

DCP 443 Working Group - Meeting 18

05 August 2026 at 10:00 - Web-Conference

Attendee	Company
Working Group Members	
Charles Mott [CM]	SSE
Chris Barker [CB]	ENWL
Chris Ong [CO]	UKPN
Donna Jamieson [DJ]	IDCSL
Ed Grimsey [EG]	BU-UK
Edda Dirks [ED]	SSE Gen
Kara Burke [KB]	NPg
Karl Maryon [KM]	Drax
Michael Hewitson [MH]	Trident Utilities
Nik Wills [NW]	Stark
Peter Waymont [PW]	UKPN
Rachel Wallace [RW]	BU-UK
Code Administrator	
Andy Green [AG] (Chair)	ElectraLink
Mel Kendal [MK] (Technical Secretariat)	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 and Open Actions

- 1.4 The Chair shared the previous minutes, and the below feedback was received:
- Members noted that there appears to be errors in the previous meeting minutes in relation to the recording of the voting outcomes and the correct description of the options – member agreed that the first two options in paragraph 4.13 were reversed, and the first bullet should refer to progressing the non-modelled solution, and the second bullet to not progressing it (along with the correct vote counts).
 - following a discussion on this, the Secretariat agreed to revisit the previous meeting recording and update the minutes accordingly.

ACTION 18/01: The Secretariat to revisit the previous meeting recording (DCP 443 WG 17) and update the minutes in regard to the voting outcomes and the correct description of the options.

- 1.5 The Chair provided the updates on the current open actions; these can be found within the Appendix.

2. Purpose of the Meeting

- 2.1 The Chair explained that the purpose of this meeting is to review the draft Consultation within the Working Group and agree next steps.

3. Final Review Draft Consultation

- 3.1 The Chair presented the draft Consultation document live on screen for the Working Group to review and discuss.
- 3.2 The key updates can be found below:
- 3.3 The Chair presented the draft Consultation document live on screen for the Working Group to review and further discuss.
- 3.4 The group discussed potentially updating the terminology within the summary section (e.g., ‘capacity charge’ vs ‘capacity tariff’) and agreed to have the term remain as ‘capacity charge’. Members also agreed to restructure sections, such as moving the description of new solutions to the end of the Working Group Assessment section and adding a summary at the end of section 1 for clarity.

- 3.5 In regard to the first Consultation responses, the group discussed the need to clearly articulate the conclusions and the rationale for issuing an RFI – the Secretariat agreed to take an action to include these conclusions within the draft Consultation document.

ACTION 18/02: The Secretariat to include the rationale for issuing the RFI alongside the conclusions within the draft Consultation document.

- 3.6 Members reviewed the analysis of the RFI data, noting trends in Customers exceeding capacity, the impact of tariff changes, and the need for factual rather than speculative language. It was agreed to clarify terminology (e.g., voltage groups' vs. 'voltage levels') and ensure all respondent views are captured. The group agreed to keep the term 'voltage groups'.
- 3.7 The Chair presented the summary table of options (A, B, & C) to the group and confirmed that it is consistent in labelling and content, highlighting the pros and cons of each approach, including historical precedent, cost reflectivity, and implementation complexity.
- 3.8 A number of members discussed whether to include draft legal text for the Consultation options, agreeing to provide more detailed descriptions and refer to supporting guidance documents rather than drafting full legal text at this stage.
- 3.9 ED suggested that a second Consultation would typically include legal text, especially with only three options, to enable informed responses. CO mentioned that drafting legal text for the modelled solutions would be resource-intensive and potentially wasted if those options were not selected.
- 3.10 Following these discussions, the group agreed to provide a clear narrative and refer to existing guidance documents that describe the model changes, rather than including full legal text. CO agreed to review and update the guidance document to ensure it aligns with the current solution offline.

ACTION 18/03: CB to review and update the guidance document (Attachment 7) to ensure it aligns with the current solution offline.

- 3.11 It was also discussed, and agreed, that the description of Option C needed to be expanded in the Consultation document to match the detail provided for Options A and B, either by including more detail directly or referencing the guidance note.

ACTION 18/04: The Secretariat to expand on the conclusions from both the first Consultation and RFI and provide further detail around the solutions within the Consultation document.

- 3.1 The group discussed the relevance and clarity of the draft Consultation questions, noting that some questions were not unique to specific options and that explanatory text was needed to link questions to previous discussions and Consultation outcomes. Members agreed to revisit this once the conclusions from both the first Consultation and RFI have been added and potentially reduce the number of questions after finalising the conclusions and solution descriptions.
- 3.2 Following the above, the Secretariat agreed to make the agreed amendments as discussed during this meeting (i.e., accept the tracked changes and expand the conclusions and solution details), and circulate the updated draft Consultation document along with all appendices to the Working Group by 14 August 2026 for review.

ACTION 18/05: The Secretariat to circulate the updated draft Consultation document, along with all appendices, to the Working Group for review by 14 August 2026.

- 3.3 The Working Group agreed to schedule the next meeting for 21 August 2026, with the aim to finalise the Consultation, ready to issue to wider industry for feedback.

4. Next Steps and Work Plan

- 4.1 The Working Group discussed the next steps, and the following items were captured:
- The Secretariat to make the updated amendments to the draft Consultation document and circulate this (along with all appendices) to the Working Group for review by 14 August 2026.
 - The Secretariat to schedule the next Working Group meeting for 21 August 2026 for a final review of the Consultation prior to issuing to wider industry for feedback.

5. Any Other Business

- 5.1 No further business was raised. The Chair thanked members for their contributions and closed the meeting.

6. Next Meeting Date – 21 August 2026

- 6.1 The Chair confirmed the next Working Group meeting will be held on 21 August 2026 at 10am.

7. Attachments

- Attachment 1_DCP 443 Work Plan

APPENDIX A

New and Open Actions

Action Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
16/03	The Secretariat to issue the Consultation to wider industry.	Secretariat	Ongoing. <i>Still in development.</i>
18/01	The Secretariat to revisit the previous meeting recording (DCP 443 WG 17) and update the minutes in regard to the voting outcomes and the correct description of the options.	Secretariat	New Action.
18/02	The Secretariat to include the rationale for issuing the RFI alongside the conclusions within the draft Consultation document.	Secretariat	New Action.
18/03	CB to review and update the guidance document (Attachment 7) to ensure it aligns with the current solution offline.	Chris Barker	New Action.
18/04	The Secretariat to expand on the conclusions from both the first Consultation and RFI and provide further detail around the solutions within the Consultation document.	Secretariat	New Action.
18/05	The Secretariat to circulate the updated draft Consultation document, along with all appendices, to the Working Group for review by 14 August 2026.	Secretariat	New Action.

Closed Actions

Action Ref.			Update
17/01	The Secretariat to make the necessary updated to the 'How' Section and Section 7 of the draft Consultation and circulate to the Working Group for review.	Secretariat	Closed.
17/02	The Secretariat to remove the draft legal text, DCUSA Objectives and wider implications and impacts from the draft Consultation document.	Secretariat	Closed.
17/03	The Secretariat to issue a meeting poll to the Working Group for the next meeting (WG 18).	Secretariat	Closed.