

Meeting Session	DCUSA Panel (Open Session)
Paper Reference	Panel_2026_0520_03_Initial Assessment Paper: DCP 474, DCP 475
Action	For Decision

## Initial Assessment Paper

### 1. Synopsis

- 1.1 This paper refers any new DCUSA Change Proposals (DCPs) to the DCUSA Panel for agreement on their progression.
- 1.2 This month, two Change Proposals (CPs) have been received by the Secretariat.
- 1.3 This CPs have been assessed by the Secretariat in accordance with Clause 10.11 of the DCUSA, and the Secretariat believes that the CP has met the requirements set out in the DCUSA. Therefore, the Secretariat has prepared a set of recommendations for consideration by the Panel.

### 2. Change Proposal Received

- 2.1 The table below details the CPs that have been received by the DCUSA Secretariat. The view of the Proposers as to whether their CP relates to a Part 1 or Part 2 Matter and whether they should be treated as a Standard or Urgent changes are detailed in the bullet points below.
  - It is the view of the Proposer of DCP 474 that it be classed as a Standard Change and a Part 1 Matter.
  - It is the view of the Proposer of DCP 475 that it be classed as a Standard Change and a Part 1 Matter.
- 2.2 Taking into account the view of the Proposers above, the DCUSA Panel should, with reference to DCUSA Clause 9.4 and 10.7, determine whether, in their opinion, the CPs relate to a Part 1 or Part 2 Matter and whether the CPs are to be treated as a Standard or an Urgent change.

DCP No.	Title	Proposer	Part 1/2 Matter	Proposed Implementation Date	Impacted Clauses	CP Area	Summary
DCP 474	Application of Smart Meter Communication Licence Costs in the CDCM	The Electricity Network Company Ltd	Part 1	Next Release Following Approval	Schedule 16, Paragraphs 100 and 104	General	To amend Schedule 16 of the DCUSA so that Smart Meter Communication Licence Costs are to be recovered from customer categories which drive these costs, by means of a fixed charge adder applied on an equivalent per-MPAN basis
DCP 475	Incentives and Compensation for Extended Outages	Whitetower	Part 1	Next Release Following Approval	Schedule 16, Schedule 17, Schedule 18, Section 2A Clause 33	General	To provide increased financial incentives to network companies that reflect the lost opportunity cost to end Users of extended network outages which may include enhanced compensation payments to affected Users

### 3. Progression of the Change Proposal

#### **DCP 474 'Application of Smart Meter Communication Licence Costs in the CDCM'**

- 3.1 ElectraLink recommends that DCP 474 is treated as a Part 1 Matter and that it be progressed to the Definition phase, in accordance with the timetable set out in the table below:

Activity	Target Date
Initial Assessment Report	20 May 2026
Consultation Issued to Industry Participants	TBC
Change Report Approved by Panel	18 November 2026
Change Report issued for Voting	19 November 2026
Party Voting Closes	10 December 2026
Change Declaration Issued	14 December 2026

## DCP 475 'Incentives and Compensation for Extended Outages'

3.2 ElectraLink recommends that DCP 475 is treated as a Part 1 Matter and that it be progressed to the Definition phase, in accordance with the timetable set out in the table below:

Activity	Target Date
Initial Assessment Report	20 May 2026
Consultation Issued to Industry Participants	TBC
Change Report Approved by Panel	18 November 2026
Change Report issued for Voting	19 November 2026
Party Voting Closes	10 December 2026
Change Declaration Issued	14 December 2026

## 4. Recommendations

4.1 For DCP 474 the DCUSA Panel is invited to:

- **ACCEPT** the referral of the CP; and in doing so
  - **AGREE** that the CP should be treated as a 'Standard' Change;
  - **AGREE** that the CP should be treated as a Part 1 Matter;
- **AGREE** that the CP should be progressed to the Report phase; and
  - **AGREE** the progression of the CP in accordance with the timescales set out in the table under paragraph 3.1 above; or
- **REJECT** the referral of the CP; and in doing so
  - **INSTRUCT** the Secretariat to notify the Proposer of that refusal as soon as is reasonably practicable, and to publish details of the Change Proposal in question and the Panel's reasons for such rejection on the Website (in accordance with Clause 10.15).

4.2 For DCP 475 the DCUSA Panel is invited to:

- **ACCEPT** the referral of the CP; and in doing so
  - **AGREE** that the CP should be treated as a 'Standard' Change;
  - **AGREE** that the CP should be treated as a Part 1 Matter;
- **AGREE** that the CP should be progressed to the Report phase; and
  - **AGREE** the progression of the CP in accordance with the timescales set out in the table under paragraph 3.2 above; or
- **REJECT** the referral of the CP; and in doing so
  - **INSTRUCT** the Secretariat to notify the Proposer of that refusal as soon as is reasonably practicable, and to publish details of the Change Proposal in question and the Panel's reasons for such rejection on the Website (in accordance with Clause 10.15).

## 5. Attachments

- Attachment 1 – DCP 474 Change Proposal Form
- Attachment 2 – DCP 475 Change Proposal Form

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