

DCUSA Panel Meeting 185 (Open Session)

17 November 2021 at 10:30am

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
Donald Preston [DP]	Alternate 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
Richard Colwill [RC]	Secretariat	ElectraLink Ltd
Apologies		
Donna Townsend [DT]	Panel Member	DCUSA 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.
 - BSC release was on 4 November, which included CP1547 '[Clarification on the Site Specific Line Loss Factor Calculation Process for Embedded Licensed Distribution System Operators](#)'.
 - There are three new CPs that have been raised as below:
 - CP1552 '[Reflecting BSCP501 timeframes in BSCP520 processes](#)'
 - CP1553 '[Tightening the requirements for the minimum accuracy classes for Meters and Current Transformers in the CoPs](#)'
 - CP1554 '[Future proofing changes to the measurement transformer standards in CoPs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 10](#)'
 - CP1555 '[Provision of consumption data to Distributors for Measurement Classes G and F](#)'
 - All three are out for consultation at the moment with responses due 3rd December.

Ofgem

- 2.2 NH provided an update on DCPs with Ofgem for decision, during which the following was noted:
 - The Authority expects to make a decision on [DCP 375 'Amendments to the Unmetered Supplies National Terms of Connection'](#) by 10 December 2021.
 - The following DCPs remain deprioritised:
 - [DCP 297 'Network Interventions SLA Enhancement'](#)
 - [DCP 313 'Eligibility Criteria for EDCM Generation Credits'](#)
 - [DCP 343 'Use of a nominated calculation agent for the calculation of the LV mains split'](#)
 - Ofgem recently shared draft code survey results with the relevant code administrators and are in the process of finalising the findings, which will take into consideration any comments received back from the code administrators. Ofgem will then publish the survey results more widely.

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_1117_01).
- 3.2 DT confirmed that there were no accessions to present to the Panel this month.

4. IWG Headline Report

- 4.1 RC provided a verbal update with respect to the IWG meeting held on 03 November 2021. Key updates can be found below:
- DNOs were hoping to raise a SEC Modification that would allow Alt Han to share BNO contact information with them. However, Alt Han Co have noted that they do not plan to continue to collect BNO information moving forward. The SEC Modification has been withdrawn.
- 4.2 The Panel noted the verbal update.

5. CACoP Headline Report

- 5.1 RC provided a verbal update with respect to the CACoP meeting held on 09 November 2021. Key updates can be found below:
- The CACoP website is now live and can be found at the following link - [Home - CACoP](#)
 - REC have decided to align code release dates to the gas release dates (which occur on Fridays in Feb, June, Nov, as opposed to electricity's Thursday). They are now urging review of whether electricity should align release dates. REC will circulate a questionnaire shortly seeking feedback. Initial thoughts are that this should be relatively straight forward for DCUSA, assuming all other electricity codes aligned.
 - REC have asked for input on effect of SoLR events on each code and are seeking ideas for points of integration to better manage. Initial thoughts are that for DCUSA the impacts are limited but an action was taking for the Secretariat to produce a paper to Panel detailing any potential impacts.
- 5.2 The Panel noted the verbal update.

Action 185/01: Secretariat to review impacts of SoLR events on DCUSA and provide a paper to the Panel for their review prior to passing the information onto the CACoP forum.

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_1117_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.

7. Panel Meeting Dates

- 7.1 DT presented the Panel Meeting Dates Paper to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel_2021_1117_03).
- 7.2 The paper set out that the Panel meeting dates will continue to be set for third Wednesday of the month and the Panel agreed to this arrangement.

Part Two: Change Administration (Open Session)

8. Change Register

- 8.1 DT presented the Change Register updates to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel_2021_1117_04).
- 8.2 The Panel noted the contents of the Change Register.

9. Initial Assessments

- 9.1 DT presented the Initial Assessment Cover Paper to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel_2021_1117_05). It was noted that there were no new Change Proposals presented for Initial Assessment by the Panel.

10. Change Reports

- 10.1 DT presented the Change Report Cover Paper to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel_2021_1020_06).
- 10.1 DT informed the Panel that there were two Change Reports to review this month, and that, the paper indicated that three were possible, the final one didn't quite make it in time and will be presented to the Panel in December. The two Change Reports considered by the Panel were:
 - DCP 349 – [‘Effectiveness of the current provision of unsecured cover under Schedule 1’](#); and
 - DCP 390 – [‘Provision of Isolations for Safe Working on Customers’ Electrical Installations’](#)
- 10.2 For the DCP 349 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 amendment below, **APPROVED** the Change Report for issue to Parties on 19 November 2021:
 - Correct a typo that reads Attachment X, as opposed to actual numbering.

Action 185/02: ElectraLink to progress DCP 349 to the Voting phase, ensuring that the following amendment is made prior to it being issued to Parties:

- **Correct a typo that reads Attachment X, as opposed to actual numbering.**

10.3 For the DCP 390 Change Report, the DCUSA Panel:

- **DETERMINED** that the Change Report did not contain the level of information required to enable Parties to understand the impact of the proposed amendment and to vote on the Change Proposal; and
- **DETERMINED** that the Working Group is to further consider the below points:
 - The Working Group to consider the proposed implementation plan in relation to when Suppliers would need to start submitting the SLA report.
 - A typo was spotted and this will be corrected prior to submission

10.4 Once the above has been clarified the Panel agreed that they were happy to re-consider the Change Report ex-committee via email.

Action 185/03: ElectraLink to make the necessary updates to DCP 390 Change Report and reissue via email for Panel approval.

11. Housekeeping Log

11.1 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_1117_07). It was noted that no new items had been identified between the October Panel meeting and when the paper was drafted.

11.2 The Panel noted the contents of the paper.

12. Any other Business

12.1 SY raised a query in relation to the release of the charging methodology models for use by DNOs in setting their tariffs for the 2023/24 charging year. DT stated that there were a few queries that resulted in the request being issued to the modelling consultants later than expected however, it is anticipated that they will be issued shortly.

13. Next Meeting – 15 December 2021 at 10:00am

13.1 The next meeting will be conducted face to face at the ElectraLink office - 303-306 High Holborn, London WC1V 7JZ.

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
185/01	Secretariat to review impacts of SoLR events on DCUSA and provide a paper to the Panel for their review prior to passing the information onto the CACoP forum.	ElectraLink	
185/02	ElectraLink to progress DCP 349 to the Voting phase, ensuring that the following amendment is made prior to it being issued to Parties: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Correct a typo that reads Attachment X, as opposed to actual numbering 	ElectraLink	
185/03	ElectraLink to make the necessary updates to DCP 390 Change Report and reissue via email for Panel approval.	ElectraLink	

Closed Actions Open session

Action Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
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	Completed
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	Completed
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	ElectraLink	Completed

	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.		
184/04	<p>Progress DCP 383 to the Voting phase, ensuring that the following amendments are made prior to it being issued to Parties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	