

DCP 443 Working Group - Meeting 21

14 September 2026 at 10:00 - Web-Conference

Attendee	Company
Working Group Members	
Alex Lam [AL]	NGED
Charles Mott [CM]	SSE
Chris Barker [CB]	ENWL
Chris Ong [CO]	UKPN
Donna Jamieson [DJ]	Idcsl
Edda Dirks [ED]	SSE Gen
Erik Baguzis [EB]	Indigo
Kara Burke [KB]	NPg
Karl Maryon [KM]	Drax
Michael Hewitson [MH]	Trident
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
Apologies	
Ed Grimsey [EG]	BU-UK

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.
- 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. 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 Working Group discussed the appearance of the questions asked previously in Consultation 01 and RFI, along with those being asked within the new Consultation 02 – members agreed that it would be beneficial to clearly distinguish the new Consultation 02 questions and the Chair agreed to take an action to make this visually clear within the document.

ACTION 21/01: The Secretariat to make amendments to the Consultation 02 document to ensure that the Consultation 01 and RFI questions are visually distinguished from the Consultation 02 questions.

- 3.4 KB explained to the group that links had been added at the end of each question to direct readers to the relevant Working Group responses, allowing the Consultation document easier to follow (particularly where the document combines the original RFI, Consultation 01 and Consultation 02 information).
- 3.5 Members discussed the implementation date question and agreed to remove this as the final solution and associated system changes have not yet been identified. The group agreed to revisit the implementation timing once the feedback from Consultation 02 has been received.
- 3.6 In regard to paragraph 4.138, ED suggested including additional wording that helps explain why considering revenue from excess capacity charges as excluded revenue or additional revenue could

be beneficial – members agreed that this would be helpful, and this additional wording was drafted live on screen. Both ED and KB provided wording that describes the revenue as separately redistributed via the price-control process (additional wording included within Section 5, paragraph 5.23, of the Consultation 02 document).

- 3.7 KB informed the group that the current solution section of the Consultation document has been reorganised and reworded by grouping the questions under Option A/B/C with those that are applicable to each option. The group were happy with the amendments, however noted that duplicate questions may need to be removed.
- 3.8 In regard to the current question 13 of the Consultation, a number of members suggested it may not be suitable to ask this question as the Working Group have already agreed to not produce draft legal text prior to receiving the Consultation 02 responses. Following this, it was agreed to delete this question and state that the legal text will be developed after the preferred solution is chosen and consulted on alongside the final solution at a later date.
- 3.9 Attachment 6 – Excess Capacity Test Model
- 3.10 The Chair presented Attachment 6 (updated model) to the Working Group for review.
- 3.11 ED suggested that the spreadsheet shown within the screenshots should be issued as an attachment itself to allow respondents to follow the model calculations. The Working Group agreed with this suggestion, and the Secretariat agreed to include this as an attachment and update the attachment list.

ACTION 21/02: The Secretariat to include the spreadsheet of the excess capacity test model (as shown in Attachment 6) as an attachment to the Consultation 02 document.

- 3.12 It was also noted that the spreadsheet model provided will be populated with ENWL data, however, it will be made clear that other DNOs may replace the inputs with their own published data.
- 3.13 Following the review of the Consultation 02 document, the Working Group were happy with the amendments and the Secretariat agreed to take an action to correct any numbering errors throughout the document, update formatting changes and update the attachment list.

ACTION 21/03: The Secretariat to correct any numbering errors throughout the Consultation 02 document, update formatting changes and update the attachment list.

- 3.14 The Secretariat also agreed to circulate a clean version of the document, along with the updated model, to members for a final offline review, with the aim to issue the Consultation 02 document on 18 September 2026 for wider industry feedback.

ACTION 21/04: The Secretariat to circulate a clean version of the Consultation 02 document, along with the updated model, to members for a final offline review.

ACTION 21/05: The Secretariat to issue the final Consultation 02 document to wider industry for feedback on 18 September 2026.

- 3.15 The Secretariat will issue a meeting poll to the Working Group to schedule the next meeting to review the collated Consultation 02 responses.

ACTION 21/06: The Secretariat to issue a meeting poll to the Working Group schedule the next meeting to review the collated Consultation 02 responses.

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 necessary updates to the Consultation 02 document and updated test model and circulate to the Working Group for a final review offline.
 - The Secretariat to issue the final Consultation document to wider industry for feedback on 18 September 2026 (with a response deadline of 09 October 2026).
 - The Secretariat to issue a meeting poll to the Working Group to schedule the next meeting to review the collated Consultation 02 responses.

5. Any Other Business

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

6. Next Meeting Date – TBC

- 6.1 The Chair confirmed the next Working Group meeting is TBC. A meeting poll will be issued in due course.

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>
21/01	The Secretariat to make amendments to the Consultation 02 document to ensure that the Consultation 01 and RFI questions are visually distinguished from the Consultation 02 questions.	Secretariat	Closed.
21/02	The Secretariat to include the spreadsheet of the excess capacity test model (as shown in Attachment 6) as an attachment to the Consultation 02 document.	Secretariat	Closed.
21/03	The Secretariat to correct any numbering errors throughout the Consultation 02 document, update formatting changes and update the attachment list.	Secretariat	Closed.
21/04	The Secretariat to circulate a clean version of the Consultation 02 document, along with the updated model, to members for a final offline review.	Secretariat	Closed.
21/05	The Secretariat to issue the final Consultation 02 document to wider industry for feedback on 18 September 2026.	Secretariat	Closed.

			<i>Consultation 02 document issued on 18 September 2026 with a response deadline of 09 October 2026.</i>
21/06	The Secretariat to issue a meeting poll to the Working Group schedule the next meeting to review the collated Consultation 02 responses.	Secretariat	New Action.

Closed Actions

Action Ref.			Update
20/01	KB to complete an offline review of the draft Consultation document, focusing on structure, duplication, the conclusions, and the excluded revenue discussion.	Kara Burke	Closed.
20/02	KB to review the Consultation questions and add leading text where necessary.	Kara Burke	Closed.
20/03	KB to circulate the updated draft Consultation document to the Working Group for a final review.	Kara Burke	Closed.