DCP 473 Working Group Meeting 11

06 November 2026 at 10:00am – Web-conference

Attendee	Company
Working Group Members	
Blessing Ekpe [BE]	SSE
Edda Dirks [ED]	SSE
Georgia Preece [GP]	NPg
Ian Chadwick [IC]	AEN
John Harmer [JH]	Waters Wye
Kavya Kavya [KK]	Brook Green Supply
Kelly McLaughlin [KM]	NGED
Laura Quinn [LQ]	SPEN
Liam Sweeney [LS]	Ofgem
Nik Wills [NW]	Stark
Peter Waymont [PW]	UKPN
Ryan Farrell [RF]	NPg
Victoria Burkett [VB]	EON
Code Administrator	
Andy Green [AG]	ElectraLink

1. Administration

Recording

1.1. The Chair informed Working Group members that, as per the Terms of Reference, the meeting would be recorded for the purpose of aiding the Technical Secretary in producing an accurate record of the meeting.

Competition Law Guidance and Terms of Reference

1.2. The Working Group reviewed the "Competition Law Guidance" and "Terms of Reference". All Working Group members agreed to be bound by the Competition Law Guidance for the duration of the meeting.

Action Log & Review of Minutes

1.3. The Chair presented the minutes of the previous meeting.

1.4. ED asked for her apologies to be added to the attendance list for the previous meeting. The Chair agreed to update this.

1.5. PW suggested that going forward, all Working Group members could be listed and marked as in attendance or not. The Chair agreed to raise this with the DCUSA team and discuss as a possibility.

> Action 11/01 – The Chair to discuss with the DCUSA team, the possibility of listing all Working Group members within the minutes and noting if they attended or not.

1.6. The Working Group approved the minutes.

1.7. A summary of the open actions and updates are included in the appendix.

2. Purpose of the Meeting

2.1. The Chair explained that the purpose of the meeting was to review the Change Report and Legal Text.

3. Review Change Report

3.1. The Chair advised he had updated the Change Report in line with discussion at the previous meeting.

3.2. The Chair highlighted that he had updated Section 1 to ensure each Solution was clearly outlined.

3.3. For Solution A, ED asked that extra clarity is added confirming that the customer retaining the connection and associated capacity is liable for the relevant network costs, via DUoS charges. The Chair made this update.

3.4. The group agreed some other minor wording changes to the section.

3.5. The Chair agreed to update the Change Proposal Timeline as the Change Report did not go to the November Panel. The Chair noted that it is likely to be presented at the December Panel instead.

> Action 11/02 – The Chair to update the timeline in the Change Report to reflect that the Change Report is likely to be presented to the DCUSA Panel at the December meeting.

3.6. The Chair agreed to circulate the updated Change Report to members, noting that the document would likely need to be updated again once Gowlings had sent back the legal text.

4. Review Legal Text

4.1. The Chair reiterated that Gowlings had not yet provided their reviewed version of the legal text. The Working Group agreed they would review this once it has been received.

4.2. Regarding the Legal Text for Solution E, the Chair summarised that the group had previously agreed that a period of 28 days seemed appropriate and asked Supplier representatives for their thoughts.

4.3. VB noted that from a Supplier perspective, debt is classed as bad debt after 28 days of non-payment from the due date. The Chair agreed to add this context into the Change Report.

4.4. The Chair highlighted the scenario timelines provided by RF and asked if members would prefer that they are all included in one attachment, or in separate ones. Members agreed they should be included in one attachment.

4.5. ED asked how the solutions would be presented for voting. The Chair noted that the initial idea had been to select one preferred solution and reject the other two, or reject all three, rather than collect preferences. PW noted that this could split the vote and result in all solutions being rejected.

4.6. JH proposed a single transferable vote: participants would rank all three solutions, the least popular option would be eliminated, and its second-preference votes would transfer to the remaining options. Members noted that this could allow a solution with fewer first preferences to ultimately win.

4.7. PW suggested separating a vote on whether participants support the overall change from a preference ranking. JH noted that this was difficult because Solution C is not primarily a charging proposal, while Solution E is a hybrid approach combining elements of A and C.

4.8. The Chair agreed that a simple first-choice vote could split support because the solutions address materially different objectives. The Chair agreed to investigate options and provide an update at the next meeting.

Action 11/04 – The Chair to investigate the best way to present the options for voting.

4.9. PW asked if two variants of the legal text would be required, considering there is a dependency on the outcome of DCP 488 'Correction of DCP 440 Legal Text'. The Chair agreed to draft two variations.

5. Next Steps and Work Plan

5.1. Members agreed on the following next steps.

- The Chair to update and circulate the Change Report based on discussions at the meeting.
- The Chair agreed to send out a poll with dates for the next meeting, once the legal text has been received from Gowlings.

Action 11/05 - The Chair to send out a poll with dates for the next meeting, once the legal text has been received from Gowlings.

6. Any Other Business

6.1. No other business was raised.

7. Next Meeting

7.1. The date of the next meeting is TBC.

New and Open Actions

Action Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
10/01	Circulate the outstanding revised legal text to the Working Group once received.	The Chair	**Action ongoing.** *The Chair has not yet received the text back from Gowlings. The Chair will follow up.*
11/01	The Chair to discuss with the DCUSA team, the possibility of listing all Working Group members within the minutes and noting if they attended or not.	The Chair	**New action.**
11/02	The Chair to update the timeline in the Change Report to reflect that the Change Report is likely to be presented to the DCUSA Panel at the December meeting.	The Chair	**New action.**
11/03	The Chair to review the recording of Meeting 10 to check the context and clause reference within action 10/02 'JH to review clause 139C and report back to the Working Group.'	The Chair	**New action.**
11/04	The Chair to investigate the best way to present the options for voting.	The Chair	**New action.**
11/05	The Chair to send out a poll with dates for the next meeting, once the legal text has been received from Gowlings.	The Chair	**New action.**

Closed Actions

Action Ref.			Update
06/02	Check how supplier contractual arrangements may affect the treatment or pass-through of charges where a customer elects to retain capacity.	VB	**Action closed.** *VB noted that she has chased multiple times and has not received a response. The group agreed to close the action.*
08/01	The group to revisit the discussion on the proposed 28 day period in the new solution (Solution E) and to check this against Supplier processes and any relevant licensing requirements.	All	**Action closed.** *Discussed under Agenda item 4.*
08/03	RF to update the timeline diagrams in line with decision to update the energisation period from 28 days to 6 months. RF to also create a diagram for Solution A.	RF	**Action closed.**
10/02	Review clause 139C and report back to the Working Group.	JH	**Action closed.** *JH advised he was unable to locate clause 139C. The Chair agreed to review the call recording to check the clause reference and context. New action raised.*