (i.e., may be clearer as a bar chart with percentages). It was also suggested that it may be better to use £s per KW / per year, as opposed to £s per KW / per day. Members agreed with this suggestion.
- 5.8. Members debated whether the graph would be better presented in a different format, for example, a bar chart with percentages as this would be clearer visually, or whether the data should be presented as a table which would allow respondents to carry out their own analysis if they wish to do so. As members did not reach an agreement, the Chair agreed to provide both variations for the Working Group to review once complete to see which presentation is best for the data.

ACTION 07/04: The Secretariat to provide a variation of graphs and a table to best present the TNUoS increases for the Working Group to review.

- 5.9. Under section 4, HF suggested that it should be made clear whether DNOs require a letter or not to avoid any confusion – to address this, JH suggested adding wording to paragraph 4.6 to state ‘..and the director’s application letter...’ to ensure it is clear that a letter will not be required.
- 5.10. Under section 5, the Chair noted that once the revised draft legal text has been received, the rationale for the housekeeping change will be added.
- 5.11. Members agreed to add a clarification point under paragraph 6.17 as shown below:
 - ‘Capacity reductions are already contained by connection agreements, typically limiting reductions to once in a 12-month period and sites cannot reduce below the maximum demand over that period; and’

- 5.12. Under section 8, members discussed [Ofgem's energy system cost allocation review](#) and whether this has any interactions with this change. It was noted that it is a separate, ongoing process under Ofgem's wider charging reform programme, with no decisions yet made. It was agreed that DCP 466 is independent of this review, addresses a distinct issue within DCUSA, and should therefore proceed on a standalone basis.
- 5.13. Members discussed the implementation date and RF noted that this change will be forward-looking, with no retrospective action taking place. A number of members also agreed that 5 Working Days after Authority approval may not provide enough time to make the necessary changes. Following this, members agreed to a proposed implementation date of 'the 1st of the month, 2 months following Authority approval'.
- 5.14. The Chair noted that it may be beneficial to issue communications to ensure that their capacity aligns with their bands prior to the implementation date. The Chair agreed to draft this wording along with an example of how the implementation would work, for the Working Group to review

ACTION 07/05: The Secretariat to draft wording to explain the implementation date along with an example of how this would work following Authority approval, for the Working Group to review.

6. Agreed Next Steps

- 6.1. The working group agreed the following next steps:
- The Secretariat to circulate the revised draft legal text to the Working Group for review.
 - The Secretariat to update the draft Change Report to reflect the discussions held.
 - The Secretariat to draft wording and example around the implementation date.
 - The Secretariat to schedule the next meeting to finalise both the draft legal text and draft Change Report.

7. Any Other Business

- 1.6 The Chair asked the group whether there were any other items of business to discuss.
- 1.7 There were no other items raised.

8. Date of Next Meeting - 27 April 2026

- 8.1. The next Working Group meeting is scheduled for 27 April 2026 at 10am.

APPENDIX A

9. New and Open Actions

Action Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
04/02	The Secretariat / Working Group to include justification for NHH vs HH Customers for the removal of the threshold within the Change Report.	Secretariat / Working Group	Ongoing. <i>Wording has been added, to be reviewed by the Working Group.</i>
04/03	LS to draft some wording to reflect how the current communication process works (in relation to LLFC) to be included within the Change Report.	Lee Stone	Ongoing.
04/04	The Secretariat / Working Group to add clarification around the implementation date and frequency of changes within the Change Report.	Secretariat / Working Group	Ongoing.
04/05	The Working Group to revisit the Consultation responses to Q10 once the solution has been further refined.	Secretariat / Working Group	Ongoing.
04/06	The Secretariat to seek further information around Ofgem's system Cost Allocation Recovery Review (CARR).	Secretariat	Ongoing.
04/07	The Secretariat / Working Group to include a narrative that sets out the full proposed legal text changes.	Secretariat / Working Group	Ongoing. <i>To be added.</i>
05/02	The Secretariat to follow-up with Last Mile to seek further clarification around their expanded response to the Consultation.	Secretariat	Ongoing.
06/02	Secretariat to update the impact assessment analysis and circulate to working group members once all responses have been received.	Secretariat	Ongoing. <i>Once all responses have been received, this will be circulated to the WG.</i>
07/01	The Secretariat to circulate the draft legal text review to the Working Group for review once this has been received.	Secretariat	New Action.

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10. Closed Actions

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04/10	The Secretariat to follow-up with the respondents who requested confidentiality to seek whether their unidentifiable responses can be used to aid discussions within the Change Report.	Secretariat	Closed.

06/01	Secretariat to issue draft legal text to legal advisors for review.	Secretariat	Closed. <i>Review has not yet been received – will be circulated to the WG once received.</i>
06/03	Secretariat to produce a draft change report ahead of the next meeting	Secretariat	Closed.