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| Meeting Session | DCUSA Panel (Open Session)                                                |
| Paper Reference | Panel_2026_0819_03_Initial Assessment Paper: DCP 480, DCP 481 and DCP 482 |
| 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 Proposals Received

- 2.1 The table below details the CP that has been received by the DCUSA Secretariat. The view of each Proposer as to whether their CP relates to a Part 1 or Part 2 Matter and whether their CP should be treated as a non-Urgent change or an Urgent change as well as their view on the Prioritisation Category are detailed in the bullet points below.
  - It is the view of the Proposer of DCP 480 that it be classed as a non-Urgent change, a Part 2 Matter and be given a Prioritisation Category of Standard.
  - It is the view of the Proposer of DCP 481 that it be classed as a non-Urgent change, a Part 2 Matter and be given a Prioritisation Category of Standard.
  - It is the view of the Proposer of DCP 482 that it be classed as an Urgent Change, a Part 2 Matter and be given a Prioritisation Category of High (although it is noted that if the Panel agrees to treat the Change Proposal as an Urgent Change, then the Prioritisation Category won't be needed).
- 2.2 Taking into account the view of the Proposer's 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 non-Urgent 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 480 | REP-900 cancellations charges                        | Eastern Power Networks plc | Part 2          | Next release after approval, subject to any system changes required. | None (change to DCUSA owned Market Message) | General | To ensure consistency among senders of REP-900.                                                                                                                                 |
| DCP 481 | Notices Under the National Terms of Connection (NTC) | Eastern Power Networks plc | Part 2          | Next DCUSA release following approval.                               | Schedule 2B (Section 3 - Clause 23)         | NTC     | To ensure that notices sent by the customer to the company under Section 3 of the NTC contain at least a site address and, where available for the connection, an MPAN or MSID. |
| DCP 481 | REP-900 Splitting                                    | Eastern Power Networks plc | Part 2          | To align with the BSC CP1648                                         | None (change to DCUSA owned Market Message) | General | To describe how the REP-900 should be split if it exceeds the DIP limitation of 1MB                                                                                             |

### 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 480 ‘REP-900 cancellations charges’**

- 4.1 ElectraLink recommends that DCP 480 is treated as a Part 2 Matter and that it be progressed to the Definition phase via a Working Group for further development, in accordance with the timetable set out in the table below:

| Activity                                     | Target Date      |
|----------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Initial Assessment Report                    | 19 August 2026   |
| Consultation Issued to Industry Participants | September 2026   |
| 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 481 ‘Notices Under the National Terms of Connection (NTC)’**

- 4.2 ElectraLink recommends that DCP 481 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                    | 19 August 2026    |
| Consultation Issued to Industry Participants | N/A               |
| Change Report Approved by Panel              | 16 September 2026 |
| Change Report issued for Voting              | 17 September 2026 |
| Party Voting Closes                          | 08 October 2026   |
| Change Declaration Issued                    | 12 October 2026   |

### **DCP 482 ‘REP-900 Splitting’**

- 4.3 ElectraLink recommends that DCP 482 is treated as a Part 2 Matter and that it be progressed to the Definition phase via a Working Group for further development, in accordance with the timetable set out in the table below:

| Activity                                     | Target Date      |
|----------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Initial Assessment Report                    | 19 August 2026   |
| Consultation Issued to Industry Participants | September 2026   |
| 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 |

## 5. Recommendations

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5.1 For DCP 480 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 'non-Urgent' Change;
  - **AGREE** that the CP should be treated as a Part 2 Matter;
  - **AGREE** that the CP should be progressed to the Definition phase via a Working Group for further development;
  - **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 481 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 'non-Urgent' 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 4.2 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 482 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 2 Matter;
  - **AGREE** that the CP should be progressed to the Definition phase via a Working Group for further development;

- **AGREE** that the CP should not be given a Prioritisation Category (if agreeing that it is an Urgent Change) or if agreeing that it is non-urgent, the that it 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 4.3 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 480 Change Proposal Form
- Attachment 2 – DCP 481 Change Proposal Form
- Attachment 3 – DCP 482 Change Proposal Form

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