

DCUSA Panel Meeting 186 (Open Session)

14 December 2021 at 10:00am

Meeting held via teleconference and at Wallacespace, 53 Parker Street, London WC2B 5PT

Attendee	Role	Company
Panel Members		
Peter Waymont [PW]	Panel Member	DCUSA Ltd
Vicky Bell [VB]	Panel Member	DCUSA Ltd
Simon Vicary [SV] (Dialled in)	Panel Member	DCUSA Ltd
Kevin Woollard [KW]	Panel Member	DCUSA Ltd
Tim Ellingham [TE] (Dialled in)	Panel Member	DCUSA Ltd
Donald Preston [DP] (Dialled in)	Alternate Panel Member	DCUSA Ltd
Donna Townsend [DT]	Panel Member [Chair]	DCUSA Ltd
Observers		
Nadir Hafeez [NH]	Observer	Ofgem
Mark Desouza Wilson [MDW]	Observer	BSC
Code Administrator		
Melissa Kendall [MK]	Secretariat	ElectraLink Ltd
Angelo Fitzhenry [AF]	Secretariat	ElectraLink Ltd
Richard Colwill [RC]	Secretariat	ElectraLink Ltd
Apologies		
Karl Maryon [KM]	Alternate Panel Member	DCUSA Ltd
Simon Yeo [SY]	Panel Member	DCUSA Ltd

Part One: General (Open Session)

1. Administration

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed all attendees to the meeting.
- 1.2 Apologies were noted from Simon Yeo and Karl Maryon.
- 1.3 The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed, and it was agreed they were an accurate representation of the meeting.
- 1.4 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.
 - P429 'Switching off Participant-Reported PARMS Serials' is currently with the Authority awaiting decision.
 - P300 'Formal title: Introduction of new Measurement Classes to support Half Hourly DCUSA Tariff Changes (DCP179)' was implemented on 8th December 2021.
 - P432 'Half Hourly Settlement for CT Advanced Metering Systems' has recently been raised and the first Working Group meeting is planned for January.

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' and DCP 383 'Provision for Distributors to Move Meters for Service Alterations' on 15 December 2021.
 - The Authority expects to make a decision on DCP 297 'Network Interventions SLA Enhancement' by the end of January 2022.
 - The following DCPs remain deprioritised:
 - DCP 313 'Eligibility Criteria for EDCM Generation Credits'
 - DCP 343 'Use of a nominated calculation agent for the calculation of the LV mains split'

Post Meeting Note:

- 2.3 DCP 375 and DCP 383 were both approved by the Authority for implementation. Both CP's will be implemented into DCUSA on 24 February 2022.

SEC

- 2.4 There was no update provided by SEC. AF took an action to contact SEC, along with REC to see if there was an appetite for updates to be provided to the DCUSA Open Panel.

Post Meeting Note:

- 2.5 AF has arranged a meeting with representatives from both SEC and REC for 7 January and will provide an update at the January Panel meeting.

Action 186/01: AF to provide an update to Open Panel in relation to further SEC and REC updates.

3. Accession Applications

- 3.1 AF presented the Accession Applications paper to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel_2021_1215_01)
- 3.2 AF confirmed that there was one accession to be approved by the DCUSA Panel this month, shown in the table below. The Panel approved the Accession Application and instructed the Secretariat to proceed with drafting and issuing Accession Agreements for the Applicant below:

Applicant/s	Party Category	License Granted Date	MPID	Contract Manager
Energise Britain G&E Ltd	Supplier	01/03/2018	VERM	Kellie Hather

Action 186/02: ElectraLink to progress Energise Britain G&E Ltd Accession Application.

4. DCMDG Headline Report

- 4.1 AF provided a verbal update with respect to the DCMDG meeting held on 18 November 2021. Key updates were:
- DCP 395 'Allocation of Smart Meter Communication Licence costs within LDNO Tariffs' has been raised. DCMDG members were encouraged to join the Working Group as it has not yet received sufficient representation to progress.
 - It was noted that one DNO member explained that they had originally identified sites which they believed should be classed as Non-Final Demand sites and had been expecting to be in receipt of certification from Suppliers for those sites but that certificates had not yet been received for some sites. It was noted that communications regarding this had been sent to the customers of those sites and Suppliers and that if certificates were not received by the end of November 2021, those sites will need to be classed as Final Demand for the purposes of 2023- 24 tariff setting.
- 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 13 December 2021. The key update is:

- The BSC and REC intend to issue an RFI to determine whether there is a benefit to investigating an industry aligned Release date. The REC Release date is transitioning from a Thursday to a Friday from November 2022.

5.2 The Panel noted the verbal update.

6. DCUSA Monthly Horizon Scan

- 6.1 AF presented the DCUSA Monthly Horizon Scan to the Panel, which was circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel_2021_1215_02).
- 6.2 AF 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 AF presented the Change Register updates to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel_2021_1215_03).
- 7.2 The Panel noted the contents of the Change Register.

8. Initial Assessments

- 8.1 AF presented the Initial Assessment Cover Paper to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel_2021_1215_04). It was noted that there was one new Change Proposal presented for Initial Assessment by the Panel as follows:
- DCP 398 'Gender Neutral Amendments to the DCUSA'
 - It was noted that the intent of this Change Proposal is to remove any gendered language used throughout the DCUSA and replace it with gender neutral language to ensure that the drafting reflects a more diverse and inclusive approach.
- 8.2 For DCP 398 the DCUSA Panel:
- **ACCEPTED** the referral of the CP;
 - **AGREED** that the CP should be treated as a Standard change;
 - **AGREED** that DCP 398 should be treated as a Part 2 Matter;
 - **AGREED** that DCP 398 will be progressed to the Change Report phase; and
 - **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.

Action 184/03: ElectrLink to progress DCP 398 to the Change Report phase.

9. Change Reports

- 9.1 AF presented the Change Report Cover Paper to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel_2021_1215_05).
- 9.1 AF informed the Panel that there was one Change Report to review this month. The Change Report considered by the Panel is detailed below:
- DCP 396 'Housekeeping Change to Schedule 33'
- 9.2 For the DCP 396 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
 - **APPROVED** the Change Report for issue to Parties on 17 December 2021.

Action 185/04: ElectraLink to progress DCP 396 to the Voting phase on 17 December 2021.

10. Housekeeping Log

- 10.1 AF presented the Housekeeping Log Summary Paper and Housekeeping Log to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel_2021_1215_06). It was noted that no new items had been identified between the November Panel meeting and when the paper was drafted.
- 10.2 The Panel noted the contents of the paper.

11. Any other Business

- 11.1 No other business was raised, and the Chair closed the Open Panel.

12. Next Meeting – 19 January 2022 at 10:00am

- 12.1 The next meeting will be conducted 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
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	Ongoing – to be presented at January Panel
186/01	AF to provide an update to Open Panel in relation to further SEC and REC updates.	ElectraLink	Ongoing – update at January Panel
186/02	ElectraLink to progress Energise Britain G&E Ltd Accession Application.	ElectraLink	
186/03	ElectraLink to progress DCP 398 to the Change Report phase.	ElectraLink	
186/04	ElectraLink to progress DCP 396 to the Voting phase on 17 December 2021.	ElectraLink	Completed

Closed Actions Open session

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

