# DCP 485 Working Group - Meeting 01

12 November 2026 at 13:00 - Web-Conference

| Attendee | Company |
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| **Working Group Members** | |
| Alisha Moore [AM] | RWE |
| Chris Ong [CO] (Proposer) | UKPN |
| David Fewings [DF] | Sustainable Energy First |
| Donna Jamieson [DJ] | IDCSL |
| Ed Grimsey [EG] | BUUK |
| Edda Dirks [ED] | SSE Energy Customer Services |
| Emma Clark [EC] | SSEN |
| Lorna Murray [LM] | SPEN |
| Peter Waymont [PW] | UK Power Networks |
| Rachel Wallace [RW] | BUUK |
| Ryan Farrell [RF] | Northern Powergrid |
| Seun Adedapo [SA] | NGED |
| **Apologies** | |
| Barry Lord | Sustainable Energy First |
| **Code Administrator** | |
| Richard Colwill [RC] (Chair) | ElectraLink |
| Hollie Wild [HW] (Technical Secretariat)<br>*Minutes drafted in retrospect* | ElectraLink |

## 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.

**Competition Law Guidance and Terms of Reference**

1.2 The Working Group agreed to be bound by the Competition Law Guidance for the duration of the meeting.

1.3 The Chair also highlighted the Terms of Reference for the Working Group and Members agreed to be bound by those for the duration of the meeting.

**Actions**

1.4 The Chair confirmed that all actions captured within this meeting will be recorded within the action log; this can be found in the Appendix below.

## 2. Purpose of the Meeting

2.1 Introductions were made and the Chair explained that the purpose of this meeting is to review and discuss the proposed Change DCP 485 and to agree next steps.

## 3. Overview and Discussion of the DCP 485 Change Proposal

3.1 The Chair invited the Proposer [CO] to provide an overview of the DCP 485 Change Proposal (CP) to the Working Group.

3.2 The purpose of the DCP 485 CP is to align the backdating of DUoS tariffs in line with the changes to settlements and as a result of MHHS. This CP has been raised as an urgent CP as a solution needs to be in place before the changes to the settlements window takes effect on 2nd July 2027.

3.3 The Proposer provided the Working Group with some background information regarding where the CP has stemmed from. There was a previous CP raised (DCP 439) which was raised last year that was ultimately rejected by Ofgem, however, there has been a recent derogation against DCUSA for DNOs for them to be able to backdate LFCs for the annual allocation review. Therefore, this CP has been raised to mitigate the risk of having systems misaligned between different arrangements.

3.4 One Working Group member questioned whether the solution put forward actually closes the loop to the backdating issue as it states in the CP that changes to the settlement window was shortened from 14 to 4 months a number of years ago and therefore, that does not automatically imply that backdating tariff errors needs to be shortened. It was discussed that for non-half hourly customers, DNOs are only going to be able to go back four months from a settlement's perspective, e.g. if a DNOs needed to backdate for six years for a non-half hourly customer, it is not going to be seen in settlements at all. DNOs should be billing based upon what is in MPRS and not doing bespoke arrangements.

3.5 It was also noted by a Working Group member that annual allocation review provisions are a separate matter because they deal with situations where a new site couldn't be accurately banded at

the outset until a certain amount of data is available to do so and so this CP applies but to a different scenario. It was argued that the drivers are the same thing as the limiting factor is the ability to go back in time in the registration system, whether that be caused by the settlement window or whether that be caused by a migration to MHHS and therefore, the reason the backdating cannot be done for the banding changes is the same for the backdating for the tariff changes.

3.6 It was agreed that the consultation should include a question regarding whether there are any other potential solutions for this CP other than that that has been put forward by the Proposer.

3.7 Another Working Group member wanted to highlight that the difference between non-half hourly and half hourly is not specifically pulled out in the LC14 currently and it is an unwritten issue and it should be referenced into the Change Report for this CP.

3.8 The Proposed explained that it is his understanding that everything is supposed to be migrated by May 2027, so it is a temporary thing. Draft legal text has been provided as part of the CP, and it does mention the MHHS migration date.

3.9 One Working Group member questioned whether the CP addressed the reasons why the previous DCP439 was rejected by Ofgem. The Proposer has acknowledged that DCP439 was rejected but did not go into too much detail as it was believed that it can be included in the consultation phase of the CP and so the Working Group can ensure that they have picked up on all of the points. The Proposer agreed to review the previous decision document from Ofgem and pull out the points that need to be addressed and included in the consultation as part of this CP.

**Action 01/01: The Proposer to review the Ofgem Decision letter for DCP 439 and highlight the key points relevant for this CP for inclusion in the consultation document.**

3.10 The Working Group noted that Ofgem previously rejected DCP 439 due to cost reflectivity issues, but it was discussed that when including this information in the consultation it would be useful to include the split of half hourly and not half hourly from the CDCM models so that there is a national view.

3.11 It was noted that there could be a risk that some people may use this CP as a proxy for backdating all issues so it was agreed that it is important to make it clear in the proposed legal text that it is only relating to LFC and the banding associated.

**Action 01/02: The draft legal text to be updated to ensure that it is clear that backdating can only be done for LFCs and the banding associated and not for any other issue.**

3.12 The Proposer questioned whether there would need to be any further housekeeping changes to DCUSA following any delays in the migration to MHHS. It was discussed that so long as the proposed legal text allows for not everything being migrated at a specific date then this future proofs the legal text.

## 4. Agreed Next Steps

4.1 The Working Group discussed the next steps, and the following items were captured:

- The Chair to draft the consultation document and ensure a question is included to obtain industry views on whether there is a different solution that the Working Group should consider;
- The Proposer to review the Ofgem Decision Letter and provide key points and Proposer views that need inclusion in the consultation document;
- The Working Group to provide feedback on the draft consultation documents;
- The draft legal text to be updated to ensure that it is clear that this CP is only relating to LFCs and the banding associated and should not be used as a proxy for backdating for any other issues; and
- The Working Group to meet again on Thursday 3rd December to review and finalise the consultation document.

**Action 01/03: The Chair to produce the first draft of the consultation document to reflect the discussions held and to disseminate this to Working Group members.**

**Action 01/04: Working Group members to review the consultation document and provide any comments before the next Working Group meeting**

## 5. Any Other Business

5.1 The Chair asked the group whether there were any other items of business to discuss.

5.2 There were no other items raised.

## 6. Date of Next Meeting – 3rd December 2026

6.1 The next Working Group meeting will take place on Thursday 3rd December 2026 at 10am.

## APPENDIX A

## New and Open Actions

| Action Ref. | Action | Owner | Update |
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| **01/01** | The Proposer to review the Ofgem Decision letter for DCP 439 and highlight the key points relevant for this CP for inclusion in the consultation document. | Chris Ong | **New Action** |
| **01/02** | The draft legal text to be updated to ensure that it is clear that backdating can only be done for LFCs and the banding associated and not for any other issue. | Richard Colwill | **New Action** |
| **01/03** | The Chair to produce the first draft of the consultation document to reflect the discussions held and to disseminate this to Working Group members. | Richard Colwill | **New Action** |
| **01/04** | Working Group members to review the consultation document and provide any comments before the next Working Group meeting. | All WG Members | **New Action** |

## Closed Actions

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