

DCUSA Panel Meeting 131

17 May 2017 at 10:00

ElectraLink, Ground Floor, Grafton House, 2-3 Golden Square, London W1F 9HR

Attendee	Representing	Company
Panel Members		
John Lawton [JL] (Chair)	Panel Member	DCUSA Ltd
Alex Travell [AT] (Part Meeting)	Panel Member	DCUSA Ltd
Lucy Hibbert [LH]	Panel Member	DCUSA Ltd
Peter Waymont [PW]	Panel Member	DCUSA Ltd
Julia Haughey [JH]	Panel Member	DCUSA Ltd
Observers		
Andy Bard [AB] (Open session only)	Observer	MRA
Matthew McKeon [MM] (Open session only)	Observer	BSC
Nadir Hafeez [NH] (Open session only)	Observer	Ofgem
Abbas Panjwani [AP] (Part Meeting -Open session only)	Observer	Ofgem
James Gibbs [JG] (Open session only)	Observer	Economy Energy
Jacqueline Genus [JG*] (Open session only)	Observer	Economy Energy
Karl Maryon [KM] (Open session only)	Observer	Haven Power
Code Administrator		
Rosalind Timperley [RT]	Secretariat	ElectraLink Ltd
Dan Fittock [DF]	Secretariat	ElectraLink Ltd
Dylan Townsend [DT]	Technical Secretariat	ElectraLink Ltd

Angelo Fitzhenry [AF]	Secretariat	ElectraLink Ltd
Fungai Madzivadondo [FM] (part meeting)	Observer	ElectraLink Ltd
Rebecca Vinova [RV] (part meeting)	Observer	ElectraLink Ltd

Apologies	Company
Kevin Woollard	Panel Member
Kayla Reinhart	SEC
Vivian Marangoni	Ofgem

Part One: General (Open Session)

1. Ofgem's Code Administrators' Performance Survey presentation

- 1.1 Abbas Panjwani presented Ofgem's Code Administrators' Performance Survey results to the DCUSA Panel. It was noted that the presentation had not been circulated prior to the meeting.
- 1.2 One Panel member questioned if the low response rate could be explained. AP noted that further analysis can be provided to clarify the reasons for the low response rate. AP explained that they had originally planned just a telephone survey but used a mixed approach due to low response levels and next year would be looking at online and telephone as a starting point. Another Panel member questioned if the request to only respond to two codes could be the driver behind the smaller number of responses.
- 1.3 RT noted that DCUSA is the lowest cost provider of Code Administration services and questioned if this type of information is taken into account. AP noted that the survey is an insight into how Code Administrators can improve and is not mandating specific outcomes. It was also noted that Ofgem's Code Administrators' Performance Survey was conducted independently.

2. Administration

- 2.1 The minutes of the last meeting were approved as an accurate record of proceedings
- 2.2 The Panel reviewed the open actions, updates on all actions are set out in Appendix A.

3. DCUSA Operational Plan

- 3.1 The Panel noted the contents of the DCUSA Operational Plan (see Appendix B).

4. Monitoring Activities Log

- 4.1 The Panel reviewed the DCUSA Monitoring Activities Log (see Appendix B) and noted the following:

- On the *'Distributed Generation and Demand Side Response'* item, the Panel requested the Withdrawal of DCP 284 be noted against this item.
- On the *'European Code Development'* item, the Chair noted that he has spoken with the COG¹ and it has been determined that the main impacts will be to the Grid Code and the DCode² and that the DCUSA may not be impacted.
- On the *'Implementation of CMA changes'* item, it was noted Ofgem's consultation response document on the Implementation of the CMA remedies was available. The Secretariat will circulate to Panel members. NH noted that Ofgem can attend a Panel meeting regarding its Implementation of CMA remedies consultation response document. The Secretariat is to arrange for an Ofgem representative to attend an upcoming Panel meeting.
- On the *'Significant Code Review: Half Hourly Settlement'* item, outcome is expected in the first quarter of 2018. NH noted that Ofgem expect to publish a launch statement after the UK general election.

ACTION: Panel _131/01: ElectraLink to action the following points on the Monitoring Activities Log:

- **Note the Withdrawal of DCP 284 against the *'Distributed Generation and Demand Side Response'* item**
- **Note against the *'European Code Development'* item that the main impacts will be to the Grid Code and the DCode**
- **Circulate Ofgem's consultation response document on the Implementation of the CMA remedies to Panel members**
- **Arrange for an Ofgem representative to attend an upcoming Panel meeting to present Ofgem's findings from the Implementation of the CMA remedies consultation.**

5. Updates from Industry Codes

Balancing Settlement Code (BSC)

5.1 MM provided the Panel with a verbal update on BSC activities which included the following:

- There will be an extra three scheduled releases this year.
- P348 *'Provision of gross BM Unit data for TNUoS charging'* and P349 *'Facilitating Embedded Generation Triad Avoidance Standstill'* will be progress
- Issue 68 *'Underestimation of Demand Capacity and Credit Cover Percentage'* is being worked on by an Issue Group and the first meeting was held on 8 May 2017.
- The Cross-Code Forward Work Plan (FWP) is an important tool for the MRA and BSC when coordinating changes that impact both codes.
- P350 *'Introduction of a seasonal Zonal Transmission Losses scheme'* was approved by the Authority on 24 March 2017, for implementation on **1 April 2018**.
- There is now a Europe page on the Elexon website

Master Registration Agreement (MRA)

¹ COG -Commercial Operations Group

² Distribution Code

5.2 The MRA update was circulated prior to the meeting. The following items were noted by AB during the meeting:

The MRA Development Board (MDB) Update

- The MDB Change Board convened at the end of April and considered nine CPs. Two were approved as is, four were approved with modification and three were deferred.
- The following Change is going out for 10-Working Day Impact Assessments
 - MAP CP 0289 – To reference ‘Schedule 38’ in MAP24MAP CP 0288 – Publication of Approved Party Information.
- The MDB will next meet on 25 May 2017.

Issues Resolution Expert Group (IREG) Update

5.3 AB noted the issues that were covered at the IREG meeting, which included:

- P283 - ‘Metering Commissioning Flow’.
- MIF 218 – ‘Industry Contacts Database’, it was noted that Gemserv aim to complete all activities by the end of June
- MIF 220 – ‘ECOES letter production for MPAS Agents and DNO’s’.
- MIF222 – ‘Amending J1824 – Asset Condition Code’
- MIF223 – ‘DTC changes to facilitate P348 and P349’
- MIF 217 – ‘Balance Assignment Protocol’

IREG will next meet on 14th June 2017.

Ofgem

5.4 NH noted that there is no formal update this month.

Smart Energy Code (SEC)

5.5 The SEC update was circulated prior to the meeting. The Panel noted the contents of the update.

CDCM /EDCM Review Group

5.6 The next CDCM/EDCM Review group met on 11 May 2017, members agreed that the July 2017 milestone for submitting formal changes was no longer feasible. Given that Ofgem intends to make its decisions public in July 2017 in respect of its targeted charging review, members considered that it would be more opportune to produce a project paper by July 2017, so that it can feed in with Ofgem’s wider conclusions in this area.

6. IWG Update Paper

6.1 DF presented the Interventions Working Group (IWG) Update Paper to the DCUSA Panel. See paper (Panel_2017_0517_01).

6.2 RT noted that there is a misalignment between BEIS's updated Supplier Rollout Template and the template in DCUSA and this is causing confusion for Suppliers and DNOs. RT noted that this misalignment will be taken to the next IWG meeting for consideration.

6.3 The Panel noted the contents of the paper.

ACTION: Panel _131/02: ElectraLink to raise the misalignment between BEIS's updated Supplier Rollout Template and the template in DCUSA at the next DCUSA Interventions Working Group meeting.

7. DCUSA Withdrawal Application

7.1 DF presented the Withdrawal Application for Highclare Trading limited which was circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel_2017_0517_02).

7.2 The Panel agreed to accept the withdrawal of Highclare Trading limited from DCUSA. NH noted that Highclare Trading limited had been in contact with Ofgem and that their licence will be revoked on 06 June 2017.

8. Derogation Update

8.1 DF presented the Derogation Update paper which was circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel_2017_0517_03). This paper provides an update on the progression the Sinq Power Limited derogation which was granted on 15 February 2017.

8.2 The Panel noted the update from Sinq Power Limited, specifically that they have had difficulties in obtaining information from Experian. The Panel suggested that it would be beneficial if Experian could provide a single point of contact to new Suppliers to help them carry out testing of TRAS reporting requirements.

ACTION: Panel _131/03: ElectraLink to follow up with Experian to request that they provide a single point of contact to new Suppliers to help them carry out testing of TRAS reporting requirements.

9. Ofgem's Faster Switching Programme Update

9.1 DF presented the Ofgem's Faster Switching Programme Update which was circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel_2017_0517_04). The panel noted the contents of the paper.

10. DCUSA Action Plan on Ofgem's CGR3 Final Proposals

10.1 DT presented the DCUSA Action Plan on Ofgem's CGR3 Final Proposals which was circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel_2017_0517_05). The Panel requested the following amendments to the action plan:

- Item 5 – DCP 289 '*Creation of Distribution Charging Methodology Development Group*' will not deliver a pre-mod process, therefore, change the status of this to amber and note that additional work will be required once DCP 289 is approved.
- Item 6 - Include more detail on where this item is up to and the next steps needed for completion.

- Item 9 – Update the status and text to note that the standard template has been approved.

ACTION: Panel _131/04: ElectraLink to make the following amendments to the DCUSA Action Plan on Ofgem’s CGR3 Final Proposals:

- For item 5 - change the status of this to amber and note that additional work will be required once DCP 289 is approved.
- For item 6 - Include more detail on where this item is up to and the next steps needed for completion.
- For Item 9 – Update the status and text to note that the standard template has been approved.

Part Two: Change Administration (Open Session)

11. Change Register

11.1 The Secretariat presented the Change Register updates and the Work Plan activities. See paper (Panel_2017_0517_06). The Panel made the following comments on the Change Register:

- The Chair questioned if the result of the Vote on DCP 292 ‘Align DCUSA Schedule 15 table 3 to the CDCM tariff structure following the approval DCP 222 ‘Non billing of Excess Reactive Power Charges’ was known. The Secretariat noted that Parties had voted to accept both the solution and the implementation date. The Panel requested that the Secretariat notify the legal advisors for DCP 268 that schedule 15 table 3 has been future proofed and no longer requires amendment.

ACTION: Panel _131/05: ElectraLink to notify legal advisors for DCP 268 that schedule 15 table 3 has been future proofed and no longer requires amendment.

- The Panel requested that the Secretariat confirm when a decision on DCP 282 ‘*Embedded Distribution Network Operator (EDNO) UMSO*’ is expected, as the 5-week timeframe for Ofgem’s decision has passed.

ACTION: Panel _131/06: ElectraLink to confirm when a decision on DCP 282 ‘*Embedded Distribution Network Operator (EDNO) UMSO*’ is expected, as the 5 week timeframe for Ofgem’s decision has passed.

- The Panel reviewed the Work Plan for DCP 294 and approved the Work Plan in accordance with the timescales set out in the Attachment.
- The Secretariat noted that the DCP 268 Work Plan was due as the Working Group had not been able to finalise the Change Report in time for the Panel meeting. It was also noted that the Change Report is expected to be submitted to the June Panel meeting. On that basis, the Panel approved the extension to the DCP 268 Work Plan.

12. Initial Assessments

12.1 The Secretariat presented the Initial Assessments cover paper, which detailed the attached Change Proposals (CPs) submitted to the Panel for approval into the DCUSA change process. See paper (Panel_2017_0517_07).

DCP 298 – ‘Notice of RAV’

12.2 The Panel reviewed DCP 298 and agreed to:

- Accept the referral of the CP;
- Treat the CP as a Standard change;
- Treat the CP as a Part 2 Matter;
- Progress the CP to the Change Report phase; and
- Progress the CP in accordance with the agreed timetable.

ACTION: Panel _131/07: ElectraLink to progress DCP 298 as a Part 2 Matter to the Change Report phase.

DCP 299 – ‘Clarify Distributor reporting requirement to the ETOS Service Provider’

12.3 The Panel reviewed DCP 299 and agreed to:

- Accept the referral of the CP;
- Treat the CP as a Standard change;
- Treat the CP as a Part 2 Matter;
- Progress the CP to the Change Report phase; and
- Progress the CP in accordance with the agreed timetable.

ACTION: Panel _131/08: ElectraLink to progress DCP 299 as a Part 2 Matter to the Change Report phase.

DCP 300 – ‘Panel members and alternates’

12.4 The Panel reviewed DCP 300 and discussed whether the CP should be considered a Part 1 or Part 2 matter and which of the relevant criteria would be used to justify their decision. It was requested that a legal review should be carried out to confirm if there are any broader impacts on shareholders or the companies act. The Panel agreed to:

- Accept the referral of the CP;
- Treat the CP as a Standard change;
- Treat the CP as a Part 2 Matter;
- Progress the CP to the Change Report phase; and
- Progress the CP in accordance with the agreed timetable.

ACTION: Panel _131/09: ElectraLink to progress DCP 300 as a Part 2 Matter to the Change Report phase and seek legal review to confirm if there are any broader impacts on shareholders or the companies act.

13. Change Reports: DCP 251, 252, 289 and 296

13.1 The Secretariat presented the Change Report Cover paper, which detailed the attached Change Reports for DCP 251, 252, 289 and 296. See paper (Panel_2017_0517_08).

DCP 251 ‘Clarification And Extension Of The Application Of LDNO Tariffs Under The CDCM’

13.2 The Panel requested the Secretariat make the following amendments to the DCP 251 Change Report:

- remove a square bracket from the start of paragraph 5.2; and
- add a space between the full stop and start of the second sentence in paragraph 5.2

13.3 The Panel determined more detail was required in the Change Report. Specifically, that the Change Report should give more information on the process that an unlicensed distributor must follow in order to obtain the published price and how the arrangements will work in terms of having billing data to charge it with. The Working Group will be required to include the detail needed and potentially a worked example.

DCP 252 ‘Clarification And Extension Of The Application Of Portfolio Tariffs Under The EDCM’

13.4 As noted DCP 251, the Panel determined more detail was required to be included in the DCP 252 Change Report. It is noted that the same level of further detail is needed as was requested by the Panel for DCP 251.

ACTION: Panel _131/10: ElectraLink to make the following amendments to the DCP 251/252 Change Reports:

- remove a square bracket from the start of paragraph 5.2 and add a space between the full stop and start of the second sentence in paragraph 5.2

The Secretariat is notify the Working Group that the Panel has determined more detail was required in the Change Report. Specifically, that the Change Report should give more information on the process that an unlicensed distributor must follow in order to obtain the published price and how the arrangements will work in terms of having billing data to charge it with.

DCP 289 ‘Creation of Distribution Charging Methodology Development Group’

13.5 The Panel requested the Secretariat make the following amendments to the DCP 289 Change Report:

- Clearer guidance on voting procedures to be included so Parties understand how votes should be cast (i.e. vote for one or for vote for all with a preference) within the Change Report
- It appears that text is missing from paragraph 4.28 as it doesn’t make sense. It was noted that when this is being updated a review of the consultation responses should be carried out to ensure that the amended text is accurate.

13.6 Once updated, the Secretariat is to submit the Change Report to the Panel for ex-committee approval.

ACTION: Panel _131/11: ElectraLink to make the following amendments to the DCP 289 Change Report:

- Clearer guidance on voting procedures to be included so Parties understand how votes should be cast (i.e. vote for one or for vote for all with a preference) within the Change Report
- It appears that text is missing from paragraph 4.28 as it doesn’t make sense. It was noted that when this is being updated a review of the consultation responses should be carried out to ensure that the amended text is accurate.

Once updated, the Secretariat is to submit the Change Report to the Panel for ex-committee approval.

DCP 296 – ‘Notification Process for Remedied DCUSA Payment Default(s)’

13.7 The Panel approved the DCP 296 Change Report and agreed the following:

- that the Change Report contains the level of information required to enable Parties to understand the impact of the proposed amendment and to vote on the Change Proposal;
- that all Parties are eligible to vote on the Change Proposal;
- that Change Proposal be issued with a three-week voting period; and
- for the Change Report to be issued to Parties on 19 May 2017.

ACTION: Panel _131/12: ElectraLink to issue the DCP 296 Change Report to Parties to vote upon on 19 May 2017 for a period of three weeks.

14. Housekeeping Log

14.1 The Secretariat presented the Housekeeping Log Summary Paper which was circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel_2017_0517_09).

14.2 The Panel noted the investigation carried out by the Secretariat and agreed to add item 101 to the housekeeping log. The Panel agreed that housekeeping item 99 can be closed as a CP has been raised. It was noted that the reference to LDNO in housekeeping item 100 is incorrect and should be updated to IDNO. The Secretariat agreed to take the actions to remove housekeeping item 99 from the log and correct reference to IDNO to LDNO in housekeeping item 100.

ACTION: Panel _131/13: ElectraLink to remove housekeeping item 99 from the log and correct reference to IDNO to LDNO in housekeeping item 100.

15. Any other Business

15.1 There were no items of any other business

Next Meeting – 21 June 2017 at 10:00am

15.2 The meeting venue is ElectraLink, Ground Floor, Grafton House, 2-3 Golden Square, London W1F 9HR.

Appendix A: Summary of Actions

New and Open Actions – Open Session

Action Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
113/07	Process the Accession Application for Home Counties Energy PLC once the MPID has been provided.	ElectraLink	21/09/2016 – Ongoing 18/10/2016 – Ongoing 14/12/2016 – Ongoing No MPID 11/01/2017 – Ongoing Checked with Elexon - No MPID 08/02/2017 – Ongoing 08/03/2017 – Ongoing 19/04/2017 – Ongoing
129/03	Provide verbal update on GnERGY Limited’s progression in meeting TRAS requirements post Derogation at the April DCUSA Panel meeting.	ElectraLink	19/04/2017 – Ongoing No Update 17/05/2017 - Ongoing verbal update provided at the DCUSA Panel Ex-committee meeting. Gnergy’s derogation has been extended until the 21 June 2017. Update required at June Panel meeting
130/02	Follow up with Experian to provide feedback on ENECO Energy Trades provision of a file upload for the March submission window.	ElectraLink	17/05/2017 - Ongoing Experian informed but no data yet

131/01	<p>Action the following points on the Monitoring Activities Log:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note the Withdrawal of DCP 284 against the ‘Distributed Generation and Demand Side Response’ item • Note against the ‘European Code Development’ item that the main impacts will be to the Grid Code and the DCode3 • Circulate Ofgem’s consultation response document on the Implementation of the CMA remedies to Panel members <p>Arrange for an Ofgem representative to attend an upcoming Panel meeting to present Ofgem’s findings from the Implementation of the CMA remedies consultation.</p>	ElectraLink	
131/02	Raise the misalignment between BEIS’s updated Supplier Rollout Template and the template in DCUSA at the next DCUSA Interventions Working Group meeting.	ElectraLink	
131/03	Follow up with Experian to request that they provide a single point of contact to new Suppliers to help them carry out testing of TRAS reporting requirements.	ElectraLink	
131/04	<p>Make the following amendments to the DCUSA Action Plan on Ofgem’s CGR3 Final Proposals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For item 5 - change the status of this to amber and note that additional work will be required once DCP 289 is approved. • For item 6 - Include more detail on where this item is up to and the next steps needed for completion. • For Item 9 – Update the status and text to note that the standard template has been approved. 	ElectraLink	
131/05	Notify legal advisors for DCP 268 that schedule 15 table 3 has been future proofed and no longer requires amendment.	ElectraLink	

³ Distribution Code

131/06	Confirm when a decision on DCP 282 'Embedded Distribution Network Operator (EDNO) UMSO' is expected, as the 5-week timeframe for Ofgem's decision has passed.	ElectraLink	
131/07	Progress DCP 298 as a Part 2 Matter to the Change Report phase.	ElectraLink	
131/08	Progress DCP 299 as a Part 2 Matter to the Change Report phase.	ElectraLink	
131/09	Progress DCP 300 as a Part 2 Matter to the Change Report phase and seek legal review to confirm if there are any broader impacts on shareholders or the companies act.	ElectraLink	
131/10	<p>Make the following amendments to the DCP 251 Change Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> remove a square bracket from the start of paragraph 5.2 and add a space between the full stop and start of the second sentence in paragraph 5.2 <p>The Secretariat is to notify the DCP 251/252 Working Group that the Panel has determined more detail was required in the Change Report. Specifically, that the Change Report should give more information on the process that an unlicensed distributor must follow in order to obtain the published price and how the arrangements will work in terms of having billing data to charge it with.</p>	ElectraLink	
131/11	<p>Make the following amendments to the DCP 289 Change Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clearer guidance on voting procedures to be included so Parties understand how votes should be cast (i.e. vote for one or for vote for all with a preference) within the Change Report It appears that text is missing from paragraph 4.28 as it doesn't make sense. It was noted that when this is being updated a review of the consultation responses should be carried out to ensure that the amended text is accurate. <p>Once updated, the Secretariat is to submit the Change Report to the Panel for ex-committee approval.</p>	ElectraLink	

131/12	Issue the DCP 296 Change Report to Parties to vote upon on 19 May 2017 for a period of three weeks.	ElectraLink	
131/13	Remove housekeeping item 99 from the log and correct reference to IDNO to LDNO in housekeeping item 100.	ElectraLink	

Closed Actions – Open Session

Action Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
130/01	Progress the Accession Application for Singola Limited	ElectraLink	17/05/2017 - Completed
130/03	Submit draft legal text for DCP 226 'Housekeeping 66/72/73/77/80' to Gowling WLG for review upon receipt from the Proposer.	ElectraLink	17/05/2017 - Completed
130/04	Investigate the implications within the DCUSA of DCP 289B having the same proposer as DCP 289A and provide feedback to Proposer and Working Group.	ElectraLink	17/05/2017 - Completed - Simon Yeo has agreed to act as the proposer for DCP 289B.
130/05	Amend the following Work Plans; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DCP 291 Work Plan to include specific dates from Change Report submission date onwards. DCP 287 Work Plan to be amended so that the Change Report submitted date is either the September 2017 or January 2018 Panel meetings and submit amended Work Plan to the Panel ex-committee. DCP 251/252 Work Plan to include the title of the Change Proposal next to the number at the top of the document and the implementation date be included in the table.	ElectraLink	17/05/2017 - Completed
130/06	Progress DCP 296 as a Part 2 Matter to the Change Report phase and the secretariat is directed to amend the title of the CP to one that is more specific to the CP.	ElectraLink	17/05/2017 - Completed

130/07	Progress DCP 297 as a Part 1 Matter to the Definition phase and the secretariat is directed submit this CP to the Interventions Working Group.	ElectraLink	17/05/2017 - Completed
130/08	Issue the DCP 292 Change Report to Parties to vote on 21 April 2017 for 3 weeks.	ElectraLink	17/05/2017 - Completed
130/09	Consider the historic legal text and determine whether new housekeeping item 101 has been caused by subsequent changes to legal text or is a housekeeping item that can be amended in the next DCUSA release by the secretariat.	ElectraLink	17/05/2017 - Completed
130/10	Raise a housekeeping CP for Housekeeping item 99.	Peter Waymont	17/05/2017 - Completed

Appendix B: Monitoring Activities Log 2016/17

Active Projects (All amendments in this month are shown in blue)

No	Task	Status
1	Ofgem Code Governance Review Phase 3 (CGR3) Final Proposals	<p>On 31 March 2016, Ofgem set out its Final Proposals as part of CGR3. The third phase of the review has sought to review the effectiveness of the key measures introduced under previous phases of the CGR, in order to identify further reforms. The reforms put forward by Ofgem seek to both ensure that the governance arrangements of all industry codes deliver both non-material self-governance changes and more complex changes in an efficient and timely way and that the governance arrangements also promote transparency and accessibility for all industry participants.</p> <p>Since April 2016 the Secretariat has been providing the Panel with monthly project updates on the implementation of CGR3 outcomes in the closed session Panel meetings. This item has been moved to the Open Session and updates on the CGR3 activities will be added to the Operational log going forward.</p> <p>October 2016 – The Panel noted the Secretariat issued an email requesting Parties who do not wish to be contacted by the Ofgem selected research agency to notify the Secretariat accordingly. Parties were given a two-week period to respond and where Parties either opt out or an out of office notification is received, the Panel agreed that such Party details should not be passed on to research agency.</p> <p>DCUSA Voting Process – The Panel reviewed the DCUSA Voting Process response email and agreed for this to be issued to the DCUSA Parties.</p> <p>December 2016 - The Panel requested for the CGR3 Action Plan Attachment to be updated in the following manner:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A check on the progress of all items and correcting status' as required. • Completed items need to be updated to blue status colour. <p>February 2017 - The CGR3 Paper and Action log were provided to the Panel who subsequently review the action log and requested for the action log to be updated in line with the minutes above.</p>

Monitoring Log (All amendments in this month are shown in blue)

No	Task	Status	Owner	Outlook date
1	Distributed Generation and Demand Side Response	<p>Monitoring activity on distributed generation, including updates on developments relating to low-carbon technologies. In the past, this included to monitor activities of the DE Working Group Work on hold – likely to re-start with DCPR 5, the Renewable Heat Incentive Items (which are unlikely to affect the DCUSA but to remain an area to be monitored),</p> <p>December 2012 – Ofgem-led Working Group on socialising connection charges for low-carbon technologies.</p> <p>June 2013 – CA advised of a problem in regards to photovoltaic installations at domestic premises that could affect the smart meter roll-out.</p> <p>July 2015 – An Ofgem consultation on Distributed Generation will be issued during the summer.</p> <p>The Panel is to keep up to date with any developments under Work Stream 6.</p> <p>March 2013 – CA pointed to sub-groups dealing with connection charges changes to socialise reinforcement costs and Ofgem’s working programme. Any developments would also come to the attention of the Panel via the Connection Charges Methodologies Forum.</p> <p>September 2013 – Ofgem to confirm current status of the discussions.</p> <p>October 2013 – Ofgem update received: Working group, including the chair of the COG, set up to identify necessary changes to the connection charges with RIIO-ED 1. No decisions taken at this point yet, with draft changes undergoing refinement.</p> <p>January 2014 – Work Stream 6 is closed; still need to be confirmed by what it will be replaced. There will be a consultation on this in the future. Ofgem’s conclusions from the April consultation ‘Creating the right environment for demand-side response’ published on 16 December 2013 proposed to start a project in early 2014 building on work undertaken by WS6.</p> <p>February 2014 – The Ofgem representative advised that Work Stream 6 reconvened on 18 February, but no update was available yet. Panel members also advised that a DCP on Radio Teleswitching might be raised.</p> <p>March 2014 – DCP 204 has been raised for initial assessment at March Panel.</p>	Panel (CA)	Ongoing

	<p>April 2014 – The first meeting of the DCP 204 Working Group took place on 15 April 2014.</p> <p>May 2015 –Awaiting the Authority decision on DCP 204 Ofgem and DECC updates on demand side response</p> <p>August 2015 – Ofgem sent back DCP 204 to the industry for further work, including the addition of a cost benefit analysis.</p> <p>September 2015;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was noted that the DCP 204 Working Group will be issuing a second consultation and holding a dialling in session where market participants can ask the Working Group questions on the Change Proposal. It was highlighted that the Working Group is taking action to engage with Suppliers. • It was highlighted that Ofgem will be publishing a strategy document on Demand Side Response. <p>October 2015</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AS informed the Panel that Ofgem has been working to understand the issues which may be inhibiting flexibility and that their focus in the next 12 months will be to work on specific interventions which help realise the benefits of flexibility as early as possible. • Ofgem have published a paper on flexibility issue and that this can be found at the following link: https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/position-paper-making-electricity-system-more-flexible-and-delivering-benefits-consumers. <p>January 2016 – the Panel noted that DECC issued the following a Consultation and a Report in December</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DECC issued a report on Smart Energy systems and it sets out how smart, more flexible energy solutions could help meet the challenges faced by energy system. The report can be found at the following link:https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/towards-a-smart-energy-system • DECC issued a consultation on regulation and innovation and this can be found at the following link https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/consultation-on-ensuring-regulation-encourages-innovation <p>March 2016 – The Panel that the DCP 204 was approved by the Authority and will be implemented on 1 September 2016. It was noted that DCP 204 is intended to prevent coincidence of load on networks as a result of the smart metering roll out and to bring clarity for timeswitching arrangements through smart</p>		
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metering. Avoiding coincidence of load on networks can help minimise the requirement for additional distribution infrastructure and associated investment.

April 2016 - The Panel noted that at the DCMF meeting held on 07 April Franck Latremoliere presented on Virtual micro - grids and highlighted that virtual micro - grids are an arrangement over licensed networks which matches local demand with local generation on a half hourly basis. A solution was put forward which involves Suppliers or customers informing DNOs of the amount of consumption which is matched to generation. It was noted that the new DUoS tariffs would take account only of the lower-voltage parts of the network that are actually used, so that they would be a zero or proportionally reduced generation credit to matched generation units, and a zero or proportionally reduced unit rate to matched consumption units.

May 2016 – The Panel noted that at the last Methodologies Issues Group (MIG) Open Utility provided further insight on a proposal which seeks to ensure that consumers only pay for the respective part of the network which had been used for distributing the electricity. Open Utility will run trials on Virtual micro-grids and are inviting DNOs to participate.

September 2016 – The Panel noted that there is a cross between the EU and demand side response and that updates on EU development relating to demand side responses should be added to this section of the update.

November 2016 - The Panel members noted that the Joint Ofgem and BEIS consultation on “Smart Flexible Energy System Call for Evidence” closes in January. Ofgem will respond to the evidence in Spring 2017.

March 2017 - the Panel requested that the four CPs relating to Distribution Generation be noted against this item. The CPs are outlined below:

- DCP 283 ‘The calculation of generation credits in the CDCM’
- DCP 284 ‘The application of scaling to generation credits in the CDCM’
- DCP 287 ‘Generation credits in the EDCM’

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DCP 291 'Application of Generation Credits to EDCM Customers' <p>May 2017 - the Panel noted the Withdrawal of DCP 284 due to Ofgem proposing a TCR on the same areas covered by DCP 284.</p>		
2	European Code Development	<p>Industry Working Group (led by BSC / CUSC) to determine impact on industry. Ofgem/IDNO & DNO meeting 23 July to discuss impact of the wider industry. PW to circulate note to DNOs and Distributors November 2012 – Ofgem consultation on EU Third Package was published. No impact on DCUSA expected. December 2012 – Slight delay in the Requirements for Generators Code expected (now to enter comitology together with the Demand Connection Code in April 2014). January 2013 – Impact on National Terms of Connection to be analysed once requirements for generators are known. June 2013 – National Grid Presentation on GB Implementation July 2013 – National Grid presented draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for European Code Coordination Application Forum (ECCAF). Final ToR to be presented to August Panel. August 2013 – Final ToR for ECCAF presented to the DCUSA Panel. September 2013 – National Grid confirmed the ECCAF is in the process of being set up and noted nominations of the DCUSA Panel representatives. October 2013 – First invitation to the ECCAF issued with meeting date yet to be determined. November 2013 – First ECCAF meeting on 21 November 2013. Clarification to be sought whether current DCUSA Panel representative can continue without being Panel member. January 2014 – Next ECCAF meeting to take place on 30 January 2013. February 2014 – ECCAF meeting took place on 30 January. Note on structural options for implementation was brought to February Panel. March 2014 – The next ECCAF meeting will take place on 27 March 2014. April 2014 – The next ECCAF meeting will take place on 29 April 2014. September 2015 – Peter Waymont confirmed he will speak to Chris Allanson to get an update on the European code update. October 2015</p>	Panel	Ongoing

- Peter confirmed that Chris Allanson is still the DCUSA representative on European Codes and will provide the Panel with any updates on European Side demand connection code activities.

January 2016 – The National Grid update circulated prior to the meeting highlighted that there would be a change to settlement periods. It was noted that Electricity Balancing Code will provide the rules for procurement and exchange of balancing energy, reservation of capacity for balancing purposes and greater harmonisation of settlement arrangements.

March 2016 – The Panel noted that the Electricity Balancing Code is currently with the Commission for Comitology preparations post ACER’s qualified recommendation. It is anticipated the Network Code will enter inter-service consultation in April 2016, Comitology in May with potential voting in June.

April 2016 – Abid Sheikh informed the Panel that the Grid Code Change 48 (CG0048)⁴ is looking to introduce banding. PW took an action to investigate whether there are any consequential updates required to the DCUSA as a result of Grid Code Change 48 which introduces bandings for generators.

May 2016 - PW informed the Panel that the Grid Code Change 48 is less likely to have an impact on the DCUSA as the change is mainly related to the D-code. PW agreed to review this further and check whether any consequential changes will be required to the DCUSA.

August 2016 – The Panel noted that National Grid will no longer be providing the European Codes industry updates to the DCUSA Panel meetings. A member of the Panel pointed out that the EU codes updates are useful as they provide industry timescales and potential impacts on DCUSA. It was noted that the Panel might benefit from getting a simplified version of the simplified version of the EU codes updates. ElectraLink took an action to inform National Grid that the Panel found their update useful and request whether they can provide a simplified version of the report.

September 2016 - The Panel noted that the ENA is currently looking at EU development matters including any commercial issues that may impact codes.

⁴ GC0048 - Application / Implementation of the Requirements for Generators European Network Code

		<p>December 2016 – The Panel noted that the ENA are monitoring the European Network Code impacts on DCUSA and have not identified any at this time. There are approximately 70 changes identified across all codes.</p> <p>February 2017 - The Panel noted that the COG is looking at the 70 changes.</p> <p>May 2017 - The Panel Chair noted that he has spoken with the COG and it has been determined that the main impacts will be to the Grid Code and the DCode and that the DCUSA may not be impacted.</p>		
3	Implementation of CMA changes	<p>Item to Monitor – ongoing discussions on the Energy industry code governance.</p> <p>February 2015 – The CMA issues statement published on 18 February 2015. The statement highlighted the effects of Code governance in the Energy industry.</p> <p>May 2015 – Ofgem Open Letter on Further Review of Industry Code Governance was published on 15 May 2015.</p> <p>July 2015 – Ofgem will be holding a workshop on code Governance on 22 July 2015. Details of the workshop can be found at the following link: https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/code-governance-review-workshop-22-july-2015</p> <p>February 2016 – It was noted that that the DCUSA Panel has responded to the Ofgem Consultation on Code Governance Review 3.</p> <p>March 2016 – The CMA update highlighted that on 10 March 2016, the CMA set out its provisional decision on a wide-ranging package of remedies based on over 80 responses to its consultation and further analysis been undertaken.</p> <p>July 2016 – The Panel noted that the CMA published its final report on the Great Britain energy market investigation on 24 June 2016. The Final Report details the CMA’s package of over 30 remedies which seek to ‘revitalise the energy market’ and bring about technical and regulatory changes to ‘intensify competition’ between energy companies and ensure the market works in consumers’ interests.</p> <p>The Panel agreed for ElectraLink to support Ofgem in the delivery of the CMA remedies and agreed to a CRF for ongoing CMA support activity.</p>	Panel	Ongoing

		<p>August 2016 - The Panel noted that on 3 August 2016, Ofgem released its CMA Remedy Implementation Strategy⁵ which outlined that there are over 30 remedies, with a substantial proportion of these in the form of recommendations to Ofgem.</p> <p>October 2016 - The Panel noted that Ofgem is planning to publish the CMA outputs by November 2016.</p> <p>November 2016 - A Request for Information (RFI) is expected to be issued in January regarding on governance options.</p> <p>December 2016 – Ofgem’s industry code governance consultation was issued on the 09 November 2016 with a closing date of the 01 February 2017. The Panel considered that it would be beneficial to provide information on the code and its impact to inform the code governance remedies decisions.</p> <p>January 2017 – The Panel are formalising their response to the Ofgem consultation.</p> <p>February 2017 – The Panel noted that they provided their response to the Ofgem consultation.</p> <p>March 2017 - Panel noted that they are awaiting the outcomes from the Ofgem consultation.</p> <p>May 2017 - it was noted Ofgem’s consultation response document on the Implementation of the CMA remedies was available. The Secretariat will circulate to Panel members. It was also noted that Ofgem can attend a Panel meeting regarding its Implementation of CMA remedies consultation response document</p>		
4	Significant Code Review: Ofgem consultation on Central Registration Service provision	<p>September 2015 – The Panel agreed for the consultation should be added to the Log as it might have an impact on the DCUSA, details of the consultation can be found at the following link: https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/sites/default/files/docs/2015/07/crs_dcc_licence_consultation_final3.pdf</p> <p>October 2015 – It was noted that Ofgem has had presentations on the consultation at other Panels and AS took an action to find out if Ofgem would be carrying out a presentation on their consultation to the DCUSA Panel.</p> <p>December 2015 – the Panel noted Ofgem presented on their consultation at the November Panel meeting</p> <p>February 2016 – The Panel noted that the Ofgem Workshops have are now in progress and the DCUSA Panel should be aware of the discussions at the workshops as there may be changes that might have an impact on the DCCUSA.</p>	Panel	Ongoing

⁵ https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/system/files/docs/2016/08/ofgem_implementation_strategy.pdf

	<p>May 2016 – The Panel noted that a CMA presentation took place at the DCUSA Panel April Panel meeting. The Panel requested that Ofgem provide periodical updates on the progress of the faster switching project. AS took an action to confirm whether Ofgem can establish formal communication routes for industry bodies that are not represented on the Central Registration Project (faster switching) Workgroups. This would give these bodies insight into the development of the project and potential impacts.</p> <p>June 2016 – It was noted that AS is to organise a presentation on the Central Registration Project (faster switching) Workgroups. It was noted that this would be useful towards the end of the year so that the impacts of the project can feed into the DCUSA budget setting processes for 2017/18.</p> <p>July 2016 – AS informed that the Panel that Ofgem will be providing a presentation on the Central Registration Project (faster switching) later on in the year.</p> <p>September 2016 - The Panel noted that Ofgem will provide a general update on the Central Registration Project (faster switching) at the October meeting.</p> <p>October 2016 - Ofgem presented on the Central Registration Project (faster switching). It was noted that the purpose of the presentation was to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request views on Ofgem’s proposed reform packages; • Test initial thinking on the RFI; and • Set out Ofgem’s next steps <p>December 2016 – The Panel noted that a Request for Information (RFI) is expected to be issued in January regarding faster switching.</p> <p>January 2017 - The Panel agreed to wait and see if any impacts are identified as a result of the RFI</p> <p>February 2017 - Panel members noted that they will review responses once they become available. The Chair noted that there appears to be limited impact to DCUSA however will wait for outcome as it is dependent upon the what the scope is.</p>		
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5	Significant Code Review: Half Hourly Settlement.	<p>January 2016 - Ofgem has initiated a review to establish cost effective half hourly settlement for all consumers.</p> <p>February 2016 – The Panel noted that the Ofgem Open letter on Half Hourly Settlement was issued in December 2015 and is now closed. Ofgem is reviewing the responses and the next step is to publish the responses in March 2016.</p> <p>March 2016 – The Panel noted that Ofgem published the responses to their Open letter on Half Hourly Settlement on 09 March 2016. The responses can be found at the following link: https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/elective-half-hourly-settlement-publication-responses-december-open-letter</p> <p>May 2016 - AS informed the Panel that conclusions on Half Hourly Settlement will be published at the end of May 2016.</p> <p>June 2016 – The Panel noted Ofgem’s conclusions on ‘HH Elective Settlement’ in relation to the impact on DCP 268 ‘DUoS Charging Using HH Settlement Data’.</p> <p>The Panel noted that Ofgem expects the change to be implemented by early 2017. The Panel noted that there is no immediate barrier under DCP 268 and agreed that the CP should run its normal course.</p> <p>September 2016 – It was noted that DCP 268 was raised to facilitate a transition to half-hourly (HH) settlement for non-half hourly (NHH) customers by moving to a time band charging basis, based on the HH (profiled) data used in settlement. This is a standalone change. The DCP 268 Working Group is developing the CP solution and the proposed implementation date is 1 April 2019.</p> <p>November 2016 - The DCUSA Panel agreed to not provide a response to Ofgem’s consultation on Half-Hourly (HH) Settlement as it was considered that Parties responses to this consultation should be sufficient.</p> <p>December 2016 - Panel agreed to discuss the results of the consultation once they are available.</p> <p>January 2017 – The Panel will review the outcomes of the Ofgem HH settlement consultation and noted Ofgem’s response to this is due to be published shortly.</p> <p>February 2017 – The Panel noted that they will wait for Ofgem to publish the results of the consultation.</p>	Panel	Ongoing
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