

DCP 481 Change Declaration

DCUSA CHANGE DECLARATION	
CHANGE PROPOSAL	Notices Under the National Terms of Connection (NTC)
DATE OF ISSUE	15 October 2026
ISSUED TO	DCUSA Parties
VOTING PARTIES	DNOs and IDNOs
MATTER	Part 2 Matter: Authority Decision is not Required

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 In accordance with Clause 13.4 of the DCUSA this paper sets out the Parties' recommendation in respect of DCP 481.
- 1.2 The [DCP 481 Change Report](#) was issued to all DCUSA Contract Managers on 17 September 2026 for a period of 15 Working Days.

2. DCP 481 – PARTY VOTE ON PROPOSED VARIATION

- 2.1 For the majority of the Party Categories that were eligible to vote, the sum of the Weighted Votes of the Groups in each Party Category which voted to accept the proposed variation was more than 65%. Therefore, DCUSA Parties have voted to accept the proposed variation (solution).

3. DCP 481 – PARTY VOTE ON PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION DATE

- 3.1 For the majority of the Party Categories that were eligible to vote, the sum of the Weighted Votes of the Groups in each Party Category which voted to accept the proposed implementation date was more than 65%. Therefore, DCUSA Parties have voted to accept the proposed implementation date.

4. DCP 481 – DCUSA PARTIES OVERALL RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 DCUSA Parties have voted to accept the proposed variation (solution) of DCP 481 and accept the implementation date of DCP 481, and thus the proposed variation to the DCUSA will be made on 5 November 2026.

DCP 481	DNO ACCEPT	DNO REJECT	IDNO ACCEPT	IDNO REJECT
DCP 481 PROPOSED VARIATION	100%	0%	100%	0%
DCP 481 PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION DATE	100%	0%	100%	0%

All other Party categories were not eligible to vote.

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Appendix 1: DCP 481 Consolidated Party Votes (including comments)

PARTY	SOLUTION (A/R)	IMPLEMENTATION DATE (A/R)	WHICH DCUSA OBJECTIVE(S) IS BETTER FACILITATED?	COMMENTS
DNO PARTIES				
Northern Powergrid (Northeast) plc	Accept	Accept	We agree that this Change Proposal enhances communications between customers and Parties. Therefore, DCUSA General Objectives 1, 2, 3 and 4 are better facilitated by this change.	None.
Northern Powergrid (Yorkshire) plc	Accept	Accept		
Southern Electric Power Distribution PLC	Accept	Accept	We believe that DCUSA General Objectives 1, 2, 3 and 4 are better facilitated by this change.	
Scottish Hydro Electric Power Distribution PLC	Accept	Accept		
National Grid Electricity Distribution South West plc	Accept	Accept	Objective 4 is better facilitated by this change, because the addition of clarity for contact with the customer helps to implement and administer DCUSA more efficiently.	
National Grid Electricity Distribution South Wales plc	Accept	Accept		
National Grid Electricity Distribution East Midlands plc	Accept	Accept		

National Grid Electricity Distribution West Midlands plc	Accept	Accept		
Electricity North West Limited	Accept	Accept	SP ENW, SPD and SPM consider that DCP 481 better facilitates Objectives 3 and 4 by improving information included in notices served by customers under the National Terms of Connection. The proposal supports the efficient administration of the DCUSA and helps ensure DNOs receive sufficient information to identify the relevant connection or supply point, enabling Distribution Licence obligations to be discharged efficiently and consistently.	Whilst SP ENW, SPD and SPM support the intent of the proposal, consideration should be given to defining "MPAN" and "MSID" as defined terms, or referencing existing industry definitions, rather than introducing the abbreviations within the paragraph text. This would improve drafting consistency and align with standard code drafting practices.
SP Distribution PLC	Accept	Accept		
SP Manweb PLC	Accept	Accept		

IDNO PARTIES				
INDEPENDENT DISTRIBUTION CONNECTION SPECIALISTS LIMITED	Accept	Accept	IDCSL agrees with the Proposer that this CP enhances communications between customers and Parties and has a positive impact on DCUSA General Objectives 1, 2, 3 and 4.	N/A

SUPPLIER PARTIES				
N/A				

CVA REGISTRANT PARTIES				
N/A				

GAS SUPPLIER PARTIES				
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N/A
OTSO PARTY
N/A
SIPS
N/A

