

# DCUSA Panel Meeting 129

15 March 2017 at 10:00

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

Attendee	Representing	Company
<b>Panel Members</b>		
John Lawton [JL] (Chair)	Panel Member	DCUSA Ltd
Kevin Woollard [KW]	Panel Member	DCUSA Ltd
Lucy Hibbert [LH]	Panel Member	DCUSA Ltd
Angus Rae [AR]	Alternate Panel Member	DCUSA Ltd
Alex Travell [AT]	Alternate Panel Member	DCUSA Ltd
<b>Observers</b>		
Andy Bard [AB] (Open session only)	Observer	MRA
Kayla Reinhart [KR] (Open session only) (Part meeting)	Observer	SECAS
Vivian Marangoni [VM] (Open session only)	Observer	Ofgem
<b>Code Administrator</b>		
Claire Hynes [CH]	Secretariat	ElectraLink Ltd
Dylan Townsend [DT]	Technical Secretariat	ElectraLink Ltd
Rosalind Timperley [RT]	Secretariat	ElectraLink Ltd
Alexandra Moore [AM]	Observer	ElectraLink Ltd

Apologies	Company
Simon Yeo	Alternate Panel Member
Peter Waymont [PW]	Panel Member

Julia Haughey	Panel Member
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## Part One: General (Open Session)

### 1. Administration

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

### 2. DCUSA Operational Plan

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

### 3. Monitoring Activities Log

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- 3.1 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 that the four CPs relating to Distribution Generation be noted against this item.
  - On the 'European Code Development' item, the Panel noted the clean energy directive.
  - On the 'Implementation of CMA changes' item, the Panel noted that they are awaiting the outcomes from the Ofgem consultation.
  - On the 'SCR: Half Hourly Settlement' item, the Panel – the Panel noted that they are awaiting the outcomes from the Ofgem consultation on a Significant Code Review.

### 4. Updates from Industry Codes

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#### **Master Registration Agreement (MRA)**

- 4.1 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 February and it is noted that one CP 'WPPS CP 0129 – Removal of Working Practice WP39' was voted on and accepted.
- The following Changes are going out for 30-working day Impact Assessments
  - DTC CP 3508 – New Address Flow
  - MAP CP 0283 – Secure data transfers to MAP09
  - MAP CP 0284 – Change to MAP12 to remove reference to passing data outside the DTN

- It was noted that these Changes will help to ensure data security as all data will be transferred via the DTN not via email which is deemed to be less secure.
- The MDB will next meet on 30 March 2017.

#### **Issues Resolution Expert Group (IREG) Update**

- A joint Working Group with the BSC has been established for P283 'Metering Commissioning Flow'. It was noted that two of the three related changes are on hold to allow for a review of BSC metering code of practice (CoP) 4. Elexon will be reporting back to the Working Group and IREG with their development of a solution.
- MIF219 – 'Review of Working Practice Product Set' was discussed at the IREG meeting due to the acceptance of WPPS CP 0129. These working practices were designed to help industry and a review is now underway to categorise these by subject area (WP type).
- MIF218 – Industry Contacts Database continues to seek a solution to the challenges of maintaining an accurate contacts database. It is currently looking at information held under MAPs and one proposal is to extract the data for use in maintaining accurate contact details for contract managers.
- MIF 217 – Balance Assignment Protocol is currently being discussed with the SPAA Expert Group (SEG) and a joint session will be held with IREG and SEG to work through the solution with the proposer.

#### **Ofgem**

- 4.2 VM noted that there is no update this month.
- 4.3 The Panel questioned if the date when the Industry Code Governance consultation results will be published is known. To which VM advised the data and responses are still being collated.

#### **Smart Energy Code (SEC)**

- 4.4 The SEC update was circulated prior to the meeting. The following items were noted by KR during the meeting:

##### **SEC Version 5.5**

- SEC Version 5.5 will be designated today (15 March 2017)

SECMP0026 "Changes to the Security Sub-Committee Nomination Process" was approved by the Change Board on 22nd February 2017 and will be implemented today (15 March 2017).

##### **SEC Modifications Update**

Three new modifications were raised this month:

- SECMP0031: Adding UTRN Functionality to SMETS
- SECMP0032: Prioritising Prepayment Customers in No WAN Situations
- SECMP0033: Update to CH Handover Support Materials

## **Distribution Charging Methodologies Forum (DCMF)**

- 4.5 The CDCM/ EDCM Review Group met on the 09 March 2017 to review the costing models and tariff structures which they had ranked against a scale. The group agreed to take forward two costing model options and two tariff structure options
- 4.6 The CDCM/ EDCM Review Group met again on the 14 March 2017 to review the IDNO charges. Four possible approaches were considered and it was agreed to further analyse two approaches:
- Retain the current approach with an updated PCDM
  - Incorporate IDNO tariffs entirely into the CDCM model
- 4.7 The group agreed to draft a revised project plan which sets out the delivery timescales, the key milestones and the agreed actions.
- 4.8 By the 06 April, they will recap on the work completed to date, undertake gap analysis and check that they have covered off the initial findings paper. By April, it is expected that members will be in a position to review mocked up models based on the options chosen and consider how the models will work in practice. All members have been asked to consider the targeted charging review consultation which closes on the 05 May 2017.
- 4.9 The next meeting is scheduled for the 06 April 2017 which will be a DCMF meeting followed by the Methodologies Issues Group (MIG) meeting.

## **5. DCUSA Accession Applications**

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- 5.1 The Secretariat presented the Accession Application for Utility Distribution Networks Ltd to the DCUSA Panel. See paper (Panel\_2017\_0315\_01)
- 5.2 For the accession application, the Panel agreed to:
- Instruct the Panel Secretary to notify the Party and the Authority of the Applicants identity and the information which will form the Party details;
  - Instruct the Panel Secretary to prepare an Accession Agreement for the Applicant; and
  - That the Board is to execute an Accession Agreement on behalf of all Parties.
- 5.3 ElectraLink took an action to process the Accession Application.

**ACTION: Panel \_129/01: ElectraLink to progress the Accession Application for Utility Distribution Networks Ltd**

## **6. Derogation Update**

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- 6.1 CH presented the Derogation Update paper which was circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel\_2017\_0315\_02). This paper provides an update on the progression of the GnERGY Limited

derogation granted on 21 December 2016. The DCUSA Panel granted the derogation GnERGY Limited derogation until 31 March 2017 and the DCUSA Panel requested that the Party provide monthly updates.

- 6.2 GnERGY Ltd have advised in their letter that contracts will be signed with a CRM provider and that from April 2017 onwards they should be able to submit TRAS data.
- 6.3 The Chair requested for an update to be provided at next meeting to ensure GnERGY Ltd have been able to meet their TRAS obligations.

**ACTION: Panel \_129/02: ElectraLink to Notify GnERGY Ltd that their derogation from the requirements as set out in TRAS Schedule 25, Section 8 – ‘Supplier Data’ of the DCUSA on the grounds of efficiency closes on the 31 March 2017.**

**ACTION: Panel \_129/03: ElectraLink to provide verbal update on GnERGY Limited’s progression in meeting TRAS requirements post Derogation at the April DCUSA Panel meeting.**

## 7. Ofgem’s Switching Programme Update

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- 7.1 CH presented the Ofgem’s Switching Programme Update which was circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel\_2017\_0315\_03). The Panel noted the contents of the paper.
- 7.2 The Chair questioned the dates and timelines of the DLS phase of the programme that were provided in the paper, specifically if it will begin in early April and if it will run for a 20-week period.

## 8. DCUSA Action Plan on Ofgem’s CGR3 Final Proposals

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- 8.1 The Secretariat presented the DCUSA Action Plan on Ofgem’s CGR3 Final Proposals which was circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel\_2017\_0315\_04). The Panel noted the contents of the paper and requested the following amendment to the document:

- Item 6 – Check the items relating to a Forward Work Plan and confirm which specific Ofgem conclusion it should relate to and amend the document as needed.

**ACTION: Panel \_129/04 ElectraLink to make the following updates to the DCUSA Action Plan on Ofgem’s CGR3 Final Proposals:**

- Item 6 – Check the items relating to a Forward Work Plan and confirm which specific Ofgem conclusion it should relate to and amend the document as needed.

## Part Two: Change Administration (Open Session)

## 9. Change Register

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- 9.1 The Secretariat presented the Change Register updates and the Work Plan activities. See paper (Panel\_2017\_0315\_05). The Panel noted the contents of the Change Register.
- 9.2 The Panel reviewed the Work Plans for DCP 268 and DCP 289, and approved both Work Plans in accordance with the timescales set out in the Attachment.
- 9.3 The Chair requested for the Secretariat to advise the DCP 251/252 Working Group to consider the version number of the model under the DCP 290 *'Housekeeping Change to Update PDCM Model References'* legal text as it will impact on those changes legal text.

**ACTION: Panel \_129/05 ElectraLink to advise the DCP 251/252 Working Group to consider the version number of the model under the DCP 290 legal text as it will impact on the changes legal text of those changes.**

## 10. Initial Assessments

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- 10.1 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\_0315\_06).

### **DCP 294 – 'Capacity Management Following Acceptance of Connection Offer'.**

- 10.2 The Panel reviewed DCP 294 and agreed to:

- Accept the referral of the CP;
- Treat the CP as a Standard change;
- Treat the CP as a Part 1 Matter;
- Progress the CP to the Definition phase; and
- Progress the CP in accordance with the agreed timetable.

**ACTION: Panel \_129/06: ElectraLink to progress DCP 294 as a Part 1 Matter to the definition phase and the secretariat is directed to set up a Working Group.**

### **DCP 295- 'Provision of Electricity Market-share data to SMICoP Limited'**

- 10.3 The Panel reviewed DCP 295 and had the following comments:

- The Panel questioned if the CP should be considered and treated as a Part 1 or Part 2 Matter and agreed that it should be treated as a Part 1 Matter as it impacts the governance of the DCUSA.
- Members also questioned if the CP should proceed within the DCUSA change process and suggested it would be more appropriate for the change to progress via the MRA code arrangements. The rationale provided by the Panel for this suggestion was that the MRA already has provisions within it to send market share data to third party codes and that the data being shared is their data so should remain within their control.

10.4 The Panel agreed to defer the progression of this CP and requested for the Secretariat to discuss the decision and reasoning with the Proposer and request that the Proposer further consider and provide clarification on the intent of the CP and which code the CP aligns more closely to.

**ACTION: Panel \_129/07: ElectraLink to contact the Proposer of the CP titled ‘Provision of Electricity Market-share data to SMICoP Limited’ to:**

- Discuss the DCUSA Panels decision and reasoning for deferring the progression of the CP
- request that the Proposer further consider and provide clarification on the intent of the CP and which code the CP aligns more closely to.

#### **DCP 296 – ‘CVA Registrants acceding to the DCUSA’.**

10.5 The Panel reviewed DCP 296 and agreed to:

- Accept the referral of the CP;
- Treat the CP as a Standard change;
- Treat the CP as a Part 1 Matter;
- Progress the CP to the Definition phase; and
- Progress the CP in accordance with the agreed timetable.
- Panel members discussed the merits of the proposed cross code working arrangements and agreed for this CP to progress concurrently with the BSC modification.

**ACTION: Panel \_129/08: ElectraLink to progress DCP 296 as a Part 1 Matter to the definition phase and the secretariat is directed to set up a Working Group to progress either jointly or concurrently with the BSC modification.**

## **11. Change Report: DCP 282 and DCP 292**

11.1 The Secretariat presented the Change Report Cover paper, which detailed the attached Change Reports for DCP 282 and DCP 292. See paper (Panel\_2017\_0315\_07).

#### **DCP 282 ‘Embedded Distribution Network Operator (EDNO) UMSO’**

11.2 The Panel approved the DCP 282 Change Report and agreed 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;
- Suppliers’, DNOs and IDNOs are eligible to vote on the Change Proposal;
- A three-week voting period for the Change Proposal; and
- for the Change Report to be issued to Parties on 17 March 2017.

**ACTION: Panel \_129/09: ElectraLink to issue the DCP 282 Change Report to Parties to vote on 17 March 2017 for 3 weeks to Suppliers, Distributors and IDNOs.**

## **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''**

- 11.3 The Chair noted the difference between the implementation date of DCP 292 and DCP 222 and suggested that the date should align due to DCP 222. The rationale for this suggestion is due to DCP 292 being a Housekeeping change which amends Table 3 of Schedule 15 resulting from the failure of DCP 222 to update Schedule 15. The Panel agreed that the implementation date of DCP 292 should be amended to 01 April 2018 which aligns to DCP 222 and requested for the Secretariat to make the agreed amendment.
- 11.4 Subject to the amendment, the Panel approved the DCP 292 Change Report and agreed it can be issued to Parties to vote upon with the following conditions:
- Suppliers', DNOs and IDNOs are eligible to vote
  - Voting period to be 15 Working Days, between 17 March 2017 and 7 April 2017.
  - for the Change Report to be issued to Parties on 17 March 2017

**ACTION: Panel \_129/10: Subject to the amendment listed below, ElectraLink to issue the DCP 292 Change Report to Parties to vote on 17 March 2017 for 3 weeks to Suppliers, Distributors and IDNOs.**

- Amend the implementation date to 01 April 2018

**Post Meeting Note - the DCUSA Panel reconsidered the DCP 292 Change Report ex-committee and a new way forward was suggested to the Proposer.**

## **12. Housekeeping Log**

- 12.1 The Secretariat presented the Housekeeping Log Summary Paper which was circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel\_2017\_0315\_08). Two potential Housekeeping items were presented to the Panel and members noted the following

- The Panel agreed to add the following to the Housekeeping Log:
  - Item 99 '*Amendment of Clause 3.6 due to the arrangements introduced by DCP 279 'Linking Credit Cover to the Annual Iteration Process'* which amends the calculation of RAV by introducing a defined methodology using published numbers.'
- The Panel agreed to add the following to the Housekeeping Log:
  - Item 100 '*Amendment of Schedules 17 and 18 to reference both IDNOs and DNOs operating out of area should DCP 251/252 not be approved'*.

**ACTION: Panel \_129/11: ElectraLink to add housekeeping item 99 and 100 to the housekeeping log.**

## **13. Any other Business**



- 13.1 CH noted that the DCP 255 '*Changes to Electricity (Connection Charges) Regulations 2002*' Change Report will be presented to the DCUSA Panel ex-committee for decision in order to align with the implementation date of the ECCR 2017.

### Next Meeting – 19 April 2017 at 10:00am

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- 13.2 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 <a href="#">08/03/2017 – Ongoing</a>
129/01	Progress the Accession Application for Utility Distribution Networks Ltd	ElectraLink	
129/02	Notify GnERGY Ltd that their derogation from the requirements as set out in TRAS Schedule 25, Section 8 – ‘Supplier Data’ of the DCUSA on the grounds of efficiency closes on the 31 March 2017.	ElectraLink	
129/03	Provide verbal update on GnERGY Limited’s progression in meeting TRAS requirements post Derogation at the April DCUSA Panel meeting.	ElectraLink	
129/04	Update the DCUSA Action Plan on Ofgem’s CGR3 Final Proposals to include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Item 6 – Check the items relating to a Forward Work Plan and confirm which specific Ofgem conclusion it should relate to and amend the document as needed.</li> </ul>	ElectraLink	
129/05	Advise the DCP 251/252 Working Group to consider the version number of the model under the DCP 290 legal text as it will impact on the legal text of those changes.	ElectraLink	
129/06	Progress DCP 294 as a Part 1 Matter to the definition phase and the secretariat is directed to set up a Working Group.	ElectraLink	

129/07	Contact the Proposer of the CP titled 'Provision of Electricity Market-share data to SMICoP Limited' to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss the DCUSA Panels decision and reasoning for deferring the progression of the CP</li> <li>• request that the Proposer further consider and provide clarification on the intent of the CP and which code the CP aligns more closely to.</li> </ul>	ElectraLink	
129/08	Progress DCP 296 as a Part 1 Matter to the definition phase and the secretariat is directed to set up a Working Group to progress either jointly or concurrently with the BSC modification.	ElectraLink	
129/09	Issue the DCP 282 Change Report to Parties to vote on 17 March 2017 for 3 weeks to Suppliers, Distributors and IDNOs.	ElectraLink	
129/10	Subject to the amendment listed below, ElectraLink to issue the DCP 292 Change Report to Parties to vote on 17 March 2017 for 3 weeks to Suppliers, Distributors and IDNOs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amend the implementation date to 01 April 2018</li> </ul> <b>Post Meeting Note - the DCUSA Panel reconsidered the DCP 292 Change Report ex-committee and a new way forward was suggested to the Proposer.</b>	ElectraLink	
129/11	Add Housekeeping items 99 and 100 to the Housekeeping log.	ElectraLink	

#### Closed Actions – Open Session

Action Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
128/01	Update the January 2017 Panel Minutes with the amendment noted below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update Jeremy Guard from Panel Member to Alternate Panel</li> <li>• Close action 117/08 and move British Energy Direct withdrawal and share transfer action to Board Action.</li> </ul>	ElectraLink	08/03/2017 – Completed

128/02	Check whether DCP 244 ' <i>MOP Leaving Site for Cat A Situations</i> ' can be removed from its on-hold status following work undertaken at the IWG meeting on the 13 February 2017.	ElectraLink	Verbal update - The Interventions Working Group are considering offline the prospects of a 'Cat A made safe code' and DCP 244 will be added to the April agenda for discussion.
128/03	Advise Gnergy to consider providing a date by which their CRM system will be in place and they will be compliant with DCUSA in March should they need an extension to their derogation beyond the 31 March 2017.	ElectraLink	08/03/2017 – Completed Confirmation of whether TRAS data has been received by Experian will be provided at the April Panel meeting.
128/04	Notify Sinq Power Ltd that they have been granted a 6 month derogation and are required to provide monthly updates to the DCUSA Panel informing them of their progress during the derogation period.	ElectraLink	08/03/2017 – Completed
128/05	Make the following updates to the DCUSA Action Plan on Ofgem's CGR3 Final Proposals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Item 5 – Update to include anticipated implementation date.</li> <li>• Item 6 – Update with latest detail from Code Administrators meeting.</li> <li>• Item 7 – Add a link between the ENA website to the Distribution Charging Groups meeting papers.</li> <li>• Item 8 – Contact the Chair of the COG to confirm that it has been determined that the COG is out of scope.</li> <li>• Item 9 – Update with latest detail from Code Administrators meeting.</li> <li>• Item 13 – Item can be closed as Parties are supportive of the voting arrangements.</li> </ul>	ElectraLink	08/03/2017 – Completed

128/06	Provide the DCUSA Action Plan on Ofgem's CGR3 Final Proposals as a separate paper to the update paper.	ElectraLink	<a href="#">08/03/2017 – Completed</a>
128/07	Amend the DCP 243 plan to reflect the change declaration is issued on the 18 July 2017 and the Authority decision on the 22 August 2017.	ElectraLink	<a href="#">08/03/2017 – Completed</a>
128/08	Highlight to the DCP 274 Working Group the tight deadlines for the issue of a second consultation in their Work Plan.	ElectraLink	<a href="#">08/03/2017 – Completed</a>
128/09	Subject to the amendments listed below, ElectraLink to issue the DCP 290 Change Report to Parties to vote on 17 February 2017 for 3 weeks to Suppliers, Distributors and IDNOs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Amend paragraph 4.1 to note that DCP 234 was approved and is yet to be implemented on the 01 April 2018.</li> <li>Amend paragraph 7.1 to point out that in alignment with DCP 234, the proposed implementation date for DCP 290 is the 01 April 2018</li> </ul>	ElectraLink	<a href="#">08/03/2017 – Completed</a>
128/10	Add housekeeping item 97 ' <i>Correction of Clause 42.14 to 42.13 and corresponding references in Clause 42.13.1 and the Nominated Calculation Agent definition</i> ' to the housekeeping log.	ElectraLink	<a href="#">08/03/2017 – Completed</a>
128/11	Raise as a Housekeeping item 99 to the next DCUSA Panel to cover the arrangements introduced by DCP 279 ' <i>Linking Credit Cover to the Annual Iteration Process</i> ' which changes the calculation of the RAV and introduces a defined methodology using published numbers. It has been suggested that a Clause in the credit cover that requires you need to give a month's notice is now superfluous.	ElectraLink	<a href="#">08/03/2017 – Completed</a>
128/12	Progress DCP 291 as a Part 1 Matter to the definition phase and the secretariat is directed to set up a Working Group.	ElectraLink	<a href="#">08/03/2017 – Completed</a>
128/13	Progress DCP 292 as a Part 2 Matter to the Change Report phase.	ElectraLink	<a href="#">08/03/2017 – Completed</a>
128/14	Add a note to the DCP 268 consultation to note that DCP 292 is running in tandem with DCP 268 to ensure that there an exhaustive list of tariffs in Schedule 15.	ElectraLink	<a href="#">Closed – Will be added to the Change Report</a>

128/15	Progress DCP 293 as a Part 1 Matter to the definition phase and the secretariat is directed to set up a Working Group.	ElectraLink	08/03/2017 – Completed
128/16	Notify the proposer of BSC Issue - DNO CVA Connection of the DCUSA Panels suggestion that it should apply to all trading parties	ElectraLink	08/03/2017 – 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"> <li>• A check on the progress of all items and correcting status' as required.</li> <li>• Completed items need to be updated to blue status colour.</li> </ul>

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

No	Task	Status	Owner	Outlook date
1	Distributed Generation and Demand Side Response	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), December 2012 – Ofgem-led Working Group on socialising connection charges for low-carbon technologies.	Panel (CA)	Ongoing

June 2013 – CA advised of a problem in regards to photovoltaic installations at domestic premises that could affect the smart meter roll-out.

July 2015 – An Ofgem consultation on Distributed Generation will be issued during the summer.

The Panel is to keep up to date with any developments under Work Stream 6.

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.

September 2013 – Ofgem to confirm current status of the discussions.

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.

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.

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.

March 2014 – DCP 204 has been raised for initial assessment at March Panel.

April 2014 – The first meeting of the DCP 204 Working Group took place on 15 April 2014.

May 2015 –Awaiting the Authority decision on DCP 204

Ofgem and DECC updates on demand side response

August 2015 – Ofgem sent back DCP 204 to the industry for further work, including the addition of a cost benefit analysis.

September 2015;

- 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.



October 2015

- 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>.

January 2016 – the Panel noted that DECC issued the following a Consultation and a Report in December

- 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>

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 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.

		<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>March 2017 - the Panel requested that the four CPs relating to Distribution Generation be noted against this item. The CPs are outlined below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DCP 283 ‘The calculation of generation credits in the CDCM’</li> <li>• DCP 284 ‘The application of scaling to generation credits in the CDCM’</li> <li>• DCP 287 ‘Generation credits in the EDCM’</li> <li>• DCP 291 ‘Application of Generation Credits to EDCM Customers’</li> </ul>		
2	European Code Development	<p>Industry Working Group (led by BSC / CUSC) to determine impact on industry.  Ofgem/IDNO &amp; 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</p>	Panel	Ongoing

	<p>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.</p> <p>August 2013 – Final ToR for ECCAF presented to the DCUSA Panel.</p> <p>September 2013 – National Grid confirmed the ECCAF is in the process of being set up and noted nominations of the DCUSA Panel representatives.</p> <p>October 2013 – First invitation to the ECCAF issued with meeting date yet to be determined.</p> <p>November 2013 – First ECCAF meeting on 21 November 2013. Clarification to be sought whether current DCUSA Panel representative can continue without being Panel member.</p> <p>January 2014 – Next ECCAF meeting to take place on 30 January 2013.</p> <p>February 2014 – ECCAF meeting took place on 30 January. Note on structural options for implementation was brought to February Panel.</p> <p>March 2014 – The next ECCAF meeting will take place on 27 March 2014.</p> <p>April 2014 – The next ECCAF meeting will take place on 29 April 2014.</p> <p>September 2015 – Peter Waymont confirmed he will speak to Chris Allanson to get an update on the European code update.</p> <p>October 2015</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> </ul> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>		
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		<p>April 2016 – Abid Sheikh informed the Panel that the Grid Code Change 48 (CG0048)<sup>1</sup> 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>September 2016 - The Panel noted that the ENA is currently looking at EU development matters including any commercial issues that may impact codes.</p> <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>		
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>	Panel	Ongoing

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<sup>1</sup> GC0048 - Application / Implementation of the Requirements for Generators European Network Code

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		<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:  <a href="https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/code-governance-review-workshop-22-july-2015">https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/code-governance-review-workshop-22-july-2015</a></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 it 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. 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> <p>August 2016 - The Panel noted that on 3 August 2016, Ofgem released its CMA Remedy Implementation Strategy<sup>2</sup> 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.  <a href="#">March 2017 - Panel noted that they are awaiting the outcomes from the Ofgem consultation.</a></p>		
4	Significant Code Review: Ofgem consultation on	<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:  <a href="https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/sites/default/files/docs/2015/07/crs_dcc_licence_consultation_final3.pdf">https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/sites/default/files/docs/2015/07/crs_dcc_licence_consultation_final3.pdf</a></p>	Panel	Ongoing

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<sup>2</sup> [https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/system/files/docs/2016/08/ofgem\\_implementation\\_strategy.pdf](https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/system/files/docs/2016/08/ofgem_implementation_strategy.pdf)

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<p>Central Registration Service provision</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> <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"> <li>• Request views on Ofgem’s proposed reform packages;</li> <li>• Test initial thinking on the RFI; and</li> </ul>		
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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:  <a href="https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/elective-half-hourly-settlement-publication-responses-december-open-letter">https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/elective-half-hourly-settlement-publication-responses-december-open-letter</a></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>	Panel	Ongoing

	<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 Ofgems’ 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> <p><a href="#">March 2017 - The Panel noted that they are awaiting the outcomes from the Ofgem consultation on a Significant Code Review</a></p>		
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