

DCP 469 Working Group - Meeting 08

26 August 2026 at 10:00 - via Microsoft Teams

Attendee	Company
Working Group Members	
Charles Mott [CM]	SSEN
Chris Barker [CB]	SP ENW
Chris Ong [CO]	UKPN
Ed Grimsey [EG]	BUUK
Edda Dirks [ED]	SSE Generation
Emma Clark [EC]	SSE
Emma Robinson [ER]	E.ON
Harvey Takhar [HT]	NESO
James Knight [JK]	British Gas
John Harmer [JH]	Waters Wye
Karl Maryon [KM]	Drax
Lorna Murray [LM]	SPEN
Louise Robinson [LR]	ESP Electricity
Niall Coyle [NC]	NESO
Nik Wills [NW]	Stark
Peter Waymont [PW]	UKPN
Ryan Farrell [RF]	Northern Powergrid
Tony Collings [TC]	Ecotricity
Code Administrator	
Melissa Kendal [MK] (Technical Secretariat)	ElectraLink
Richard Colwill [RC] (Chair)	ElectraLink

Apologies	Company
Dave Wornell [DW]	NGED
Lee Stone [LS]	EON

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 there were no further comments/feedback. These minutes were approved.
- 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 the meeting was to continue to review the draft consultation document within the Working Group and agree next steps.

3. Review of Draft Consultation Document

- 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 ED agreed that the historic comments could be closed but confirmed that a reread of this section as whole will be completed alongside reviewing both paragraphs 1.6 and 1.7, so see if splitting these would be more suitable as shorter paragraphs.

ACTION 08/01: ED to reread Section 1 of the Consultation document, in particular paragraphs 1.6 and 1.7 (potentially splitting them).

- 3.4 The group also identified that a reference to 2031 should read 2033, reflecting the start of ED4. This was updated live on screen.
- 3.5 The Working Group agreed that the draft Consultation now summarises the key Supplier RFI concerns.
- 3.6 ED confirmed that the request to explain the two-month allowed revenue calculation was addressed in Section 4 (paragraph 4.2), subject to possible minor wording amendments.
- 3.7 CO explained to the group that some of the Ofgem CARR analysis had appeared in stakeholder presentation packs and might not be publicly published. The Chair agreed to contact both AM and TA (Ofgem representatives), asking whether a source can be linked or whether Ofgem can validate the wording.

ACTION 08/02: The Secretariat to contact Ofgem representatives (Andrew Malley/Tim Aldrige) to see if there is a link and/or references that can be provided, in relation to the CARR analysis, within the draft Consultation

- 3.8 CO noted that there were previous concerns raised that the CARR analysis was not included within the original CP, however, the proposer felt that it was relevant to this change and therefore included. The group agreed that it would be beneficial to have further input around this from Ofgem (as agreed within the previous action).
- 3.9 Following the above discussion and earlier action update in regard to the DCUSA General and Charging objectives, CO explained that although the original proposal did not amend charging methodologies directly, it affects charges and therefore the Consultation should include both. The Chair agreed that both should remain as this will allow stakeholders to comment on each assessment.
- 3.10 There was some confusion around paragraphs 6.3 and 6.4, and CO agreed to take an action to review these paragraphs and revise as necessary.

ACTION 08/03: CO to review both paragraphs 6.3 and 6.4 of the draft Consultation and revise as necessary.

- 3.11 Members identified a number of wording errors under Section 6, which was corrected live on screen. The group also agreed that the figures, tables and attachment references should all be checked and cross-referenced against the final version.
- 3.12 In regard to Section 7 of the draft Consultation (implementation), the Chair suggested that additional wording could be added, stating that no final charges that have been published would be retrospectively changed (for clarity). Members agreed, and CO agreed to take an action to revise paragraph 7.1 to ensure that this has been made clear.

ACTION 08/04: CO to revise the wording with paragraph 7.1 of the draft Consultation document to provide further clarity around the implementation of this change.

- 3.13 CO proposed removing the separate A and B alternatives in Section 2A clauses 19.1.1 and 19.1.2. The associated Schedule 16 drafting would align time-band notification with the notice period in Section 2A clause 19.1.1 rather than retaining a standalone 15-month reference. CO agreed to revise the legal text and return it to the Secretariat for circulation.

ACTION 08/05: CO to revise and update the draft legal text and the Secretariat will issue to the group for offline review.

- 3.14 Following the above discussions, the Secretariat agreed to issue the draft Consultation and associated documents to the Working Group for offline review. Once reviewed, the Secretariat agreed to issue the Consultation to wider industry for feedback, and to issue a meeting poll to all members to schedule the next meeting to review the Consultation responses.

ACTION 08/06: The Secretariat to issue the draft Consultation and associated documents to the Working Group for final offline review.

ACTION 08/07: The Secretariat to issue the final Consultation to wider industry for feedback.

ACTION 08/08: The Secretariat to issue a meeting poll to all members for availability of the next meeting (to review collated Consultation responses).

4. Agreed Next Steps

- 4.1 The Working Group discussed the next steps, and the following items were captured:

- CO to make the final updates to the draft Consultation document and associated documents and circulate to the Working Group for final offline review.
- The Secretariat to issue the final Consultation to wider industry for feedback.
- The Secretariat to issue a meeting poll to all members for availability of the next meeting (to review collated Consultation responses).

5. Any Other Business

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

6. Date of Next Meeting – TBC

- 6.1 The next Working Group meeting is TBC – a meeting poll will be issued in due course.

7. Attachments

- Attachment 1_DCP 469 Work Plan

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New and Open Actions

Ref	Action	Owner	Update
01/01	The Secretariat to gather further information around CMP 286/287 for future Working Group discussions.	Secretariat	Ongoing.
06/06	The Secretariat to consider targeted consultation distribution to Citizens Advice, the Energy Intensive Users Group and any suitable bodies representing small commercial customers	Secretariat / Working Group	Ongoing. Will be closed once identified and Consultation issued.
07/06	The Secretariat to discuss including both the DCUSA General and Charging Objectives within this CP at the August DCUSA Panel meeting and feedback to the group.	Secretariat	Ongoing. The Chair confirmed that this will be completed post-Panel meeting.
08/01	ED to reread Section 1 of the Consultation document, in particular paragraphs 1.6 and 1.7 (potentially splitting them).	Edda Dirks	New Action.
08/02	The Secretariat to contact Ofgem representatives (Andrew Malley/Tim Aldrige) to see if there is a link and/or references that can be provided, in relation to the CARR analysis, within the draft Consultation	Secretariat	New Action.
08/03	CO to review both paragraphs 6.3 and 6.4 of the draft Consultation and revise as necessary.	Chris Ong	New Action.
08/04	CO to revise the wording with paragraph 7.1 of the draft Consultation document to provide further clarity around the implementation of this change.	Chris Ong	New Action.
08/05	CO to revise and update the draft legal text and the Secretariat will issue to the group for offline review.	Chris Ong	New Action.
08/06	The Secretariat to issue the draft Consultation and associated documents to the Working Group for final offline review.	Secretariat	New Action.
08/07	The Secretariat to issue the final Consultation to wider industry for feedback.	Secretariat	New Action.

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08/08	The Secretariat to issue a meeting poll to all members for availability of the next meeting (to review collated Consultation responses).	Secretariat	New Action.
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Closed Actions

Ref		Update	
05/02	The Secretariat/Working Group to review the collated RFI responses and ensure that all comments have been addressed within the draft Consultation document.	Secretariat / Working Group	Closed. It was noted that references have been made within paragraph 4.28 of the draft Consultation document.
06/03	The Secretariat to introduce consistent figure and table numbering, review chart captions, and amend or crop misleading chart titles where appropriate.	Secretariat	Closed.
06/04	Include a cross-reference within the draft consultation document to clarify the basis for the 'Maximum changes to Prices' parameter under the 2-month period of 10% used in the Risk Premium Calculator.	Ryan Farrell	Closed.
06/05	Add appropriate links to Ofgem CARR materials or other cited material in the Consultation document.	Secretariat	Closed.
07/01	The Secretariat to cross-check the draft Consultation document to ensure that all references to the term 'volatility' are replaced with 'annual volatility'.	Secretariat	Closed.
07/02	The Secretariat to cross-check the draft Consultation document to ensure that all references to the term 'Customer' are capitalised.	Secretariat	Closed.
07/03	DW and CO to produce additional wording that provides a clear explanation of the methodology, to be included within the draft Consultation document.	Dave Wornell / Chris Ong	Closed.
07/04	CO to review and amend paragraph 4.37 as necessary offline.	Chris Ong	Closed.

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07/05	CO to draft the necessary legal text changes for both the main notice period and the time band notification, for inclusion within the draft Consultation document.	Chris Ong	Closed.
07/07	ED and CO to expand the sections on consumer benefits and impacts within the draft Consultation document, ensuring that both direct and indirect effects (i.e., risk premiums) are clearly articulated).	Edda Dirks / Chris Ong	Closed.
07/08	The Secretariat to circulate a 'clean' version of the draft Consultation document to the Working Group offline, for further feedback/agreed actions to be provided.	Secretariat	Closed.
07/09	The Working Group to provide feedback/completed actions in regard to the draft Consultation prior to the next meeting scheduled for 26 August 2026.	Working Group	Closed.