

DCUSA Panel Meeting 128

15 February 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
Kevin Woollard [KW]	Panel Member	DCUSA Ltd
Julia Haughey [JH]	Panel Member	DCUSA Ltd
Peter Waymont [PW]	Panel Member	DCUSA Ltd
Observers		
Andy Bard [AB] (Open session only)	Observer	MRA
Courtney O'Connor [CO] (Open session only)	Observer	SECAS
Vivian Marangoni [VM] (Open session only)	Observer	Ofgem
Matthew McKeon [MM] (Open session only)	Observer	BSC
Code Administrator		
Claire Hynes [CH]	Secretariat	ElectraLink Ltd
Dylan Townsend [DT]	Technical Secretariat	ElectraLink Ltd

Apologies	Company
Simon Yeo	Alternate Panel Member

Part One: General (Open Session)

1. Administration

- 1.1 The minutes of the last meeting were approved as an accurate record of proceedings subject to the following amendments:
- Update Jeremy Guard from Panel Member to Alternate Panel
- 1.2 ElectraLink agreed to update the January 2017 Panel Minutes with the amendments noted above.
- 1.3 The group reviewed the open actions and updates on all actions are set out in Appendix A.
- The Panel requested that action 117/08 be closed and for the remaining action, being, the withdrawal and share transfer of British Energy Direct be transferred to the Board Actions.

ACTION: Panel _128/01: ElectraLink to update the January 2017 Panel Minutes with the amendment noted below:

- **Update Jeremy Guard from Panel Member to Alternate Panel**
- **Close action 117/08 and move British Energy Direct withdrawal and share transfer action to Board Action.**

2. DCUSA Operational Plan

- 2.1 The Panel noted the contents of the DCUSA Operational Plan (see Appendix B) and noted the CGR3 agenda item will be discussed later in the meeting.

3. Monitoring Activities Log

- 3.1 The Panel reviewed the DCUSA Monitoring Activities Log (see Appendix B) and noted the following:
- On the *'European Code Development'* item, the Panel noted that the COG is looking at the 70 changes.
 - On the *'Implementation of CMA changes'* item, the Panel noted that they provided a response to the Ofgem consultation.
 - On the *'Significant Code Review (SCR) Ofgem consultation on Central Registration Service provision'* item, 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 what the scope is.
 - On the *'SCR: Half Hourly Settlement'* item, the Panel noted that they will wait for Ofgem to publish the results of the consultation.

4. Updates from Industry Codes

Balancing & Settlement Code (BSC) -

4.1 The BSC update was circulated prior to meeting. MM noted the following items at the meeting:

- The BSC Panel and Elexon responded to Ofgem’s Code Governance Consultation expressing support for the setting of Strategic Direction. It was noted that neither supported the licensing option and instead offered alternative suggestions on how Ofgem could achieve its objectives.
- Elexon has released a report on the post implementation review of the BSC modification P305 ‘*Electricity Balancing Significant Code Review developments*’.
- P339 ‘*Introduction of new Consumption Component Classes for Measurement Classes E-G*’ will be implemented on 1 April 2017.
- A consultation has been issued to Parties on the value of Credit Assessment Price, this follows a continuous decrease in forward market prices.
- Two BSC Modifications have been withdrawn, being P341 ‘*Forward publication of Maximum Export and Import Limits*’ and P308 ‘*Alternative security product for securing credit under the BSC*’. Both modifications were withdrawn by their individual Proposers on 8 and 9 February respectively.
- Three approved modifications were thought to be of interest to the DCUSA Panel, being CP1472 ‘*Removal of SVA proving tests for Meters with a pulse multiplier of one*’, P350 ‘*Introduction of a seasonal Zonal Transmission Losses scheme*’ and Proving tests and CP1473 ‘*Alteration to the LTV Entry Criteria*’.

Master Registration Agreement (MRA)

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

MDB Update

- The MRA Development Board (MDB) met on 26 January 2017 and accepted DTC CP 3504 – Additional Values to the J0024 Data Item which is due to be implemented on 2 November 2017.
- It was noted that three Change Proposals listed below are going out for 30-day Impact Assessments:
 - DTC CP 3508 – Address update via secure DTN
 - MAP CP 0283 – Secure data transfer changes to MAP09
 - MAP CP 0284 – Change to MAP12 to remove reference to passing data outside the DTN
- The next MRA release is due next week and there are multiple changes in the release including CMA recommended changes.

Issues Resolution Expert Group (IREG) Update

- MIF 197 – Mandating the secure sending of data via the DTC: A new MIF has been raised to enable IREG to review the Working Practice Product set. IREG recommended that the MRA Security Committee (MSC) agree that MIF197 should be closed.
- MIF 198 – Procedure for the Assignment of Debt in Relation to Prepayment Metering: It was noted that a Party will be raising a new CP that will result in further data being added to NOSI Flows. Concerns were raised by IREG around the introduction of a new data flow and it was considered beneficial for a MRASCo representative to attend the next SPAA Expert Group to support discussions.
- MIF 217 – BAPs: Concerns were raised on the potential for impacts on customers when switching where they have a credit on a smart pre-payment meters. A new proposed solution has been drafted and will be presented at the next meeting in March.
- MIF 218 – Accuracy of Industry Contacts database: It was noted that there are issues maintaining an accurate up to date list of Contract Managers. IREG have agreed upon solutions to assist in maintaining an accurate database. IREG have raised a solution that could result in the MDB update being emailed to contract managers.

Ofgem

4.3 VM noted that there was no update from Ofgem.

Smart Energy Code (SEC)

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

SEC Version 5.4

- SEC Version 5.4 has been designated
- Updates have been made to the modification sections (including the stages of proposal raised) and includes new schedule 11.
- It was noted that there can now be multiple versions of the same schedule in circulation at the same time which is unique in industry

SEC Modifications Update

- It was noted that there have been no new proposals raised since the last DCUSA Panel.
- Changes have been made to the way Working Group meetings are scheduled and will now be on a needs basis rather than set dates.
- It was noted that on 6 March 2017 a new SEC release will include the following SEC modifications.
 - SECMP0026 *'Changes to Security Sub-Committee Nomination Process'*.
- There will be a new SEC website released in December 2017 and the SEC will be seeking feedback from industry on the development of their new Website.

Distribution Charging Methodologies Forum (DCMF)

- 4.5 The CDCM/ EDCM Review Group meeting took place on the 26 January 2017. The last meeting of the DCMF MIG and the CDCM /EDCM Review Group took place on the 09 February 2017.

CDCM and EDCM Review Project Plan

- The focus of these meetings was on the review of advantages and disadvantages of several costing models. These options had been assessed and reviewed against high-level principles i.e. Cost reflectivity, Non-distortionary, Cost recovery, Non-discriminatory, Transparency and Simplicity. In preparation of the next meeting, DNO members have taken an action to assess the tariff pages against high-level principles and objectives

Methodologies Issue Group (MIG)

- It was noted in the meeting that a DCP is to be raised providing clarity on the eligibility criteria for EDCM credits. The MIG agreed that until new governance arrangements take effect the deputy Chair to Andy Pace will be Simon Yeo and Dave Wornell.

- 4.6 The Panel Chair questioned if an update has been provided to the COG regarding the approach taken at future meetings as a result of the delay of DCP 289. It was noted that the Working Group will proceed as planned. The Chair outlined the intent of DCP 289 and noted that it appears the original deadline won't be met.
- 4.7 The next CDCM and EDCM Review Group meeting is scheduled for 28 February 2017 and will focus on the costing models, and review of Tariff Structures and future products. The MIG meeting scheduled for 9 March 2017 and will be utilised for reviewing the EDCM combined model and the meeting scheduled for 14 March 2017 will focus on IDNO issues.

5. Interventions Working Group Headline Report

- 5.1 The Secretariat presented the Interventions Working Group (IWG) Headline Report which was circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel_2017_0215_01). The Panel noted the contents of the Paper.
- 5.2 The Chair questioned if the currently on hold DCP 244 '*MOP Leaving Site for Cat A Situations*' will be covered in the next meeting and asked if it is known when feedback will be received. One Panel Member noted their attendance at the IWG meeting on Monday, 13 February 2017 and confirmed that there is an action on DNOs to come back with information relating to what situations should be considered as Cat A. Panel Members noted that UKPN raised a change and noted the possibility that the CP could be withdrawn or taken off hold dependent upon the information received.

ACTION: Panel _128/02: ElectraLink to check whether DCP 244 '*MOP Leaving Site for Cat A Situations*' can be removed from its on-hold status following work undertaken at the IWG meeting on the 13 February 2017.

6. Derogation Update

- 6.1 The Secretariat presented the Derogation Update paper which was circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel_2017_0215_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 The Panel noted Gnergy Limited should consider providing a date by which their CRM system will be in place and a date in March at which they will be compliant with DCUSA. It was noted that should they need an extension to their derogation beyond the 31 March 2017 they will need to provide the above outlined information to the Panel.

ACTION: Panel _128/03: ElectraLink to 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.

7. Derogation Application

- 7.1 The Secretariat presented the Derogation Application for Sinq Power Ltd. See paper (Panel_2017_0215_03). which requests derogation from the requirements set out in DCUSA Schedule 25 '*Theft Risk Assessment Service (TRAS)*' Section 8.
- 7.2 For the Derogation Application, the Panel:
- **Agreed** to grant a six-month derogation to Sinq Power Ltd and noted their expectation that at the conclusion of the six months a solution will be in place.
 - **Agreed** that during the derogation period Sinq Power Ltd is to provide monthly updates to the DCUSA Panel which is to include a schedule of planned activities and expected completion dates. The update is also required to inform the DCUSA Panel on their progress to date

ACTION: Panel _128/04: ElectraLink to 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.

8. Ofgem's Switching Programme Update

- 8.1 The Secretariat presented the Ofgem's Switching Programme Update which was circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel_2017_0215_04). The Panel noted the contents of the Paper and had the following discussion.
- 8.2 The Chair questioned if there will be a new Dual Fuel Retail Code. MM noted that legal expertise will be procured to draft a new single retail code. It is proposed that this code will cover the Central Registration Service, Switching Arrangements and Market Intelligence Service. The Chair noted the need to better understand what the impacts will be. It was noted that the MRA and BSC codes will be effected and there may be some consequential impacts due to the DCUSA referencing the MRA. VM noted that tailored versions of the RFI documents have been published and these are out for industry

response by 2 March 2017. Panel Members suggested that it is likely that Ofgem will make minded decision once results are known.

9. Ofgem's CGR3 Final Proposals

9.1 The Secretariat presented the Ofgem's CGR3 Final Proposals paper which was circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel_2017_0215_05) The Panel noted the contents of the paper.

9.2 Panel Members discussed the attached DCUSA CGR3 Action Plan and had the following comments:

- Item 5 – Update to include anticipated implementation date.
- Item 6 – Update with latest detail from Code Administrators meeting.
- Item 7 – The Panel questioned if DNO approval had been received and requested for further investigation on this item. One Panel Member suggested that a link be added between the ENA website to the Distribution Charging Groups meeting papers.
- Item 8 – Panel Members noted that the COG is not related to the DCMF and requested for the Secretariat to contact the Chair of the COG to confirm that it has been determined that the COG is out of scope.
- Item 9 – Update with latest detail from Code Administrators meeting.
- Item 13 – Item can be closed as Parties are supportive of the voting arrangements.

9.3 The Panel requested for the Secretariat to provide a separate paper and Agenda item for the DCUSA CGR3 Action Plan for future Panel meetings.

ACTION: Panel _128/05 ElectraLink to make the following updates to the DCUSA Action Plan on Ofgem's CGR3 Final Proposals:

- **Item 5 – Update to include anticipated implementation date.**
- **Item 6 – Update with latest detail from Code Administrators meeting.**
- **Item 7 – Add a link between the ENA website to the Distribution Charging Groups meeting papers.**
- **Item 8 – Contact the Chair of the COG to confirm that it has been determined that the COG is out of scope.**
- **Item 9 – Update with latest detail from Code Administrators meeting.**
- **Item 13 – Item can be closed as Parties are supportive of the voting arrangements.**

ACTION: Panel _128/06: ElectraLink to provide the DCUSA Action Plan on Ofgem's CGR3 Final Proposals as a separate paper to the update paper.

Part Two: Change Administration (Open Session)

10. Change Register

10.1 The Secretariat presented the Change Register updates and the Work Plan activities. See paper (Panel_2017_0215_06).

10.2 The Panel reviewed the Work Plans for DCP 243, DCP 266, DCP 274 and DCP 282 and had the following comments:

- Amend the DCP 243 Work Plan to reflect the change declaration is issued on the 18 July 2017 and the Authority decision on the 22 August 2017. Pending the amendment noted above, the Panel approved the DCP 243 Work Plan in accordance with the timescales set out in the Attachments.
- The Panel approved the DCP 274 Work Plan in accordance with the timescales set out in the Attachments. The Panel requested for the Secretariat highlight to the DCP 274 Working Group the tight deadlines for the issue of a second consultation in their Work Plan.

10.3 The Panel approved the DCP 266 and DCP 282 Work Plans in accordance with the timescales set out in the Attachments.

ACTION: Panel _128/07: ElectraLink to 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.

ACTION: Panel _128/08: ElectraLink to highlight to the DCP 274 Working Group the tight deadlines for the issue of a second consultation in their Work Plan.

11. Change Report: DCP 290

11.1 The Secretariat presented the Change Report Cover paper, which detailed the attached Change Report for DCP 290. See paper (Panel_2017_0215_07).

11.2 The Panel requested for the Secretariat to amend paragraph 4.1 in the DCP 290 Change Report to note that DCP 234 was approved and is yet to be implemented on the 01 April 2018. The Secretariat was also requested to 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. Subject to these amendments, the Panel approved the DCP 290 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 February 2017 and 10 March 2017.
- Change Declaration to be issued on 14 March 2017.

ACTION: Panel _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.

- Amend paragraph 4.1 to note that DCP 234 was approved and is yet to be implemented on the 01 April 2018.
- 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

12. Housekeeping Log

12.1 The Secretariat presented the Housekeeping Log Summary Paper which was circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel_2017_0215_08). Two potential Housekeeping items were presented to the Panel and Members noted the following

- The Panel agreed to add the proposed Housekeeping item 97 '*Correction of Clause 42.14 to 42.13 and corresponding references in Clause 42.13.1 and the Nominated Calculation Agent definition*' to the Housekeeping log.
- The Panel noted that for the proposed housekeeping item 98 '*Update LDNO to 'QNO' in the LC 14 statement*' won't require monitoring by the Panel as it is better placed as a reminder that consideration should be given the issue and as such can be referenced in the Change Report for DCP 251/252.

12.2 One Panel Member noted that there is a clause in the Credit Cover Schedule that requires a User be given one month's notice when a Company intends to use a new RAV value to calculate the Credit Allowance. The Panel Member suggested that this condition is now superfluous due to DCP 279 '*Linking Credit Cover to the Annual Iteration Process*' which changes the calculation of the RAV and introduces a defined methodology using published numbers. The Panel agreed for the Secretariat to raise this as a Housekeeping item to the next DCUSA Panel.

ACTION: Panel _128/10: ElectraLink to add housekeeping item 97 '*Correction of Clause 42.14 to 42.13 and corresponding references in Clause 42.13.1 and the Nominated Calculation Agent definition*' to the housekeeping log.

ACTION: Panel _128/11: ElectraLink to raise as a Housekeeping item 99 to the next DCUSA Panel to cover the arrangements introduced by DCP 279 '*Linking Credit Cover to the Annual Iteration Process*' which changes the calculation of the RAV and introduces a defined methodology using published numbers. A Clause in the credit cover that requires you need to give a month's notice. It is superfluous to give a month's notice if you are going to do it via a directive.

13. Any other Business

Initial Assessments

13.1 The Panel reviewed DCP 291 '*Application of Generation Credits to EDCM Customers*'

13.2 The Panel 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 _128/12: ElectraLink to progress DCP 291 as a Part 1 Matter to the definition phase and the secretariat is directed to set up a Working Group.

13.3 The Panel reviewed 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'*.

13.4 The Chair suggested this CP may need to be implemented to a tight timeline, noting DCP 268 *'DUoS Charging Using HH settlement data'* and DCP 292 should progress in tandem but remain as separate proposals. The Panel requested for the Secretariat to add a note to the DCP 268 consultation to point out that DCP 292 is running in tandem with DCP 268 to ensure that there is an exhaustive list of tariffs in Schedule 15.

13.5 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 _128/13: ElectraLink to progress DCP 292 as a Part 2 Matter to the Change Report phase.

ACTION: Panel _128/14: ElectraLink to 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.

13.6 The Panel reviewed DCP 293 *'Charging methodology Cut-off Date'*.

13.7 Panel Members noted that a CP with the same intent had previously been rejected and discussed the reasons for the Authority's decision. The Chair noted that it would be necessary for the Working Group to review the Ofgem decision document.

13.8 The Panel 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 _128/15: ElectraLink to progress DCP 293 as a Part 1 Matter to the definition phase and the secretariat is directed to set up a Working Group.

Other Items

13.9 CH noted that an email had recently been received that requested the DCUSA Panel feedback on BSC Issue - DNO CVA Connection COB. The issue was raised to avoid the additional administrative effort and costs involved in each CVA connections requiring a bilateral Use of System Agreement because as a signatory to the DCUSA their Use Of System would be covered in the same way as Suppliers under Section 2A of the DCUSA. This has been raised as a BSC modification as the DCUSA itself cannot compel any party to accede to it and many of the smaller generators concerned are licence exempt which negates the use of a licence condition leaving the BSC as the only certain requirement of a CVA connectee. It was noted that this change will involve a change to the BSC, and the defect in the Trading Arrangements relating to the definition of Connection Agreement is clearly defined.

13.10 The Panel commented that the wording in the modification should be changed to '*All Trading Parties*' and that this feedback should be passed to the Proposer of the Modification.

ACTION: Panel _128/16: ElectraLink to notify the proposer of BSC Issue - DNO CVA Connection of the DCUSA Panels suggestion that it should apply to all trading parties

Next Meeting – 15 March 2017 at 10:00am

13.11 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
128/01	Update the January 2017 Panel Minutes with the amendment noted below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update Jeremy Guard from Panel Member to Alternate Panel Close action 117/08 and move British Energy Direct withdrawal and share transfer action to Board Action. 	ElectraLink	
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	
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	
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	
128/05	Make the following updates to the DCUSA Action Plan on Ofgem's CGR3 Final Proposals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Item 5 – Update to include anticipated implementation date. 	ElectraLink	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Item 6 – Update with latest detail from Code Administrators meeting. Item 7 – Add a link between the ENA website to the Distribution Charging Groups meeting papers. Item 8 – Contact the Chair of the COG to confirm that it has been determined that the COG is out of scope. Item 9 – Update with latest detail from Code Administrators meeting. Item 13 – Item can be closed as Parties are supportive of the voting arrangements. 		
128/06	Provide the DCUSA Action Plan on Ofgem’s CGR3 Final Proposals as a separate paper to the update paper.	ElectraLink	
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	
128/08	Highlight to the DCP 274 Working Group the tight deadlines for the issue of a second consultation in their Work Plan.	ElectraLink	
128/09	<p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amend paragraph 4.1 to note that DCP 234 was approved and is yet to be implemented on the 01 April 2018. 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 	ElectraLink	
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	
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	ElectraLink	

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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	
128/13	Progress DCP 292 as a Part 2 Matter to the Change Report phase.	ElectraLink	
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	
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	
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	

Closed Actions – Open Session

Action Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
117/08	Process the Withdrawal Notices and Shares Transfer letters once Ofgem publish their Notice of Licence revocation. (See board Energy Limited and British Energy Direct Limited)	ElectraLink	21/09/2016 - In Progress The Parties have provided the signed withdrawal notices. The Shares Transfers letters are being processed 18/10/2016 – Ongoing 14/12/2016 – Ongoing 11/01/2017 – Withdrawal Notice processed for See Board Energy Limited.

			08/02/2017 – Ongoing for British Energy Direct Limited 15/02/2017 – Closed Move British Energy Direct withdrawal and share transfer action to Board Action.
126/10	Update the CGR3 Action Plan by checking the progress of all items and correcting status' as required. Completed items need to be updated to blue status colour.	ElectraLink	11/01/2017 – Ongoing 15/02/2017 – Completed
127/01	Update the December 2016 Panel Minutes with the amendments noted below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Apologies list, Alex Travell to be changed from Panel Member to Alternate Panel Member • In Apologies list, Remove Sasha Pearce as no longer Alternate Panel Member • Page 4 paragraph 4.1 remove the superfluous 'and' on the second line. • Re-word the sentence on the HH Settlement consultation to 'review the outcome once it is known' • Correct the typo '25TNovember' in the code update section Page 7 top bullet point – delete the words 'to migrate'	ElectraLink	15/02/2017 – Complete
127/02	Add a summary item of the DCUSA Panel discussions from previous meeting on the other CDCM proposals. CGR3 log to be updated with amber, red and green to align to the operational plan in that section.	ElectraLink	15/02/2017 – Complete
127/03	Contact Matthew McKeon and request an update from the BSC for the February Panel meeting.	ElectraLink	15/02/2017 – Complete
127/04	Provide feedback to the proposer that the funding arrangements should be addressed in the DCP 289 change report.	Peter Waymont	15/02/2017 – Complete

127/05	Progress the Accession Application for Mattina Limited.	ElectraLink	15/02/2017 – Complete
127/06	Amend the change register as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DCP 289 to display the implementation date as the 01 April 2017; and • Update the DCP 274 implementation date to the 01 April 2019 to reflect the Working Groups agreed revised date. 	ElectraLink	15/02/2017 – Complete
127/07	Submit a revised Work Plan for DCP 274 to the DCUSA Panel, which reflects a change report submission date that aligns with the proposed implementation date.	ElectraLink	15/02/2017 – Complete
127/08	Amend the Voting Form attachment for the DCP 281 and 281A Change Report as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amend the ‘voting end date’ section of the table to state 10 February 2017 as agreed by the DCUSA Panel Once updated the Change Report can be issued to Parties to vote upon.	ElectraLink	15/02/2017 – Complete
127/09	Schedule a DCUSA Panel ex-committee meeting via teleconference on 24 January 2017 at 1pm.	ElectraLink	15/02/2017 – Complete
127/10	Close Housekeeping Items 91 and 96.	ElectraLink	15/02/2017 – Complete
127/11	Progress DCP 290 to the Change Report phase.	ElectraLink	15/02/2017 – Complete

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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		<p>metering. Avoiding coincidence of load on networks can help minimise the requirement for additional distribution infrastructure and associated investment.</p> <p>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> <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>		
2	European Code Development	<p>Industry Working Group (led by BSC / CUSC) to determine impact on industry.</p> <p>Ofgem/IDNO & DNO meeting 23 July to discuss impact of the wider industry.</p> <p>PW to circulate note to DNOs and Distributors</p> <p>November 2012 – Ofgem consultation on EU Third Package was published. No impact on DCUSA expected.</p> <p>December 2012 – Slight delay in the Requirements for Generators Code expected (now to enter comitology together with the Demand Connection Code in April 2014).</p>	Panel	Ongoing

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

- 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.

		<p>April 2016 – Abid Sheikh informed the Panel that the Grid Code Change 48 (CG0048)¹ 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

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

		<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 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 Strategy² 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>		
4	Significant Code Review: Ofgem consultation on Central	<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>	Panel	Ongoing

² https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/system/files/docs/2016/08/ofgem_implementation_strategy.pdf

<p>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"> • Request views on Ofgem’s proposed reform packages; • Test initial thinking on the RFI; and 		
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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>	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>		
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