Meeting Session	DCUSA Panel (Open Session)
Paper Reference	Panel_2026_1021_03_Initial Assessment Paper: DCP 485, DCP 486, DCP 487 and DCP 488
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, four 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 485 that it be classed as an Urgent change, a Part 1 Matter and that it be given a Prioritisation Category of Standard if it is not treated as an Urgent change.
- It is the view of the Proposer of DCP 486 that it be classed as an Urgent change, a Part 2 Matter and that it be given a Prioritisation Category of High if it is not treated as an Urgent change.
- It is the view of the Proposer of DCP 487 that it be classed as an Urgent change, a Part 2 Matter and that it be given a Prioritisation Category of High if it is not treated as an Urgent change.
- It is the view of the Proposer of DCP 488 that it be classed as an Urgent change, a Part 2 Matter and that it be given a Prioritisation Category of High if it is not 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
DCP 485	Backdating DUoS Tariff	Eastern Power Networks plc	Part 1 – URGENT	02 July 2027	Schedule 16 Paragraph 173A; Schedule 17 and 18 Paragraph 30.12	CDCM / EDCM	To align the backdating of DUoS tariffs in line with the changes to settlements and as a result of MHHS
DCP 486	Update ENA address re NTC	Eastern Power Networks plc	Part 2 – URGENT	01 December 2026	Schedule 2A, Schedule 2C Clause 3 and Schedule 2D Appendix B	General	To update references to the ENA's address following their move.
DCP 487	Amendment to Annual Allocation Review	Eastern Power Networks plc	Part 2 – URGENT	Before end May 2027	Schedule 32 Section 5	General	To update the Annual Allocation Review arrangements including changing the dates
DCP 488	Correction of DCP 440 Legal Text	Eastern Power Networks plc	Part 2 – URGENT	01 April 2027	Schedule 16 – Paragraphs 139 & 140	CDCM	This Change Proposal seeks to correct the legal text associated with DCP 440 where it has been identified that the version of legal drafting sent out for voting was not the final legal text circulated to and considered by the DCUSA Panel prior to approval of DCP 440.

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 485 'Backdating DUoS Tariff'

4.1 ElectraLink recommends that DCP 485 is treated as a Part 1 Matter and an Urgent Change and that it be progressed to the Definition phase via a Working Group, in accordance with the timetable set out in the table below:

Activity	Target Date
Initial Assessment Report	21 October 2026
Consultation Issued to Industry Participants	December 2026
Change Report Approved by Panel	17 February 2027
Change Report issued for Voting	18 February 2027
Party Voting Closes	11 March 2027
Change Declaration Issued	16 March 2027

DCP 486 'Update ENA address re NTC'

4.2 ElectraLink recommends that DCP 486 is treated as a Part 2 Matter and an Urgent Change 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	21 October 2026
Consultation Issued to Industry Participants	N/A
Change Report Approved by Panel	04 November 2026
Change Report issued for Voting	05 November 2026
Party Voting Closes	19 November 2026
Change Declaration Issued	24 November 2026
Implemented	01 December 2026

DCP 487 'Amendment to Annual Allocation Review'

4.3 ElectraLink recommends that DCP 487 is treated as a Part 2 Matter and an Urgent Change and that it be progressed to the Definition phase via a Working Group, in accordance with the timetable set out in the table below:

Activity	Target Date
Initial Assessment Report	21 October 2026
Consultation Issued to Industry Participants	December 2026
Change Report Approved by Panel	17 February 2027
Change Report issued for Voting	18 February 2027
Party Voting Closes	11 March 2027
Change Declaration Issued	16 March 2027

DCP 488 'Correction of DCP 440 Legal Text'

4.4 ElectraLink recommends that DCP 488 is treated as a Part 2 Matter and an Urgent Change 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	21 October 2026
Consultation Issued to Industry Participants	N/A
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	15 December 2026

5. Recommendations

5.1 For DCP 485 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 Definition phase;
  - **AGREE** that should the CP not be treated as an Urgent Change, 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 486 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 Change Report phase;
  - **AGREE** that should the CP not be treated as an Urgent Change, that the CP should 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 4.2 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 487 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;
  - **AGREE** that should the CP not be treated as an Urgent Change, that the CP should 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).

5.4 For DCP 488 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 Change Report phase;
  - **AGREE** that should the CP not be treated as an Urgent Change, that the CP should 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 4.4 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 485 Change Proposal Form
- Attachment 2 – DCP 486 Change Proposal Form
- Attachment 3 – DCP 487 Change Proposal Form
- Attachment 4 – DCP 488 Change Proposal Form

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