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| **Meeting Session** | DCUSA Panel (Open Session) |
| **Paper Reference** | Panel_2026_0916_03_Initial Assessment Paper: DCP 483 & DCP 484 |
| **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, two new Change Proposals (CPs) have been received by the Secretariat.

1.3 The CPs have been assessed by the Secretariat in accordance with Clause 10.11 of the DCUSA, and the Secretariat believes that the CPs have 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 CPs that have 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 appropriate Prioritisation Category are detailed in the bullet points below.

- It is the view of the Proposer of DCP 483 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 484 that it be classed as an Urgent change, a Part 1 Matter and need not be given a Prioritisation Category as if it is treated as an Urgent change.

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, each 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 (where applicable).

| DCP No. | Title | Proposer | Part 1/2 Matter | Proposed Implementation Date | Impacted Clauses | CP Area | Summary |
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| DCP 483 | REP-901 Ownership | 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 correctly describe ownership of the REP-901 in the EMDS |
| DCP 484 | REP-900 Processing | Eastern Power Networks plc | Part 1 | Next release after approval | Clause 21.2B in Section 2A | General | To ensure suppliers can process the REP-900. |

## 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 483 'REP-901 Ownership'**

4.1 ElectraLink recommends that DCP 483 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 | 16 September 2026 |
| Consultation Issued to Industry Participants | N/A |
| Change Report Approved by Panel | 21 October 2026 |
| Change Report issued for Voting | 22 October 2026 |
| Party Voting Closes | 12 November 2026 |
| Change Declaration Issued | 16 November 2026 |

**DCP 484 'REP-900 Processing'**

4.2 ElectraLink recommends that DCP 484 is treated as a Part 1 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 | 16 September 2026 |
| Consultation Issued to Industry Participants | N/A |
| Change Report Approved by Panel | 21 October 2026 |
| Change Report issued for Voting | 22 October 2026 |
| Party Voting Closes | 12 November 2026 |
| Change Declaration Issued | 16 November 2026 |

## 5. Recommendations

5.1 For DCP 483 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 4.1 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 484 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 1 Matter;
  - **AGREE** that the CP should be progressed to the Change Report phase;
  - **AGREE** that the CP should not be given a Prioritisation Category; 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).

## 6. Attachments

- Attachment 1 – DCP 483 Change Proposal Form
- Attachment 2 – DCP 484 Change Proposal Form

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