

Minutes

Meeting Name	DCUSA Panel
Meeting Number	095
Date	Wednesday, 21 May 2014
Time	10:00am
Location	ElectraLink, Ground Floor, Grafton House, 2-3 Golden Square, W1F 9HR London

Attendee	Representing / Company
Donna Townsend [DT] (Chair)	Panel Member
Amanda Rooney [AR]	Ofgem
Andrew Bard [AB]	MRASCo
Claire Hynes [CH]	ElectraLink
Delveer Johal [DJ]	ElectraLink
Glenn Sheern [GS]	Panel Member
John Lawton [JL]	Panel Member
Jon Spence [JS]	ELEXON
Kevin Woollard [KW]	Panel Member
Lorna Mallon [LM] (teleconference)	Panel Member (Alternate)
Michael Walls [MW]	ElectraLink
Peter Waymont [PW]	Panel Member
Roz Timperley [RT]	ElectraLink
Sasha Pearce [SP] (teleconference)	Panel Member (Alternate)
Tony Savka (Change Register Update only, teleconference)	Electricity North West
Verena Leckebusch [VL] (Secretariat)	ElectraLink

OPEN SESSION – GENERAL BUSINESS

1 CHANGE REGISTER: STATUS UPDATES

- 1.1 The Panel noted the Change Register update and key points as highlighted in Panel paper 095/01.
- 1.2 Further to Panel paper 095/01, the Secretariat advised that DCUSA Change Proposal (DCP) 194 ‘Panel Sending Back Change Reports’ had been approved by the Authority.
- 1.3 The Panel approved the extensions to the Change Proposal Assessment Processes as listed in Panel paper 095/01.
- 1.4 A Panel member inquired whether it would be preferable to introduce a status of “on hold” for Change Proposals (CPs) that await the outcome of other changes. This way, the working groups could be disbanded and reconvened rather than the Panel continuously approving the extension of the assessment process without having any anticipated dates available. Panel members pointed out that the DCUSA Change Process was not drafted in this way and that DCP 210 ‘The Assessment Timetable’ (see Section 9 below) would provide an opportunity for Parties to look into these issues.

2 ADMINISTRATION

- 2.1 Apologies were received from Sue Calvert (Northern Powergrid) for the Change Register Update session and Rob Wilson (National Grid).
- 2.2 The minutes of the last meeting were approved subject to amendments. ElectraLink took the action to update the minutes.

ACTION 095/01: ElectraLink

- 2.3 The Panel reviewed the open actions. Updates on all actions are set out in Appendix A.
- 2.4 The Chair informed the Panel that Verena Leckebusch would be leaving ElectraLink and therefore would cease to act as Panel Secretariat. She thanked her for her contributions.

3 DCUSA OPERATIONAL PLAN

- 3.1 The Panel reviewed the DCUSA Operational Plan (see Appendix B).

4 UPDATES FROM INDUSTRY WORKING GROUPS/ CODES

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.

Balance and Settlement Code (BSC)

- 4.2 The BSC representative gave the following update:
 - *P300 ‘Introduction of new Measurement Classes to support Half Hourly DCUSA Tariff Changes (DCP179)’*: P300 was issued for impact assessment on 12 May 2014

with responses due by 2 June 2014. The next meeting of the Workgroup will be held on 9 June 2014.

- *Issue 51 'Third Party Access and Multiple MOAs'*: The second Issue Group meeting was to be held on 22 May 2014 with the aim of finalising the guidance document and closing off the issue. If closed at this meeting, the issue is to be submitted to the July BSC Panel.
- *CP 1414 'Combining LDSO and Embedded LDSOs UMS Inventories on to single LDSO MSID'*: The Change Proposal was to be published on the website that day and will be presented to the Supplier Volume Allocation Group (SVG) for comment on 3 June 2014 before being issued for consultation. The CP is to go to the August SVG meeting. Proposed implementation date is 6 November 2014.

4.3 The BSC representative advised that the Profiling and Settlement Review Group (PSRG) is to look from a different angle at issues discussed by DCP 204 'Smart Metering Related Amendments to Schedule 8', e.g. whether changes to the central system will be necessary. A consultation is currently reviewed by the PSRG and will go out in the next weeks.

Master Registration Agreement (MRA)

4.4 The following update was given by the MRA representative:

- The MRA Development Board (MDB) met on 14 May 2014. There were a couple of changes of interest for DCUSA Parties. This includes Data Transfer Catalogue (DTC) CP 3411 'Notification of Appointment Agreed With Customer' and DTC CP 3422 'Notification of Agreed or Cancelled Appointment With Customer (DTC CP 3411 Alternate)'. DTC CP 3411 was withdrawn and DTC CP 3422 rejected. The minutes of the meeting are to be published and the appeal window is open. A Panel member advised that there was the intention for an appeal to be raised.
- The next MDB meeting will be held on 29 May 2014. Its agenda includes a CP to withdraw the Disconnection working practice, given the new procedure in place and DTC changes in June.

Ofgem

4.5 The following EU Update was circulated to the Panel:

- *Transmission Charges*: On 15 April 2014, ACER published an opinion on the appropriate range of transmission charges paid by electricity producers. The opinion proposes, in line with the relevant EU Regulation (838/2010), that energy-based generation charges (annual average transmission charges paid by electricity producers) are set to 0 euros/MWh except for recovering the costs of system losses and the costs related to ancillary services. The opinion also proposes that no restrictions are necessary on power-based generation charges and on lump-sum

generation charges, provided they are cost-reflective and provide appropriate and harmonised locational signals for efficient investments in generation. The opinion recommends applying the ranges for four years starting from 1 January 2015, with a possibility of a transitional period of up to 2 years. ACER's opinion is available here:

http://www.acer.europa.eu/Official_documents/Acts_of_the_Agency/Opinions/Pages/default.aspx

- *ACER 2015 Work Programme*: On 25 April 2014, ACER invited stakeholder input to its draft 2015 work programme. The programme will be presented at a stakeholder workshop organised on 4 June 2014 in Ljubljana. More information on the workshop is here: <http://www.acer.europa.eu/Media/Events/Presentation-of-ACERs-2015-draft-Work-Programme-/default.aspx>
- *Consultation 'Energy Regulation: A Bridge to 2025'*: On 29 April 2014, ACER launched a public consultation on identifying the challenges Europe's energy markets will face in the coming decade and regulatory responses for the period 2014-2025. The consultation, called Energy Regulation: A Bridge to 2025, is available here: http://www.acer.europa.eu/Official_documents/Public_consultations/Pages/PC_2014_O_01.aspx and closes on 16 June 2014
- *REMIT roundtable*: ACER is organising a roundtable meeting for the stakeholder group of associations of energy market participants on REMIT implementation on 21-22 May in Ljubljana. The main topics to be discussed during the workshop are non-standard contract reporting and the Trade Reporting User Manual (TRUM); registration of reporting entities; and criteria for the submission of data. More information here: <http://www.acer.europa.eu/remit/REMITATACER/Roundtable/Pages/default.aspx>

- 4.6 The Ofgem representative further advised that Ofgem had granted a designation for Franck Latrémolière of Reckon LLP to raise a modification proposal entitled 'Enhance transparency of DCUSA change management' in accordance with the DCUSA modification rules.

Smart Energy Code (SEC)

- 4.7 The MRA representative confirmed the Panel's understanding that the SEC presentation at the last DCUSA Panel meeting was a first introduction and that the designated SEC representative would be in contact whenever an update is available.

Distribution Charging Methodology Forum (DCMF)

- 4.8 The Secretariat explained that the DCMF has not met since the last Panel and the next meeting is scheduled for 5 June 2014.

- 4.9 It was noted that the DCMF Methodologies Issue Group (MIG) last met on 8 May 2014. At the meeting it was agreed to set up an Extra High Voltage Distribution Charging Methodology (EDCM) Review Group. This group will analyse the effects of the EDCM and whether it is delivering against its objectives; currently the Terms of Reference (ToR) are being drafted, with an invitation to be issued shortly for an expected first meeting in late June 2014.
- 4.10 It was highlighted that at the last DCMF MIG an IDNO Issues presentation was given which explained a number of issues, and it is likely that a number of CPs will be coming through to the DCUSA Change Process within the next couple of months to address them.
- 4.11 In regards to the IDNO issues discussed at the MIG meeting, the Chair took the action to write to the proposer of the upcoming CPs in order to ask for some consideration to be given to dependencies between the different CPs and the impact on the DCUSA Change Process and resources available.

ACTION 095/02: DT

- 4.12 The Secretariat stated that the next MIG meeting will take place on 12 June 2014.

5 SIG HEADLINE REPORT

- 5.1 The Secretariat presented the headline report from the DCUSA Standing Issues Group (SIG) meeting on 25 April 2014 (see Panel paper 095/02). The Panel noted the report.
- 5.2 Further to Panel paper 095/02, the Secretariat reminded members to respond to DIF 037 'The Case For Providing A Means To Ensure Safe Temporary Isolation In Domestic And Similar Premises' Request for Information (RFI) which closes on 6 June 2014.
- 5.3 The Secretariat advised that the next SIG meeting will take place on 30 May 2014.

6 COMPETITION LAWS DOS AND DON'TS

- 6.1 The Panel noted the legal advice received in relation to whether the "Competition Law Do's and Don'ts" document shall reference 'competitors' or 'parties' (see Panel paper 095/03).
- 6.2 A Panel member inquired whether the reference to 'parties' instead of 'Parties' was intentional, so the term would apply to a wider group than just DCUSA Parties. Other Panel members confirmed this was the case.
- 6.3 The Panel agreed the updated guidance and instructed ElectraLink in line with Action 093/08 (see Appendix A) to circulate the updated document for the next meetings.

7 DEROGATIONS UPDATE: NORTHERN POWERGRID

- 7.1 The Panel noted the derogations update by Northern Powergrid and the responses to the Panel's previous questions (see Panel paper 095/04).
- 7.2 The Panel agreed that all questions had been satisfactorily answered and that they were happy to progress with the monthly reports.

- 7.3 The Chair advised that Northern Powergrid had offered to attend in person to present the report or answer questions, if the Panel wished for this. The Panel agreed that this would not be necessary at this stage. Should any concerns arise at some point, they would approach Northern Powergrid and ask them to dial into the meeting. The Chair took the action to feed this back to Northern Powergrid.

ACTION 095/03: DT

8 ACCESSION APPLICATION

- 8.1 The Panel reviewed the accession application by Effortless Energy to accede to the DCUSA in the category of Supplier (see Panel paper 095/05).
- 8.2 The Panel asked to inquire with Effortless Energy whether the Market Domain ID 'EFLS' was the preliminary ID the Party had applied for and confirm with the Secretariat once the final MPID was received.
- 8.3 Subject to the confirmation, the Panel agreed to:
- Approve the accession application;
 - Instruct the Secretariat 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 Agreements on behalf of all Parties.

ACTION 095/04: ElectraLink

- 8.4 The Secretariat furthermore pointed the Panel to a notification by Ofgem that Ofgem was minded to revoke the licence of Economy Power Limited, a Party to the DCUSA. Once Ofgem revokes the licence, the accession might need to be withdrawn. The Panel instructed the Secretariat to monitor the developments.

ACTION 095/05: ElectraLink

9 INITIAL ASSESSMENTS: DCP 208, 209 AND 210

- 9.1 The Panel reviewed the following DCPs:
- DCP 208 'Non-veto of derogations';
 - DCP 209 'Resolving Unregistered Customers'; and
 - DCP 210 'The Assessment Timetable'.
- 9.2 On DCP 208, the Ofgem representative confirmed that Ofgem was happy with the CP having been raised, given Ofgem had encouraged such an amendment to the DCUSA.
- 9.3 The proposer explained his reasons for classifying DCP 208 as a Part 2 matter, given that none of the criteria for a Part 1 matter seems to apply. The Ofgem representative advised that they had not yet submitted the CP to legal advice. Should Ofgem object

to the classification as a Part 2 matter this would be communicated in due course and could be addressed within the DCUSA Change Process.

- 9.4 On DCP 209, Panel members pointed out that no legal text had been provided. The Secretariat explained that the SIG had discussed the issue previously and that in response to its query for legal advice the Panel had advised the issue would need to be raised as a CP first. A Panel member pointed out that the CP form considers the CP to have a potential environmental impact and that a consultant might need to be employed for the environmental impact analysis. The Panel noted that legal text and whether or not the CP will have an environmental impact will need to be discussed and agreed by the Working Group.
- 9.5 A Panel member pointed out that DCP 209 had been discussed by the SIG previously; therefore the documented SIG discussions should have been attached to the CP. The Secretariat inquired after which documentation should have been included, given the issue had been discussed by the SIG since 2012. The Panel instructed the Secretariat to stipulate in the DCP 209 Working Group Terms Of Reference (ToR) that all members consider the documentation of the SIG discussions in order not to repeat work already conducted by the SIG.

ACTION 095/06: ElectraLink

- 9.6 The MRA representative inquired whether the MRA could be included in the Working Group as well given it relates to registration issues. The Panel instructed the Secretariat to include the MRA in the working group invitation letter.

ACTION 095/07: ElectraLink

- 9.7 On DCP 210, a Panel member inquired whether the Change Proposal could not go straight to Report Phase. The proposer advised that there were some options for the solution which it might be worth seeking Parties' views on beforehand.

- 9.8 The Panel agreed to:

- Accept the referral of the CPs;
- Treat each of the CP as a standard change;
- Treat DCP 208 as a Part 2 matter and DCP 209 and 210 as Part 1 matters;
- Progress DCP 208 to Report Phase and DCP 209 and 210 to Definition Phase; and
- Progress the DCPs in accordance with the timelines identified in Panel paper 095/06.

ACTION 095/08: ElectraLink

- 9.9 The Secretariat advised that it had received the previous evening an urgent Change Proposal, DCP 211 'Enhance transparency of DCUSA change management'. As urgent CPs are to be considered by the Panel within 5 Working Days of the CP's submission the Secretariat inquired whether the Panel would be willing to consider the Change Proposal at the meeting.
- 9.10 The Ofgem representative advised that Franck Latrémolière had been granted permission to raise the CP (see Section 4.6 above). While for CPs affecting Charging

Methodologies a proposer from a non-DCUSA Party needs to prove a material impact, this does not extend to standard CPs; the designation follows due process as laid out in the DCUSA. She highlighted that the review of the content and classification of the CP would need to be undertaken as part of the DCUSA Change Process and were not been part of the Ofgem designation.

9.11 A Panel member highlighted that a new DCUSA website is currently undergoing testing. The proposer of DCP 211 had been a member of the Website User Group that developed the requirements for the new website. The new website could potentially address several of the concerns highlighted by the CP.

9.12 In order to allow Panel members sufficient time to review the CP, the Panel agreed to hold an extra-ordinary meeting the same week to discuss the CP.

Post-meeting note: An extraordinary meeting on DCP 211 was held by teleconference on 23 May 2014. See <http://www.dcusa.co.uk/Extranet/Meeting.aspx?id=1263>.

10 DCP 179 - SCOPE

10.1 Following on from the discussions at the previous Panel meeting, the Secretariat submitted the formal request by the DCP 179 'Amending the CDCM tariff structure' Working Group (see Panel paper 095/07) to reduce its focus so that DCP 160 'Non-Half Hourly (NHH) Notional Capacity' and DCP 165 'Voltage Level Approach to Unit Charges in the CDCM' are no longer addressed within the scope of DCP 179. This is related to Ofgem's request to speed up the deliberation of DCP 179.

10.2 Panel members inquired as to what is to happen to the other two Working Groups for the time being. As the three Working Group consist basically out of the same people and focus will be on DCP 179, it was considered likely that the two Working Groups will only resume their work once DCP 179 has been completed.

10.3 The Panel inquired whether a new model will need to be developed for DCP 179 only. The Secretariat advised that a model had already been prepared in order to demonstrate that DCP 179 on its own would be possible.

10.4 The Panel approved the proposed change to the scope of DCP 179.

ACTION 095/09: ElectraLink

11 DCP 198 – SCOPE AND INTENT

11.1 The Secretariat presented a request by the DCP 198 Working Group to include changes to the EDCM within its scope and intent (see Panel paper 095/08).

11.2 The Panel pointed out that in line with previous decisions by the Panel, the intent of a CP is not to be changed unless it is a natural extension of the original intent. This is to ensure that everyone interested and affected by a change can join the Working Group and be heard as part of change process. In a case such as the DCP 198 Working Group, the CP is either to be withdrawn and re-submitted or to be accompanied by a new CP.

11.3 The Secretariat took the action to feed back the Panel comments to the DCP 198 Working Group.

ACTION 095/10: ElectraLink

12 HOUSEKEEPING LOG

12.1 The Panel noted the Housekeeping Amendments log (see Panel paper 095/09).

13 AOB

13.1 The Secretariat advised that within the discussions of the DCP 179 Working Group, a question as to the Annual Review Pack (ARP) had emerged, namely whether an updated version is to be included whenever a Charging methodology change affects the ARP.

13.2 The Panel was of the general opinion that if the documentation would help Parties to understand the impact of the changes, it should be included. However, the Panel agreed that the issue needed more time for Panel members to consider the matter. The Panel inquired as to the timeline the DCP 179 Working Group would need the answer by. The Secretariat advised that the discussion had come up as part of the Working Group's deliberation but would need no urgent reply. The Panel agreed to look into the matter and feedback via the Secretariat.

ACTION 095/11: All

14 DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

14.1 The next Panel meeting will convene at 10:00am on 18 June 2014 at ElectraLink, 2 - 3 Golden Square, Ground Floor, Grafton House, London, W1F 9HR.

APPENDIX A: SUMMARY OF ACTIONS**NEW AND OPEN ACTIONS – OPEN SESSION**

Action Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
077/01	Ensure consistency in Panel responses to related consultations on license changes, EU Third Energy Package	All	Ongoing.
078/01	Provide updates to the Panel on commercial implications, requirements for generation and impacts on individual customers, relating to the Demand Connection Code as soon as such developments arise	National Grid	Ongoing.
092/01	Determine the de facto timelines for different types of Change Proposals	ElectraLink	Ongoing. Research into this is currently conducted and the outcome will be brought to the next Panel.
092/12	Provide overview of clauses affected by DCPs out for voting	ElectraLink	Ongoing. ElectraLink is looking into options available, including software applications allowing to 'check out' a part of the document.
093/15	Review situation of Nationwide Electricity at August Panel	All	Due in August.
094/05	Contact Chris Allanson on issue identified by Housekeeping Amendment No. 65 to be included in DEH presentation pack	John Lawton	Ongoing. Awaiting outcome of further discussions. Update to be given once available.
095/01	Update minutes for meeting 094	ElectraLink	
095/02	Ask proposer of upcoming IDNO-related Charging Methodology changes for some consideration to be given to dependencies and wider impact of the CPs on resources available	Donna Townsend	

095/03	Feedback Panel comments on derogation update to Northern Powergrid	Donna Townsend	
095/04	Confirm with Effortless Energy status of their MPID and draft an accession agreement	ElectraLink	
095/05	Monitor upcoming Ofgem decision on Economy Power Limited	ElectraLink	
095/06	Stipulate in the DCP 209 Working Group Terms Of Reference (ToR) that all members consider the documentation of the SIG discussions in order not to repeat work conducted by the SIG	ElectraLink	
095/07	Include MRA in Working Group invitation letter for DCP 209	ElectraLink	
095/08	Progress DCP 208 to Report Phase and DCP 209 and 210 to Definition Phase	ElectraLink	
095/09	Feedback Panel decision on scope of DCP 179 to Working Group	ElectraLink	
095/10	Feedback Panel decision on scope and intent of DCP 198 to Working Group	ElectraLink	
095/11	Consider whether updated ARP is to be attached to Charging Methodology CPs and feedback to Secretariat	All	

ACTIONS AGREED CLOSED AT THE MEETING – OPEN SESSION

Action Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
093/07	Check with legal advisor whether “Competitor” is to be replaced by “Party” in the Competition Law “Dos and Don’ts” and feedback to Panel	Peter Waymont	Complete. See Section 6 of these minutes.

093/08	Update internal procedures for the Competition Law “Dos and Don’ts” to be referred to at every Working Group meeting, once finalised	ElectraLink	Complete. Action was dependent on 093/07.
094/01	Feedback Panel comments on DCP 179 to Ofgem and Working Group; ensure that going forward due process is followed	Ofgem, ElectraLink	Complete. See also Section 10 of these minutes.
094/02	Write back to Northern Powergrid and ask for further clarification on the project deadlines related to their derogation request	Donna Townsend	Complete. See also Section 7 of these minutes.
094/03	Progress DCP 207 to Definition Phase	ElectraLink	Complete.
094/04	Refer issue identified by Housekeeping Amendment No.57 to DCP 182 Working Group	ElectraLink	Complete. Issue was included in the agenda for the next Working Group meeting.
094/06	Inform proposer of Change Proposal for Housekeeping Amendments No. 66, 72 and 73 to include No. 77	ElectraLink	Complete.
094/07	Update Housekeeping Amendments log	ElectraLink	Complete.

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)</p>

		<p>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 is 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</p>

	<p>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 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	<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>	Panel (CA)	Ongoing
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>	Panel	Ongoing
3	EU 3rd Package European Network Code Development	<p>Industry Working Group (led by BSC / CUSC) to determine impact on industry. Ofgem/IDNO & DNO meeting 23 July to discuss impact of the wider industry. PW to circulate note to DNOs and Distributors</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</p>	Panel	Ongoing

		<p>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	<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>	Panel	Ongoing

		<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	Theft of electricity	<p>Ofgem consultation on tackling electricity theft was issued on 3 July 2013, with feedback to be provided by 28 August 2013</p> <p>September 2013 – Ofgem consultation closed, with 20 detailed responses having been received. Responses and conclusions to be published in due course.</p> <p>October 2013 – Revenue Protection Code of Practice to be implemented with next DCUSA Release on 7 November 2013.</p> <p>November 2013 – Revenue Protection Code of Practice implemented.</p> <p>December 2013 – Joint meeting between DCUSA Panel, SPAA Executive Committee and Ofgem on theft Risk Assessment Service (TRAS) to take place on 9 January 2014. DCUSA Standing Issues Group is furthermore debating theft-related issues and there are discussions on theft in relation to RIIO-ED1.</p> <p>January 2014 – Joint meeting took place. A consultation will be issued, outcome will be known the end of February.</p> <p>February 2014 – An Ofgem consultation on licence conditions changes will be issued within the next two weeks.</p> <p>March 2014 – Ofgem consultation will close in April. DCUSA SIG discussed options how to publish the Revenue Code of Protection, with CP to be raised.</p> <p>May 2014 – A new Change Proposal related to theft of electricity, DCP 209, has been raised.</p>		

6	Green Deal Arrangements Agreement (GDAA)	Information on issues of DCUSA interest coming up in the GDAA Panel Technical Sub-Committee (PTSC)	Andrew Bard	
7	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 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>	Panel	