

DCP 469 Working Group - Meeting 03

16 April 2026 at 13:00 – 14:30 - Web-Conference

Attendee	Company
Working Group Members	
Andrew Malley [AM]	Ofgem
Charlotte Gilbert [CG]	BUUK
Chris Barker [CB]	SP ENW
Chris Ong [CO]	UKPN
Christos Papaevangelou [CP]	National Grid
Dave Wornell [DW]	National Grid
Edda Dirks [ED]	SSE Gen
Emma Clark [EC]	SSE
Emma Robinson [ER]	EON
John Harmer [JH]	Waters Wye
Louise Robinson [LR]	ESP
Natasha Perry [NP]	BUUK
Niall Coyle [NC]	NESO
Nik Wills [NW]	Stark
Ryan Farrell [RF]	NPg
Tony Collings [TC]	Ecotricity
Victoria Burkett [VB]	EON Next
Code Administrator	
Mel Kendal [MK] (Technical Secretariat)	ElectraLink
Richard Colwill [RC] (Chair)	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.

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 have a final review of the draft RFI within the Working Group and agree next steps.

3. Final Review of Draft RFI

- 3.1 The Chair presented the draft RFI live on screen for the Working Group to review and discuss.

- 3.2 The key updates can be found below:

- 3.3 JH noted that the RFI needs to explicitly state that it is for Suppliers to respond.

- 3.4 In regard to paragraph 2.11, the Chair presented a re-worded paragraph to the group for review – members were happy with the new wording as it improves clarity.

- 3.5 Under paragraph 2.1, ED suggested that rather than the wording stating that ‘DNOs already publish..’ it should state ‘CIRPs are already published..’ to ensure the process reads clear. Following this, members agreed to the below wording:

- Although the original Change Proposal for DCP 469 proposed indicative charges being published nine months before the charges take effect, forecast charges as part of the Cost Information Reporting Pack (CIRP), are already published three times a year, just after the end of May, September and the month of final publication of tariffs in each year. Therefore, the separate publication of indicative charges might not be necessary.

- 3.6 In regard to the questions presented under section 3, question a) was amended to ask the 'overall materiality for Suppliers and Customers.
- 3.7 Under question e) the Chair informed the group that a box for 'other' has been added to allow for any additional commentary.
- 3.8 The Chair also noted the addition of question h) under 'mitigations', which asks 'Do you have any other information, evidence or comments in relation to the proposal?'.
- 3.9 CO queried whether a disclaimer is needed in regard to confidentiality of responses – the Working Group agreed to include wording that states 'All responses will be treated anonymously when the Secretariat presents any responses to the Working Group and within any subsequent documentation'.
- 3.10 RF informed the group that the DCP 437 '[To Shorten the DUoS Pricing Notice Periods](#)' Working Group came up with a calculator and asked respondents if they disagree with how it worked – RF suggested the same approach could be used for this Consultation and share the calculator with the respondents and seek their views on the how the calculations are worked out.
- 3.11 RF presented the calculator (calculating risk premium) live on screen to the Working Group and noted that this is a strong argument for shorter notice periods.
- 3.12 JH raised a concern around asking a Supplier to lock into a tariff prior to the notice period and stated that Suppliers are forward-looking and the change to prices is based on history. RF explained that the volatility comes from setting charges on a 15-month notice period. DW explained that history has to be used to judge what is going forward. If this is not done, the concern is that the same situation as before will occur again.
- 3.13 After further discussion, members agreed to reconsider this when producing the consultation, post RFI.
- 3.14 JH provided an example to the group whereby if a Supplier locked into a 2-year contract (i.e., from April to March) and receive the prices in January 15 months ahead, this provides the Supplier with no uncertainty; meaning DNOs are providing Suppliers with 27 months of certainty. Following this, TC stated that if they must wait until January 2027, for example, for an April 2027 contract, they will need to build in risk premium as the DUoS charges will be unknown – currently, no risk premium would be needed as DUoS charges are currently known.
- 3.15 RF explained that although there may be additional risk premiums needed, the benefit is that there will be lower volatility and more stable bills for the Customer. Members agreed that the trade off between certainty and stability will need to be clarified in detail within the Consultation document when developed.
- 3.16 JH suggested the outcome may be that Suppliers could start withdrawing from the market as they do not want to offer contracts, and the remaining Suppliers would have the ability to price up due to no competition. Members noted that this would be the Suppliers option whether to offer these contracts or not.

3.17 Following the above discussions, the Chair suggested that all Working Group members views will be articulated clearly within the Consultation document along with any analysis that comes from the RFI.

3.18 The Chair agreed to circulate the RFI document to the Working Group for a final review offline, with the aim to issue to wider industry early next week (w/c 20 April 2026).

ACTION 03/01: The Secretariat to circulate the draft RFI document to the Working Gorup for a final review offline.

ACTION 03/02: The Secretariat to issue toe RFI document to wider industry.

3.19 The Working Group agreed to schedule the next meeting for 21 May 2026 to review the collated RFI responses (anonymous).

ACTION 03/03: The Secretariat to schedule the next Working Group meeting for 21 May 2026 to review the collated RFI responses (anonymous).

4. Agreed Next Steps

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

- The Secretariat to circulate the draft RFI document to the Working Group offline for a final review.
- The Secretariat to issue the RFI document to wider industry (Supplier response only).
- The Secretariat to schedule the next Working Group meeting for 21 May 2026 to review the collated RFI responses (anonymous).

5. Any Other Business

5.1 The Chair asked the group whether there were any other items of business to discuss.

5.2 There were no other items raised.

6. Date of Next Meeting – 21 May 2026

6.1 The next Working Group meeting is scheduled for 21 May 2026 at 1pm.

7. Attachments

- Attachment 1_DCP 469 Work Plan

APPENDIX A

New and Open Actions

Action Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
01/01	The Secretariat to gather further information around CMP 286/287 for future Working Group discussions.	Secretariat	Ongoing.
02/03	NC to provide the Secretariat with a template/guide of how to anonymise and aggregate the requested data from the RFI (as previously carried out within CMP 286).	Niall Coyle	Ongoing. <i>To be discussed.</i>
03/01	The Secretariat to circulate the draft RFI document to the Working Group for a final review offline.	Secretariat	Closed.
03/02	The Secretariat to issue the RFI document to wider industry.	Secretariat	Closed. <i>Issued on 16 April 2026 with a response deadline of 11 May 2026.</i>
03/03	The Secretariat to schedule the next Working Group meeting for 21 May 2026 to review the collated RFI responses (anonymous).	Secretariat	Closed.

Closed Actions

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02/01	The Secretariat to ensure ICoSS are included within the RFI distribution list.	Secretariat	Closed.

02/02	The Secretariat to include a caveat within the notice period table (under para 2.1 of the RFI) to state that the publication dates could vary each year.	Secretariat	Closed.
02/04	The Secretariat to make the necessary updates to the draft RFI document.	Secretariat	Closed.
02/05	The Secretariat to issue the final RFI document to wider industry for feedback.	Secretariat	Closed. <i>Issued on 16 April 2026.</i>
02/06	The Secretariat to issue a meeting poll to schedule the next Working Group meeting to review the collated RFI responses.	Secretariat	Closed. <i>Next meeting scheduled for 21 May 2026.</i>