

Meeting Session	DCUSA Panel (Open Session)
Paper Reference	Panel_2026_0617_03_Initial Assessment Paper: DCP 476, DCP 477 and DCP 478
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, three 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 476 that it be classed as a Standard Change, a Part 2 Matter and be given a Prioritisation Category of Standard.
  - It is the view of the Proposer of DCP 477 that it be classed as an Urgent Change, a Part 1 Matter and be given a Prioritisation Category of High (if not agreed to be an Urgent Change)
  - It is the view of the Proposer of DCP 478 that it be classed as a Standard Change, a Part 2 Matter and be given a Prioritisation Category of Standard.
- 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, whether the CPs are to be treated as a Standard or an Urgent change and determine the Prioritisation Category as being either Standard or High.

DCP No.	Title	Proposer	Part 1/2 Matter	Proposed Implementation Date	Impacted Clauses	CP Area	Summary
DCP 476	Treatment of multi MPAN sites	Eastern Power Networks	Part 2	Next release following approval and lead time	Schedule 16	CDCM	To determine how a site-specific billed site which has multiple MPANs but which are traded with different Suppliers should be treated.
DCP 477	Managing the effects of excessive surplus residual revenue in the EDCM	Scottish and Southern Energy Networks	Part 1	01 April 2028	Schedule 17	EDCM	The purpose of this Change Proposal is to include within DCUSA Schedule 17 solutions, previously approved by Ofgem through derogation, which can be applied by affected DNOs in instances of excessive surplus residual revenue within the Forward Cost Pricing (FCP) Extra High Voltage Distribution Charging Methodology (EDCM) model at a tariff set case.
DCP 478	Resolving Housekeeping Items	Eastern Power Networks	Part 2	10 Working Days following approval	Various	General	The intent of this Change Proposal is to resolve housekeeping items 132, 133, 134, 135 and 136 and to correct any errors introduced as part of the implementation of the harmonised prioritisation process directed by Ofgem.

### 3. Determination of the Prioritisation Category of the Change Proposals

3.1 The DCUSA requires the Panel to determine a Prioritisation Category for each Change Proposal (unless it is urgent), specifically:

- The Panel must assess each non-urgent proposal against the **Prioritisation Criteria**, taking into account the Proposer's assessment.
- The Panel must determine the **Prioritisation Category** for each proposal.

3.2 This is explicitly set out in:

- Clause 10.4.11 (requirement for proposer assessment); and
- Clause 10.12.2, which states:

*"For every Change Proposal that is not treated as an Urgent Change Proposal, the Panel shall determine the Prioritisation Category of that Change Proposal by assessing it against the Prioritisation Criteria and taking into consideration the assessment presented by the Proposer."*

3.1 Additionally, it should be noted that Urgent Change Proposals do not receive a Prioritisation Category.

## **Link to Authority (Ofgem) Guidance**

3.2 The DCUSA defines both **Prioritisation Criteria** and **Prioritisation Category** by reference to the Authority's guidance, therefore, the Panel's determination must be consistent with the '[Authority Guidance on Code Modification Prioritisation](#)'.

## **4. Progression of the Change Proposal**

### **DCP 476 'Treatment of multi MPAN sites'**

4.1 ElectraLink recommends that DCP 476 is treated as a Part 2 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	17 June 2026
Consultation Issued to Industry Participants	August 2026
Change Report Approved by Panel	21 October 2026
Change Report issued for Voting	22 October 2026
Party Voting Closes	12 November 2026
Change Declaration Issued	16 November 2026

### **DCP 477 'Managing the effects of excessive surplus residual revenue in the EDCM'**

4.2 ElectraLink recommends that DCP 477 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	17 June 2026
Consultation Issued to Industry Participants	August 2026
Change Report Approved by Panel	21 October 2026
Change Report issued for Voting	22 October 2026
Party Voting Closes	12 November 2026
Change Declaration Issued	16 November 2026

### **DCP 478 'Resolving Housekeeping Items'**

4.3 ElectraLink recommends that DCP 478 is treated as a Part 2 Matter and that it be progressed to the Report phase, in accordance with the timetable set out in the table below:

Activity	Target Date
Initial Assessment Report	17 June 2026
Consultation Issued to Industry Participants	N/A
Change Report Approved by Panel	15 July 2026
Change Report issued for Voting	16 July 2026
Party Voting Closes	06 August 2026
Change Declaration Issued	10 August 2026

## 5. Recommendations

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5.1 For DCP 476 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 2 Matter;
  - **AGREE** that the CP should be progressed to the Definition phase;
  - **AGREE** that the CP should be given a Prioritisation Category of Standard; and
  - **AGREE** the progression of the CP in accordance with the timescales set out in the table under paragraph 4.1 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).

5.2 For DCP 477 the DCUSA Panel is invited to:

- **ACCEPT** the referral of the CP; and in doing so
  - **AGREE** that the CP should be treated as an 'Urgent' Change;
  - **AGREE** that the CP should be treated as a Part 1 Matter;
  - **AGREE** that the CP should be progressed to the Definition phase;
  - **AGREE** that the CP should not be given a Prioritisation Category if agreed that it be treated as an Urgent change and if not then that the CP should be given a Prioritisation Category of High; and
  - **AGREE** the progression of the CP in accordance with the timescales set out in the table under paragraph 4.2 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).

5.3 For DCP 478 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 Definition phase;

- **AGREE** that the CP should be given a Prioritisation Category of Standard; and
- **AGREE** the progression of the CP in accordance with the timescales set out in the table under paragraph 4.3 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).

## 6. Attachments

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- Attachment 1 – DCP 476 Change Proposal Form
- Attachment 2 – DCP 477 Change Proposal Form
- Attachment 3 – DCP 478 Change Proposal Form

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