DCUSA Change Report

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04 – Change Declaration

DCP 484

REP-900 Processing

Date Raised: 07 September 2026

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Party Category: DNO

Purpose of Change Proposal:

To ensure suppliers can process the REP-900.

This document is issued in accordance with Clause 11.20 of the DCUSA, and details DCP 484 'REP-900 Processing'. Parties are invited to consider the proposed amendment (Attachment 1) and submit their votes using the Voting form (Attachment 2) to dcusa@electralink.co.uk by 12 November 2026.

The voting process for the proposed variation and the timetable of the progression of the Change Proposal (CP) through the DCUSA Change Control Process is set out in this document.

If you have any questions about this paper or the DCUSA Change Process, please contact the DCUSA by email to dcusa@electralink.co.uk or telephone 020 7432 3011.

Parties Impacted: *Suppliers, DNOs and IDNOs*

Impacted Clauses: Section 2A, Clause 21.2B

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Timetable

The timetable for the progression of the CP is as follows:

Change Proposal timetable

Activity	Date
Initial Assessment Report Approved by Panel	16 September 2026
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 to Parties	17 November 2026
Change Declaration Issued to Authority	17 November 2026
Authority Decision	TBC

Any questions?

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1 Executive Summary

What?

1.1 DCP 484 has been raised to ensure that Suppliers can process the REP-900 messaged (REC Market Message MM20064).

Why?

1.2 REP-900 was developed under MHHS. The concept behind it was to standardise all Site-Specific DUoS invoicing to be done via electronic data messages. For legacy billing, a mix of e-billing and pdf copies is used. The intent here was to standardise one single approach for all. This would remove the need for emailed copies of invoices and promote e-billing.

1.3 This concept and the structure of the message was first formally raised as DCP416, in November 2022, following discussions with the programme. It was subsequently included in the legal text developed for DCP 445, which has been raised by Ofgem in September 2024, and which had 100% Supplier support.

1.4 Ofgem ratified the text by their final decision, supporting the move to standardised e-billing for all.

1.5 The message structure of the REP-900 was included in the MHHS documentation and the SWAGGER and subsequently in the REC's EMDS.

1.6 As MHHS migration is underway, all this seems to be coming as a complete surprise to a number of Suppliers. They have told us that they cannot process this message (although they are receiving it via the DIP).

1.7 Elexon has confirmed that, as the message is not owned by them, it does not fall within the scope of MHHS qualification. However, they did confirm a general requirement to be able to process DIP messages.

1.8 At present new Suppliers could also start registering customers without there being any check that they can process electronic DUoS invoices (although we are in discussion with the REC as to whether this could be changed).

1.9 For some reason, probably because the current focus has been on qualification, which ignores this message, some Suppliers seem to have no visibility of this message or the requirement to deal with it.

1.10 There needs to be clarity of this requirement, both for existing and new entrant Suppliers.

How?

1.11 This will be done by strengthening the text withing Clause 21.2B of Section 2A of DCUSA (see legal text changes in Section 8 below).

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2 Governance

Justification for Part 2 Matter

2.1 DCP 484 is classified as a Part 1 matter and therefore will go to the Authority for determination after the voting process has completed.

Requested Next Steps

2.2 The Panel considered that the Proposer has carried out the level of analysis required to enable Parties to understand the impact of the proposed amendment and to vote on DCP 484.

2.3 The DCUSA Panel recommends that this CP:

- be issued to Parties for voting

3 Why Change?

Background of DCP 484

3.1 To ensure that Suppliers better understand their obligations when it comes to receiving and processing the REP-900 Site Specific invoicing data flows sent to them by distributors and to give distributors the ability to enforce this obligation.

4 Solution

DCP 484 Assessment

4.1 The solution is to make the requirement for the Suppliers to process invoices related to Site Specific DUoS charges sent to them using the REP-900 DIP data flow clearer and to include the non-processing of invoices received via the REP-900 DIP data flow which is a material breach of the DCUSA. Therefore, allowing distributors to enact the provisions to suspend registration services in accordance with Clause 54.2.1 in Section 3 of the DCUSA.

4.2 The proposed legal text can be found in Attachment 1.

5 Relevant Objectives

Assessment Against the DCUSA Objectives

5.1 For a DCUSA Change Proposal to be approved it must be demonstrated that it better facilitates the DCUSA Objectives. This CP has been assessed against the General Objectives.

5.2 The Proposer considers that the following DCUSA Objectives are better facilitated by DCP 484.

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DCUSA General Objectives	Identified impact
☐ 1 The development, maintenance and operation by the DNO Parties and IDNO Parties of efficient, co-ordinated, and economical Distribution Networks	None
☐ 2 The facilitation of effective competition in the generation and supply of electricity and (so far as is consistent therewith) the promotion of such competition in the sale, distribution and purchase of electricity	None
☐ 3 The efficient discharge by the DNO Parties and IDNO Parties of obligations imposed upon them in their Distribution Licences	None
☒ 4 The promotion of efficiency in the implementation and administration of the DCUSA	Positive
☐ 5 Compliance with the Regulation on Cross-Border Exchange in Electricity and any relevant legally binding decisions of the European Commission and/or the Agency for the Co-operation of Energy Regulators.	None

5.3 General Objective 4 is better facilitated by DCP 484 because the solution will ensure that manual workarounds are unnecessary.

6 Impacts & Other Considerations

Does this Change Proposal impact a Significant Code Review (SCR) or other significant industry change projects, if so, how?

6.1 It is not believed that this CP impacts upon any current SCR or other significant industry change projects.

Consumer Impacts

6.2 It is believed that there is no impact on consumers.

Environmental Impacts

6.3 In accordance with DCUSA Clause 11.14.6, the Proposer assessed whether there would be a material impact on greenhouse gas emissions if DCP 484 were implemented. The Proposer did not identify any material impact on greenhouse gas emissions from the implementation of this CP.

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7 Implementation

7.1 The proposed implementation date for DCP 484 is 25 February 2027.

7.2 This is the first DCUSA Release, subject to approval from the Authority. It is not believed that there needs to be any lead time for this change as it is simply designed to reinforce existing requirements.

8 Legal Text

8.1 The legal text for DCP 484 has been reviewed by the DCUSA legal advisors and is provided as Attachment 1.

8.2 The legal text sets out the proposed changes to Clause 21.2B of Section 2 of the DCUSA

9 Code Specific Matters

Modelling Specification Documents

9.1 None

Reference Documents

9.2 None

10 Recommendations

Panel's Recommendation

10.1 The Panel approved this Change Report on 21 October 2026. The Panel considered that the Proposer has carried out the level of analysis required to enable Parties to understand the impact of the proposed amendment and to vote on DCP 484.

10.2 The Panel have recommended that this report is issued for Voting and DCUSA Parties should consider whether they wish to submit views regarding this Change Proposal.

11 Attachments

- Attachment 1 – DCP 484 Legal Text
- Attachment 2 – DCP 484 Voting Form
- Attachment 3 – DCP 484 Change Proposal Form

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