DCUSA Panel Meeting 184 (Open Session)

20 October 2021 at 10:00am

Meeting held via Microsoft Teams

Attendee	Role	Company
Panel Members		
Peter Waymont [PW]	Panel Member	DCUSA Ltd
Vicky Bell [VB]	Panel Member	DCUSA Ltd
Karl Maryon [KM]	Alternate Panel Member	DCUSA Ltd
Simon Yeo [SY]	Panel Member [Chair]	DCUSA Ltd
Simon Vicary [SV]	Panel Member	DCUSA Ltd
Kevin Woollard [KW]	Panel Member	DCUSA Ltd
Tim Ellingham [TE]	Panel Member	DCUSA Ltd
Observers		
Nadir Hafeez [NH]	Observer	Ofgem
Mark Desouza Wilson [MDW]	Observer	BSC
Code Administrator		
Dylan Townsend [DYT]	Technical Secretariat	ElectraLink Ltd
Angelo Fitzhenry [AF]	Secretariat	ElectraLink Ltd
Richard Colwill [RC]	Secretariat	ElectraLink Ltd

Part One: General (Open Session)

1. Administration

1.1 The Chair welcomed all attendees to the meeting.

1.2 The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed, and it was agreed they were an accurate representation of the meeting.

1.3 The Panel reviewed the open actions and updates on all actions are set out in Appendix A.

2. Updates from Industry Codes

Balancing & Settlement Code (BSC)

2.1 MDW presented a brief verbal BSC update.

- P423 'Market-wide Half Hourly Settlement (MHHS) Implementation and Governance Arrangements' was approved by the Authority on 30 September 2021 and was implemented on 7 October 2021.
- Following the recent Market-wide Half-Hourly Settlement (MHHS) request for constituency representative nominations for the Level 2 and Level 3 Programme governance groups, Elexon are now in the process of formally setting up the groups.
- CP1546 'Introducing DTC flows to transfer UMS Summary Inventories and Control files' has been approved for implementation. It was noted that CP1546 introduces two new mandatory data flows to be sent over the Data Transfer Service (DTS). The two data flows would be a combined Summary Inventory and Central Management System (CMS) Control File, sent from the UMSO to MA, and a UMS Response which would be sent from the MA to the UMSO to confirm successful processing or rejection.
- A change is due to be made to the SSAI014 data flow at the beginning of November.

Ofgem

2.2 NH provided an update on DCPs with Ofgem for decision, during which the following was noted:

- The Authority recently issued their decision to approve DCP 393;
- The Authority expects to make a decision on DCP 375 by 29 October;
- DCPs 297, 313 and 343 remain deprioritised; and
- DCPs 340 and 349 were 'Sent Back' by the Authority and should be with the Panel to ensure the reasons for the send backs are addressed prior to be re-submitted to the Authority.

2.3 AF asked about the trial of Ofgem's decision making related to industry modifications to which NH replied that, at this stage, no change to the current way of working is expected, until further analysis has been undertaken.

3. Accession Applications

3.1 DT presented the Accession Applications paper to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel_2021_102_01).

3.2 DT confirmed that there were no accessions to present to the Panel this month.

4. DCMDG Headline Report

4.1 AF provided a verbal update with respect to the DCMDG meeting held on 07 October 2021. AF noted that the bulk of the meeting was spent discussing various elements of the implementation of the TCR. Specifically, there was debate with respect to 'Redundant Capacity' and whether this had been sufficiently covered during the development of the initial Change Proposals.

4.2 There was some further discussion related to the publication of updated LLFCs, which some suppliers were worried that they'd struggle to find the correct information moving forward and it was agreed by the DNOs to update their LC14 charging statements.

4.3 It was also noted that during the meeting, members of the DCMDG agreed to change the date of the meetings moving forward, due to a clash with the TCMF and the dates will be on the third Thursday of each month.

4.4 The Panel noted the verbal update.

5. CACOP Headline Report

5.1 RC presented the CACOP Headline Report verbal update to the Panel.

5.2 RC noted that the CACOP website should be ready by 26 October 2021 and confirmed that links can be sent once available.

5.3 RC explained that during the last CACoP forum, the group has received an update with respect to Digitalised Whole System Technical Codes (WSTC) project. This project has been initiated by National Grid ESO in response to the energy Codes review from Ofgem and BEIS, recommending Code simplification and consolidation. The proposal is to consolidate the Grid Code and the Distribution Code. Six webinars have been organised before the consultation closes 12 November 2021. National Grid ESO

5.4 The Panel noted the verbal update.

6. DCUSA Monthly Horizon Scan

6.1 DYT presented the DCUSA Monthly Horizon Scan to the Panel, which was circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel_2021_1020_02).

6.2 DYT advised that no significant updates have been made in the past month.

6.3 The Panel noted the contents of the Horizon Scan.

Part Two: Change Administration (Open Session)

7. Change Register

7.1 DT presented the Change Register updates to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel_2021_1020_03).

7.2 The Panel noted the contents of the Change Register.

8. Initial Assessments

8.1 DT presented the Initial Assessment Cover Paper to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel_2021_1020_04). It was noted that there were three new Change Proposals presented for Initial Assessment by the Panel and these were as follows:

- DCP 395 'Allocation of Smart Meter Communication Licence costs within LDNO Tariffs'
  - It was noted that the purpose of DCP 395 is to increase the cost reflectivity of LDNO tariffs by appropriately allocating costs associated with the smart meter communication licence to LDNO tariffs.
- DCP 396 'Housekeeping Change to Schedule 33'
  - It was noted that the purpose of DCP 396 is to align Schedule 33 'Disconnections' to that of the previous host (MAP21) of the MRA, which included an obligation on Suppliers and Distributors to use the Secure Data Exchange Portal (SDEP) introduced by the approved MAP CP 0322 in version 1.7. Unfortunately, this amendment was overlooked during the development of DCP 391.
- DCP 397 'Notification of the Load Managed Area Notice Template'
  - It was noted that the purpose of DCP 397 is to modify the Schedule 8 – Demand Control, Appendix A – Load Managed Area Notice template and associated legal text, by including additional columns of useful information.

8.2 For DCP 395 the DCUSA Panel:

- **ACCEPTED** the referral of the CP;
- **AGREED** that the CP should be treated as a Standard change;
- **AGREED** that DCP 395 should be treated as a Part 1 Matter;
- **AGREED** that DCP 395 will be progressed to the Working Group phase;
- **AGREED** the progression of the CP will be in accordance with the timescales set out in the table under paragraph 3.1 of the paper; and
- Requested that the Implementation Date field on page two of the CP form be updated to reflect the date that was stipulated in the Implementation section of the CP form and for the numbered headings to be updated as the number from the summary section was missing.

Action 184/01: ElectraLink to progress DCP 395 to the definition phase and for a Working Group to be set up in order to further develop to proposed solution and to correct the Implementation Date field on page two of the CP form to match the date that was stipulated in the Implementation section of the CP form and for the numbered headings to be updated as the number from the summary section was missing

8.3 For DCP 396 the DCUSA Panel:

- **ACCEPTED** the referral of the CP;
- **AGREED** that the CP should be treated as a Standard change;
- **AGREED** that DCP 396 should be treated as a Part 2 Matter;
- **AGREED** that DCP 396 will be progressed to the Change Report phase;

- **AGREED** the progression of the CP will be in accordance with the timescales set out in the table under paragraph 3.2 of the paper; and
- Requested that the Proposer's company name be updated to Eastern Power Networks as UK Power Networks is not a Party to the DCUSA.

Action 184/02: ElectraLink to progress DCP 396 to the Change Report phase and in doing so, to correct the Proposer's company name to Eastern Power Networks .

8.4 For DCP 397 the DCUSA Panel:

- **ACCEPTED** the referral of the CP;
- **AGREED** that the CP should be treated as a Standard change;
- **AGREED** that DCP 397 should be treated as a Part 2 Matter;
- **NOTED** that some comments had been received by another Party around suggested improvements to the legal text and that as a result, **AGREED** that DCP 397 should be progressed to the definition phase and for a Working Group to be set up in order to further develop to proposed solution; and
- **AGREED** that in light of the bullet point above, the timescales for the progression of the CP will need to be amended as compared to what had been provided for in the table under paragraph 3.3 of the paper.

Action 184/03: ElectraLink to progress DCP 397 to the definition phase and to set up a Working Group in order to further develop to proposed solution. Therefore, the 'Recommendations' section at the very end of the document needs to include the fact that as it had been proposed that the CP be progressed directly to the Change Report phase.

9. Change Reports

9.1 DT presented the Change Report Cover Paper to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel_2021_1020_05).

9.2 DT informed the Panel that there was one Change Report to review in DCP 383 – 'Provision for Distributors to Move Meters for Service Alterations'

9.3 For the DCP 383 Change Report, the DCUSA Panel:

- **DETERMINED** that the Change Report contained the level of information required to enable Parties to understand the impact of the proposed amendment and to vote on the Change Proposal;
- **DETERMINED** that the Parties eligible to vote on the Change Proposal are those Parties that are impacted by the Change;
- **DETERMINED** that the voting period for the Change Proposal should be set to 15 Working Days; and
- Subject to the requested amendments below, **APPROVED** the Change Report for issue to Parties on 22 October 2021:

- Correct a typo in paragraph 1.3 where two brackets have been included but only one was needed; and
- In the third sentence of paragraph 4.22, it read 'how to do' but should have been 'how to deal'.

Action 184/04: ElectraLink to progress DCP 383 to the Voting phase, ensuring that the following amendments are made prior to it being issued to Parties:

- **Correct a typo in paragraph 1.3 where two brackets have been included but only one was needed; and**
- **In the third sentence of paragraph 4.22, it read 'how to do' but should have been 'how to deal'.**

10. Housekeeping Log

10.1 DT presented the Housekeeping Log Summary Paper and Housekeeping Log to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel_2021_1020_06). It was noted that no new items had been identified between the September Panel meeting and when the paper was drafted.

10.2 The Panel noted the contents of the paper.

11. Any other Business

11.1 There was no additional business raised at the meeting.

12. Next Meeting – 17 November 2021 at 10:30am

12.1 The meeting will be held via teleconference.

Appendix A: Summary of Actions

New and Open Actions – Open Session

Action Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
179/01	ElectraLink to progress Radius Energy's Accession Application once they have been granted a licence.	ElectraLink	Awaiting Radius Energy's License Approval
184/01	Progress DCP 395 to the definition phase and for a Working Group to be set up in order to further develop to proposed solution and to correct the Implementation Date field on page two of the CP form to match the date that was stipulated in the Implementation section of the CP form and for the numbered headings to be updated as the number from the summary section was missing	ElectraLink	
184/02	Progress DCP 396 to the Change Report phase and in doing so, to correct the Proposer's company name to Eastern Power Networks .	ElectraLink	
184/03	Progress DCP 397 to the definition phase and to set up a Working Group in order to further develop to proposed solution. Therefore, the 'Recommendations' section at the very end of the document needs to include the fact that as it had been proposed that the CP be progressed directly to the Change Report phase.	ElectraLink	
184/04	Progress DCP 383 to the Voting phase, ensuring that the following amendments are made prior to it being issued to Parties: • Correct a typo in paragraph 1.3 where two brackets have been included but only one was needed; and • In the third sentence of paragraph 4.22, it read 'how to do' but should have been 'how to deal'.	ElectraLink	

Closed Actions Open session

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183/01	DCMDG Secretariat to contact the TCMF Secretariat to look to arrange meetings at differing times of day.	ElectraLink	20/10/2021 – Action Completed: AF confirmed that during the contact had been made with the TCMF Secretariat and that during the last DCMDG meeting, the group agreed to change the day of the month on which the meetings are held to the third Thursday of each month.
183/02	RC will speak to the IWG regarding the possible electricians scheme Change Proposal. RE will then speak with TE regarding the background from the IWG.	ElectraLink	20/10/2021 – Action Completed: RC noted that both conversations had taken place.
183/03	The Secretariat to update the timeline dates in the DCP 394 Change Proposal form.	ElectraLink	20/10/2021 – Action Completed: DT noted that DCP 394 Change Proposal form had been updated in line with what had been agreed.
183/04	The Secretariat to take DCP 394 to the next appropriate CCSG meeting.	ElectraLink	20/10/2021 – Action Completed: AF confirmed that DCP 394 had been taken to the CCSG.
183/05	The Secretariat to initialise the Panel Elections Process as of 01 October and the Secretariat to check and confirm if the IDNO Parties are also to be included in the process.	ElectraLink	20/10/2021 – Action Completed: DT noted that the Election process had been initiated and that the two members elected by the IDNO Parties were indeed due to retire, and thus, those two seats were in scope of this year's election.