

DCUSA PANEL MINUTES

Meeting Name	DCUSA Panel
Meeting Number	99
Date	17 September 2014
Time	10:00
Venue	ElectraLink, Ground Floor, Grafton House, 2-3 Golden Square, London W1F 9HR

Attendee	Company
Donna Townsend (Chair)	Panel Member
Alex Greetham [AG] (Change Register Update only, teleconference)	UK Power Networks
Amanda Rooney [AR] (Open Session only)	Ofgem
Andy Bard [AB] (Open Session only)	Gemserv
Angus Rae [AR] (Change Register Update only, teleconference)	SSE Distribution
Claire Hynes [CH]	ElectraLink Ltd
Delveer Johal [DJ]	ElectraLink Ltd
Glenn Sheern [GS]	Panel Member
John Lawton [JL]	Panel Member
Lorna Mallon [LM] (teleconference)	Panel Member (Alternate)
Matthew McKeon [MM] (Open Session only)	Elexon
Peter Waymont [PW]	Panel Member
Rosalind Timperley [RT]	ElectraLink Ltd
Sasha Pearce [SP] (teleconference)	Panel Member
Tony Savka [TS] (Change Register Update only, teleconference)	Electricity North West
Katherine Rushton (Secretariat)	ElectraLink Ltd

Apologies	Company
Kevin Woollard [KW]	Panel Member

PART ONE – CHANGE REGISTER (OPEN SESSION)

1 CHANGE REGISTER (OPEN SESSION)

- 1.1 The Panel noted the Change Register updates and key points as highlighted in Panel paper 099/01.
- 1.2 The Panel granted the extensions to the Change Proposals (CPs) listed in Panel paper 099/01.
- 1.3 The following updates were highlighted at the meeting:
 - The Panel noted the status of DCP 133 '500 MW network common model for CDCM input' as 'rejected'. The Ofgem representative highlighted that the reason for the rejection was that there was insufficient evidence that the change was in the best interests of the customer or the network. ElectraLink took an action to feed this comment back to the Working Group (WG).

ACTION 099/01: ELECTRALINK

- DCP 195A 'Service Level Agreement for Resolving Network Operational Issues' was discussed. The Panel agreed that the date to be included within the square brackets in the 195A legal text should be communicated to Parties and that the DCP 195A Supplier Smart Meter Installation Forecast template be published on the DCUSA website. ElectraLink took an action to forward the template and proposed square brackets date to Panel members for approval.

ACTION 099/02: ELECTRALINK

- 1.4 SP queried the current status of DCP 114 and 115. An extension for both CPs was granted at the August Panel meeting, with plans to set up Working Group (WG) meetings for the CPs in September. The Chair for both CPs, PW, mentioned that a discussion regarding the legal text is underway and arranging the date for a meeting of the WG has been an issue due to his availability.

PART TWO – GENERAL MATTERS (OPEN SESSION)**2 ADMINISTRATION (OPEN SESSION)**

- 2.1 The minutes of the last meeting were approved with the following amendment:
- It was noted that the abbreviation JA was used in section 4.1.2 but it was not made clear that JA referred to Jill Ashby. The minutes will be amended accordingly.

ACTION 099/03: ELECTRALINK

- 2.2 The group reviewed the open actions. Updates on all actions are set out in Appendix A.

3 DCUSA OPERATIONAL PLAN (OPEN SESSION)

- 3.1 The Panel reviewed the DCUSA Operational Plan (see Appendix B).
- 3.2 The Panel made a request for ElectraLink to remove sections 5 Theft of Electricity and 6 Green Deal Arrangements Agreement (GDAA) from the Monitoring Activities Log.

ACTION 099/04: ELECTRALINK**4 UPDATES FROM THE INDUSTRY WORKING GROUPS/CODES (OPEN SESSION)**National Grid

- 4.1 National Grid's European Network Code Status Update was circulated prior to the meeting. No comments or questions were raised at the meeting.
- 4.2 The National Grid representative plans to attend the October Panel meeting.

Ofgem

- 4.3 The Ofgem representative reported that currently there are no consultations which impact upon DCUSA.
- 4.4 At present Ofgem are considering eight Change Reports that DCUSA has submitted and it looks like seven will be delivered on time and one will require an impact assessment.

BSC

4.5 The following update was given by the BSC representative:

4.6 Revised proposed implementation date for P300:

ELEXON presented the Draft Modification Report to the Panel at its meeting on 11 September 2014. The Panel recommended that P300 should be approved with an Implementation Date of:

- November 2015 if an Authority decision is received on or before 5 November 2014; or
- 25 February 2016 if an Authority decision is received after 5 November 2014 but on or before 25 February 2015.

4.7 Revised proposed implementation date for P272:

- At its meeting on Thursday 11 September, the BSC Panel agreed a revised proposed implementation date for the P272: Mandatory Half Hourly Settlement for Profile Classes 5-8 Alternative Modification.
- If the Authority's decision is received on or before 12 February 2015, P272 will be implemented on 1 April 2016.
- The legal text for the P272 Alternative Modification has been amended to account for the revised date, and the approved revised legal text is published on the P272 page of the website.

4.8 More information is available via: <http://www.elexon.co.uk/mod-proposal/p272-mandatory-half-hourly-settlement-for-profile-classes-5-8/>

4.9 The decision for both modifications now rests with Ofgem, who has said that it will aim to reach a decision on P300, DCP179 and P272 collectively.

4.10 CP1414:

- ELEXON issued CP1414 for consultation under CPC00741 on 3 June 2014. Due to the volume of responses that suggested material changes to the solution, the Proposer (Donna Townsend) sought views on the proposal through a CP Workgroup.
- The CP1414 Workgroup met on Monday 15 September 2014 and provided views on the issue and proposed solution. The Proposer is now taking these away for consideration and is likely to raise v2.0 of CP1414.
- CP1414 may have some interactions with DCP203, and is likely to also require an additional DCP, plus licence changes.
- V2.0 should be out at the beginning of November for consultation, running until end of November. Implementation of CP1414 v2.0 is targeted for June 2015.

MRA

4.11 The following update was given by the MRA representative:

4.12 The MRA Development Board (MDB) met on 28th August 2014 and approved the following changes:

- DTC CP3435 - Changes to the D0126 data flow - Asset Condition Clearance Report; and

- DTC CP 3433 - Improving Customer Communication via the D0302.
- 4.13 The Issues Resolution Expert Group (IREG) met on 10th September 2014 and discussed the following topics:
- SPF084 – The collection of Service Termination Point Information. Distributors see the roll out of Smart Meters as an opportunity to collect information regarding their equipment on site when they call. The group discussed the possibilities of creating a new Data Flow to enable the Meter Operator or the Distributor to collect the information when on site and pass it across. A further thought is for a flag to be held in the Electricity Central Online Enquire Service (ECOES) to state all of the information had been collected. The new Data Flow and the proposed governance and ECOES changes will be discussed at the next meeting in October.
 - MIF158 – Population of Available Supply Capacity (ASC) in ECOES – the group discussed how the ASC information could be identified and passed to Suppliers and ECOES. A number of options were discussed including changing the D0215b Data Flow or creating a new one. These will be further discussed at the next meeting.
 - MIF 162 – This was raised to discuss the option of adding a further code to the Asset Condition Clearance Report of “R” – Resolved, category code believed to be less serious than reported. This new code may help in identifying calls which have been made by the DNO and the Supplier may be charged for in the future. The drafting of this change will go out to the next MDB for Impact assessment period.

SEC

- 4.14 No update was given on the SEC.
- 4.15 The Change Board will next meet at the end of September.

DCMF

- 4.16 The Secretariat advised that the DCMF have not met since the last Panel meeting, the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 2 October 2014.
- 4.17 The DCMF MIG last met on Thursday, 11 September 2014. The primary focus of this meeting was the updating and progression of MIG Issues, and an update on the EDCM Review Group. The Review Group has met on three occasions, and has a plan to meet a total of six times. At the conclusion of this group, a report will be drafted to the DCMF MIG with recommendations for each of the issues that were discussed within that group.
- 4.18 The next meeting of the DCMF MIG is Thursday, 9 October 2014. The next meeting of the EDCM Review Group is Monday, 22 September 2014.

5 SIG HEADLINE REPORT (OPEN SESSION)

- 5.1 The Secretariat presented the headline report from the DCUSA Standing Issues Group (see Panel paper 099/03). The Panel noted the report.
- 5.2 PW raised the question of whether every Green Deal customer has to have a Meter Point Administration Number (MPAN), and was informed by the Panel that ‘yes’ this is the case.

6 DEROGATIONS UPDATE (OPEN SESSION)

- 6.1 The Panel noted the derogations update by Northern Powergrid (see Panel paper 099/04).
- 6.2 It was noted that the derogations process was proceeding as expected and final sign-off could be expected at the December Panel meeting.
- 6.3 DT took an action to contact Northern Powergrid and invite them to dial-in to the December Panel meeting for the final sign-off to occur.

ACTION 099/05: DT

7 DCUSA ACCESSION APPLICATION (OPEN SESSION)

- 7.1 The Panel reviewed the accession agreement by IRESA Ltd to accede to the DCUSA in the category of Supplier (see Panel Paper 099/12).
- 7.2 The Panel noted that the Market Domain ID on the application appeared to be incorrect. ElectraLink took an action to contact IRESA to ask for them to verify their Market Domain ID before the accession is considered at the Board meeting in October.
- 7.3 Subject to the confirmation, the Panel agreed to:
 - Instruct the Panel Secretary to notify each Party and the Authority of the Applicant's identity and the information which will form the Party details;
 - Instruct the Panel Secretary to prepare an Accession Agreement for the Applicant; and
 - Recommend that the Board executes the Accession Agreement on behalf of all Parties.

ACTION 099/06: ELECTRALINK

PART THREE – CHANGE ADMINISTRATION (OPEN SESSION)

8 INITIAL ASSESSMENTS (OPEN SESSION)

- 8.1 The Panel reviewed the following DCPs (see Panel paper 099/05):
 - DCP 216 'Amending the EDCM model format';
 - DCP 217 'Rate of Return'.
- 8.2 For DCP 216 the Panel agreed that the CP should be a Part 2 matter rather than a Part 1 matter, because it is an update of the model number and not a change of methodology.
Subject to this change, the Panel agreed to:
 - Accept the referral of the CP;
 - Treat the CP as a Standard change;
 - Progress the CP to the Definition Phase; and
 - Progress the CP in accordance with the timescales set out in section 3.2.

ACTION 099/07: ELECTRALINK

8.3 For DCP 217

The Panel agreed that further refinements to the CP are needed, with a potential amendment to the intent. Therefore, the CP was sent back to the proposer for amendments.

ACTION 099/08: ELECTRALINK

9 HOUSEKEEPING LOG (OPEN SESSION)

9.1 The Panel noted the Housekeeping log (see Panel paper 099/06). No changes were made to the log.

9.2 The Panel noted the current issue with the Change Report cycle is that when a legal text is sent to the DCUSA legal advisor, there is often not enough time to review the legal text that comes back from them before it is issued as part of the Change Report. On occasion insufficient checks are undertaken to check that Wragge's has understood the requirements of the CP and if Wragge's has made any changes to the legal text submitted to them, that there have been no consequential impacts, and the WG for the CP are satisfied with the legal changes made.

9.3 The Panel suggested that Wragge's needs to be given a contact in the WG for any queries they may have on the legal text submitted.

ACTION 099/09: ELECTRALINK

9.4 After Wragge's has returned the legal text to ElectraLink, the WG for the CP need to ensure that they take an appropriate amount of time to review the legal text.

9.5 With regards to DCP 207, it was noted that due to time constraints insufficient review of the legal text had occurred following receipt of the text from the DCUSA legal advisor. This resulted in an amendment to the legal text that Ofgem had requested not being included within the final version of the legal text which was issued for voting. It was agreed that this should be addressed through a house keeping change. JL will raise a change to the Housekeeping Log to include the review of the legal text by the WG. ElectraLink will send Ofgem's suggested legal text on raising a change to JL for inclusion into the housekeeping log.

ACTION 099/10: JL/ELECTRALINK

9.6 The Panel discussed the ownership of actions in the Housekeeping Log. JL offered to pick up the two new housekeeping log actions, as detailed in Panel paper 099/06.

ACTION 099/11: JL

10 CHANGE REPORT: DCP 189 (OPEN SESSION)

10.1 The Panel reviewed the Change Report for DCP 189 'Un-expired Capitalised O&M' and agreed that it should be returned to the Working Group for them to provide more evidence in reference to how the proposed change is making it more efficient to discharge the licence conditions, and also evidence that customers are currently being charged twice.

ACTION 099/12: ELECTRALINK

11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS (AOB) (OPEN SESSION)

Theft Risk Assessment Service (TRAS)

- 11.1 The Panel noted the Governance Principles for the Theft Risk Assessment Service (TRAS) Paper (see Panel paper 099/AOB).
- 11.2 PW made the comment that there is an assumption that the Supplier would pick up all TRAS costs, because they are the only ones that can make changes, and it needs to be made clear that this is the case.
- 11.3 The Panel recommended a minor change to the second bullet point for 2.1 in 'Section 2 – Change Management' for the inclusion of 'Any parties can comment on changes to this schedule', because party agents may have valid comments to make.
- 11.4 Subject to this amendment, the Panel agrees the governance principles and approves the way forward.

ACTION 099/13: ELECTRALINK

APPENDIX A: SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

NEW AND OPEN ACTIONS – OPEN SESSION

Action Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
092/12	Provide overview of clauses affected by DCPs out for voting.	ElectraLink	17 September 2014: Ongoing. ElectraLink is looking into options available, including software applications allowing users to 'check out' part of the document. ElectraLink reported that this would be an extremely arduous task. ElectraLink will contact Gus at Wragge's to investigate whether Wragges have a method of identifying overlapping legal text.
098/01	Contact the proposer of DCP 123 and the Chair of the DCP 169 Working Group to ascertain their opinion on Ofgem's recommendation to progress the solution proposed under DCP 123 within the DCP 169 change.	ElectraLink Ofgem	17 September 2014: The WG had mixed views on whether the two CPs should be treated separately or together. Therefore, the Panel decided that this action should be taken to the MIG for their opinion. The opinion of Ofgem would be sought in whether to treat the CPs collectively or separately.
098/04	Consider the update to the CP form provided in the DCP 196 change report should the DCP 196 change be approved.	All	On hold until it was at the CP stage.
098/06	Draft a letter to Nationwide Electricity to inform them of the continued suspension of their voting rights and due to their continued expulsion from the BSC.	ElectraLink	Ongoing. RT to draft a letter for circulation to Panel members.
098/08	Arrange for DCUSA Panel elections for the October DCUSA meeting	ElectraLink	17 September 2014: According to the procedure, an email will be sent to contract managers for nominations at the start of October (3 October), with a deadline of 10 WD. The nominations will be sent to DCUSA parties. Then parties have 10 WDs to vote. This will be sent out after the September meeting and in accordance with procedure, as 2014 is an even year,

			the contract managers are voting for 1 Supplier Member (and Reserve) and 1 DNO Member (and Reserve).
099/01	Feedback reason for rejection of DCP 133 being that there was insufficient evidence that the change was in the best interests of the customer or the network to the WG.	ElectraLink	
099/02	Publish the template for DCP 195A on the DCUSA website along with guidance for filling it in and circulate to relevant parties.	ElectraLink	
099/03	Amend the open session of the draft minutes for Panel Meeting 098.	ElectraLink	
099/04	Remove sections 5 Theft of Electricity and 6 Green Deal Arrangements Agreement (GDAA) from the Monitoring Log.	ElectraLink	
099/05	Contact Northern Powergrid and invite them to dial-in to the December Panel meeting for the final sign-off of the derogations updates.	Donna Townsend	
099/06	Contact IRESA Ltd to ask them to verify their Market Domain ID and once confirmed bring to the Board at the next meeting.	ElectraLink	
099/07	Progress DCP 216 to the Definition Phase and treat it as a standard charge in accordance with the timescales set out in section 3.2 of Panel paper 099/05.	ElectraLink	
099/08	Send DCP 217 back to the proposer for amendments.	ElectraLink	
099/09	When legal text is sent to the DCUSA legal advisor for review ensure that the advisor is provided with the	ElectraLink	

	contact details of a Working Group member for use if any questions arise.		
099/10	ElectraLink will send Ofgem's suggested legal text on raising a change to JL for inclusion into the Housekeeping Log. JL to raise a change to the Housekeeping Log to include the review of legal text produced by Wragge's by the relevant Working Group.	ElectraLink John Lawton	
099/11	Take ownership of the two new actions in the housekeeping log.	John Lawton	
099/12	Advise the WG for DCP 189 to provide more evidence to support the change.	ElectraLink	
099/13	Send the Public Facing Theft of Energy Code of Practice to the SIG for further clarification and recommend a joint Working Group is set up between the SIG and SPAA for updating the document.	ElectraLink	

ACTIONS AGREED CLOSED AT THE MEETING – OPEN SESSION

Action Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
093/15	Review situation of Nationwide Electricity at August Panel.	All	17 September 2014: Closed
095/05	Monitor upcoming Ofgem decision on Economy Power Limited.	ElectraLink	17 September 2014: Closed
097/12	Find out when the next Panel voting takes place and circulate with Panel members.	ElectraLink	17 September 2014: Closed

098/02	Amend the Change Register taking into account the Panel's comments	ElectraLink	17 September 2014: Closed
098/03	Draft an e-mail to all charging methodology Working Groups to advise Working Groups to ensure that the change solution presented in their final report sufficiently demonstrates that it is better than the solution already in place under DCUSA.	ElectraLink	17 September 2014: Closed. It was sent out to all groups because it was decided that all groups would be impacted by the change. A sense check would need to occur at the change report process stage.
098/05	Amend the open session of the draft minutes for Panel Meeting 097	ElectraLink	17 September 2014: Closed
098/07	Determine the status of Economy Power Limited's electricity supply licence	Amanda Rooney	17 September 2014: Closed
098/09	Send a request to the DCUSA Smart Working Issues Group (SWIG) Chair for quarterly updates	ElectraLink	17 September 2014: Closed
098/10	Issue amended DCP 137 to Parties for voting	ElectraLink	17 September 2014: Closed
098/11	Issue amended DCP 161 to Parties for voting	ElectraLink	17 September 2014: Closed
098/12	Issue DCP 162 to Parties for voting	ElectraLink	17 September 2014: Closed
098/13	Issue DCP 167 to Parties for voting	ElectraLink	17 September 2014: Closed
098/14	Issue DCP 179 to Parties for voting	ElectraLink	17 September 2014: Closed
098/15	Issue amended DCP 196 to Parties for voting	ElectraLink	17 September 2014: Closed
098/16	Issue DCP 200 to Parties for voting	ElectraLink	17 September 2014: Closed
098/17	Issue DCP 215 to Parties for voting	ElectraLink	17 September 2014: Closed

APPENDIX B: DCUSA OPERATIONAL PLAN 2013/2014**ACTIVE PROJECTS (ALL AMENDMENTS IN THIS MONTH ARE SHOWN IN BLUE)**

No	Task	Status
1	Change Process Review	<p>Review of the DCUSA Change Process, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Amendments to the Intent of a CP -Amending the status of an Urgent CP to a Standard CP -Working Group attendance -Responses to Consultations -Timetables of Working Groups -Teleconferences as an alternative to Working Groups -Ofgem Code of Practice. <p>April 2012 - Meeting following the Panel, to commence the review. A consultation issued to DCUSA Contract Managers seeking views on the current Change Process.</p> <p>May 2012 - Panel reviewed and updated the consultation document for approval ex committee. Panel Working Group subsequently reviewed the consultation responses.</p> <p>October 2012 - The Panel Working Group reviewed potential amendments to the process, along with relevant points from Ofgem's Code Governance Review Phase 2 consultation.</p> <p>December 2012 – Panel reviewed the action log presented by ElectraLink. Ofgem's Code of Governance Review Phase 2 consultation closed. Responses, including the contribution provided by the Panel, are available on the Ofgem website.</p> <p>January 2013 – Panel reviewed updated the Working Group Terms of Reference. Other actions ongoing.</p> <p>February 2013 – Panel reviewed the draft guidance for Working Group chairs and Working Groups. Other actions are ongoing.</p> <p>March 2013 –Panel reviewed the updated CP form. The Panel decided to put Action 27 “CDCM and EDCM deadline” on hold until it has is clear if DCP 164 “Review of the change process for Use of System methodology changes” sufficiently addresses the issue</p> <p>April 2013 - The Panel agreed to put Actions 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 21, which reference Ofgem's Code Governance Review, on hold and review after DCP 170 has concluded. The Panel agreed on the CP form provided as part of the meeting papers and agreed to close Actions 2 and 12.</p> <p>July 2013 - Panel agreed to close Actions 5, 6, 7 and 30. Actions 14, 15 and 19 (the two latter to be progressed in one CP) are to remain on hold awaiting the outcome of DCP 170. The Panel furthermore agreed to raise a CP for Action 29 and consult DCUSA Parties on the options for the DCUSA document structure and a rolling pre-release.</p>

		<p>September/October 2013 – A paper on the Change Process Review summarising the current status and next steps was discussed in the Closed Session.</p> <p>December 2013 – DCUSA Change Proposals 193 ‘Panel Editing Change Reports’, 194 ‘Panel sending back Change Reports’ and 196 ‘Panel Ability To Refer A Change Proposal to the DCUSA Standing Issues Group For Pre-Assessment’ have been raised as part of the Change Process Review.</p> <p>March 2014 – Panel to revisit Change Process Review next month. Three CPs have been raised (see above), while CPs on ‘Progression of dormant Change Proposals’ and ‘Clarity on the required content of a Change Proposal’ are to follow.</p> <p>April 2014 – Change Process Review included in the Closed Session of the Panel agenda.</p> <p>May 2014 – An update was discussed in the Closed Session of the Panel meeting. The majority of actions are completed at this stage.</p>
2	Smart Grids and Metering	<p>Item to capture various developments that could result in DCUSA changes as also monitored by the DCUSA Smart Working Issues Group (SWIG), merging previous Operational Plan items (July 2013). Those included: Promoting Smarter Energy Markets consultation (deadline 07 March 2012), projects financed by the Low Carbon Network Fund (LNCN) consultations in relation to smart metering (e.g. Review of Metering Arrangements - Decision and Consultation on Transition to Smart Meters) as well as DECC Regulation Working Group established to look at consequential impacts on existing industry codes. Going forward, smart settlement and the change of supplier process around smart meters are expected to become main themes.</p> <p>March 2012 - Interoperability workshop convened 20 March 2012. Different set ups of hardware and communications were demonstrated.</p> <p>September 2012 - DCUSA Smart Working Issues Group (SWIG) meeting on the 28 September 2012.</p> <p>October 2012 – SWIG had met and was not likely to convene again until the SEC consultation had been published.</p> <p>November 2012 – With more information on the Smart Energy Code being available through the DECC consultation; another meeting of the DCUSA SWIG is to be convened.</p> <p>December 2012 – Government responses to various consultations published. No impact foreseen on DCUSA at current.</p> <p>January 2013 – Smart Energy Code (SEC) stage 1 legal drafting had been published. Consultation closed on 7 January 2013. DCUSA Smart Working Issues Group (SWIG) is discussing the necessary changes to the DCUSA.</p> <p>February 2013 – CA and the Ofgem representative advised the RIIO DNO policy is to be published next months. Some of the issues in relation to smart grids and metering might also impact DCUSA (e.g. in relation to socialising of costs). Ofgem representative stated that a Working Group is set up and will meet in March. CA pointed out that DNOs and suppliers being obliged to join the Smart Energy Code (SEC) will most likely not impact DCUSA. There might also be a DECC letter to I&C Parties. The Panel decided to wait for the DECC decision, which is likely to be due by the end of March.</p> <p>April 2013 – CA advised of DECC meeting on 16 April 2013 on Smart Energy Code (SEC). While no impact on DCUSA is expected, CA</p>

		<p>pointed out that there have been some concerns about the process as proposed. GS advised of the meeting of Working Group (WG) 4 on 22 April 2013, with an update to be provided to the next Panel. CA pointed to a planned meeting of the DCUSA Smart Working Issues Group (SWIG) following the WG4 meeting.</p> <p>May 2013 - The Smart Energy Code (SEC) has been issued for consultation. SP advised that if a party was signing up to the SEC by power of attorney the accession documentation had to be in by the 22 July 2013. The drafting of the SEC is to be reviewed by the end of May and the SEC will be issued a month before the SEC designation. AB advised that smart meter rolls out have been postponed.</p> <p>June 2013 – Next DCUSA SWIG meeting to take place on 2 July 2013.</p> <p>July 2013 – Smart Operational Plan activities merged into one item.</p> <p>August 2013 – Next DCUSA SWIG meeting to be held on 9 September 2013.</p> <p>September 2013 – Next DCUSA SWIG meeting to be held on 2 October 2013. Designation of the Smart Energy Code (SEC) had been delayed but was expected to be completed by the end of the month</p> <p>October 2013 – DNOs received first request for registration data for DCC testing. A new charging methodology would need to be decided by DNOs and Suppliers by December.</p> <p>November 2013 – Open question on whether DNOs need to appoint registration data agent identified.</p> <p>December 2013 – Some discussion on whether the Data Transfer Network (DTN) rather than the new interface could be used have taken place.</p> <p>March 2014 – Secretariat to inquire with Chair of DCUSA SWIG whether there is currently a need for another meeting.</p> <p>April 2014 – SWIG Chair advised that there is no need for a SWIG meeting in the foreseeable future, as the group is awaiting information from the DECC programme on consequential amendments. The SWIG is dependent on the outcome of work in other forums (e.g. the ongoing status of the BSC Codes of Practice for metering).</p>
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MONITORING ACTIVITIES

No	Task	Status	Owner	Outlook date
1	Distributed Generation	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),	Panel (CA)	Ongoing

		<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>		
2	Electricity distribution price control review RIIO-ED1	<p>Monitor impact of RIIO-ED1 on DCUSA (July 2013)</p> <p>October 2013 – Ofgem ‘Consultation on the timing of a decision on electricity distribution networks’ revenue for 2015-16’ open until 4 November 2013.</p> <p>November 2013 – Ofgem assessment RIIO-ED1 business plans due on 22 November 2013. Ofgem response on ‘Consultation on the timing of a decision on electricity distribution networks’ revenue for 2015-16’ to be published in December.</p> <p>February 2014 – There will be a consultation on licence changes in relation to RIIO-ED1 but this is currently still in an early stage of preparation.</p> <p>March 2014 – Consultation on licence changes is not out yet, but expected for March.</p> <p>April 2014 – The Open letter consultation on revised RIIO-ED1 business plans was issued on 31 March 2014 and will close on 12 May 2014.</p> <p>June 2014 - It was highlighted that there would be a consequential licence change which would require the publication of tariffs to occur only in April, and if DCP 178 is not implemented on 1 April 2015, consequential change will be required.</p> <p>September 2014 – DCP 217 ‘Rate of Return’ will be discussed at the September Panel meeting.</p>	Panel	Ongoing
3	EU 3rd Package European Network 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>	Panel	Ongoing

		<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> <p>January 2013 – Impact on National Terms of Connection to be analysed once requirements for generators are known.</p> <p>June 2013 – National Grid Presentation on GB Implementation</p> <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>		
4	Demand side response	The Panel is to keep up to date with any developments under Work Stream 6.	Panel	Ongoing

		<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> <p>April 2014 – The first meeting of the DCP 204 Working Group took place on 15 April 2014.</p>		
5	Licence Lite Application – Implications for DCUSA	<p>Minor changes to the DCUSA needed to make clauses on licence exempt suppliers applicable to Licence Lite (LL) suppliers. Panel to monitor whether changes to other Codes might require further consequential changes.</p> <p>September 2013 - Ofgem to meet with Code Administrators on 3 October 2013.</p> <p>October 2013 – Ofgem asked for some clarifications in regards to</p>	Panel	

		<p>Panel letter submitted</p> <p>November 2013 – ElectraLink to confirm that all questions/ clarifications have been answered.</p> <p>December 2013 – Ofgem confirmed that all clarifications had been received.</p> <p>January 2014 – No update at this stage. Ofgem advised that it is likely to come back to the Panel in the future.</p> <p>March 2014 – There will be a meeting w/c 24 March 2014; no updates expected for the near future.</p> <p>September 2014 – Ofgem will be holding a consultation in October 2014 regarding the use of Licence Lite, whereby third parties apply for licences on behalf of companies that broker electricity but don't wanted to be involved with Codes.</p>		
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