

Meeting Session	DCUSA Panel (Open Session)
Paper Reference	Panel_2026_0715_03_Initial Assessment Paper: DCP 479
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, one Change Proposal (CP) has been received by the Secretariat.
- 1.3 This CP has 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 CP that has been received by the DCUSA Secretariat. The view of the Proposer 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 point below.
 - It is the view of the Proposer of DCP 479 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 Proposer above, the DCUSA Panel should, with reference to DCUSA Clause 9.4 and 10.7, determine whether, in their opinion, the CP relates to a Part 1 or Part 2 Matter, whether the CP is 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 479	Update to Schedule 20 ('Production of the Cost Information Review Pack') and the CDCM inputs to maintain alignment with the distribution licence	Northern Powergrid	Part 2	5 working days after Party approval	Schedule 20	CDCM	The intent of this Change Proposal is to align Schedule 20 ('Production of the Cost Information Review Pack'), and the inputs to the CIRP template and CDCM model, with the latest version of the electricity distribution licence.

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."

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

Link to Authority (Ofgem) Guidance

3.4 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 479 'Update to Schedule 20 ('Production of the Cost Information Review Pack') and the CDCM inputs to maintain alignment with the distribution licence'

4.1 ElectraLink recommends that DCP 479 is treated as a Part 2 Matter and that it be progressed to the Change Report phase, in accordance with the timetable set out in the table below:

Activity	Target Date
Initial Assessment Report	15 July 2026
Consultation Issued to Industry Participants	N/A
Change Report Approved by Panel	19 August 2026
Change Report issued for Voting	20 August 2026
Party Voting Closes	11 September 2026
Change Declaration Issued	15 September 2026

5. Recommendations

5.1 For DCP 479 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 Change Report 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).

6. Attachments

- Attachment 1 – DCP 479 Change Proposal Form

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