

# DCUSA Panel Meeting 187 (Open Session)

19 January 2022 at 10:00am

Meeting held via teleconference

Attendee	Role	Company
<b>Panel Members</b>		
Peter Waymont [PW]	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
Donna Townsend [DT]	Panel Member	DCUSA Ltd
<b>Observers</b>		
Nadir Hafeez [NH]	Observer	Ofgem
Mark Desouza Wilson [MDW]	Observer	BSC
Alison Beard [AB]	Observer	SEC
<b>Code Administrator</b>		
George Dawson [GD]	Secretariat	ElectraLink Ltd
Angelo Fitzhenry [AF]	Secretariat	ElectraLink Ltd
Richard Colwill [RC]	Secretariat	ElectraLink Ltd
<b>Apologies</b>		
Donald Preston [DP]	Alternate Panel Member	DCUSA Ltd
Simon Yeo [SY]	Panel Member	DCUSA Ltd

## Part One: General (Open Session)

### 1. Administration

- 1.1 In the absence of regular chair, Simon Yeo, Peter Waymont agreed to chair this meeting.
- 1.2 The Chair welcomed all attendees to the meeting.
- 1.3 Apologies were noted from Simon Yeo and Donald Preston.
- 1.4 The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed, and it was agreed they were an accurate representation of the meeting.
- 1.5 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.
  - On 31 Jan SAA-I014 Sub flow 1 V10 will be decommissioned. To upgrade to V11 parties will need to submit a completed BSCP41 form by Friday 21 Jan.
  - Elexon draft business plan has been published. Focus over the next year or so will be:
    - MHHS Programme Manager
    - Project Helix - redevelopment of BSC Central Systems
    - Elexon Kinnect - migration of SAA and BMRS
    - Deliver digitalised version of BSC
    - Any feedback by 31 Jan.
  - P432 has been raised to enact CCDG Recommendation 3 in respect of transition to MHHS - to mandate early half hourly settlement for CT Advanced meters by October 2023. First workgroup on Monday 24 Jan.
  - As a bit of background Recommendation 3 was to mandate remote communications for the Advanced meters (being progressed under REC change R0015), aligning BSC Advanced meter definition with the Electricity Supply licence, and mandating the early HH settlement of CT Advanced meters.

#### 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 349 'Effectiveness of the current provision of unsecured cover under Schedule 1'](#) by 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022.
    - The Authority will miss its expected decision date for [DCP 297 'Network Interventions SLA Enhancement'](#) by the end of January 2022 and new date will be advised.
  - 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'](#)

- It was noted that the 'sent back' [DCP 340 'Notice period required to recover approved last resort supply payment claims which breach the materiality threshold'](#) remains outstanding.

## SEC

- 2.3 AB attend her first meeting as the SEC representative. At present, other than the ongoing SEC change with respect to DNOs accessing smart meters for Electric Vehicle loads there are no other obvious interactions between the SEC and the DCUSA at this moment in time.

## 3. Accession Applications

- 3.1 GD presented the Accession Applications paper to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel\_2022\_0119\_01).
- 3.2 GD confirmed that there no Accession Applications for review and approval this month.

## 4. DCMDG Headline Report

- 4.1 AF provided a verbal update with respect to the DCMDG meeting held on 16 December 2021 at which 26 industry participants attended. Key updates were:
- A good attendance from Ofgem with 3 representatives present of which one provided the group with an update with the DUoS aspects of the Access & Forward Looking SCR.
  - A draft CP has been submitted for the group's feedback. The draft CP seeks to address the issue of applying residual charges to back-up supplies. As the draft has been presented by a non-Party, a request was made for a Proposer, failing this the individual is also applying to Ofgem to seek permission to raise the CP as an affected party.
- 4.2 The Panel noted the verbal update.

## 5. IWG Headline Report

- 5.1 RC provided a verbal update with respect to the IWG meeting held on 05 January 2022. The key update is:
- The use of insulation piercing connectors (IPCs) on consumer meter tails associated with a domestic electricity supply. A picture was presented explaining how the connector could cause a cable to become exposed, causing a safety issue. The group agreed that the device is designed to be installed on Aerial Bundled Cables (ABC) but is being misused by EV installers on metering cables. IWG is to send a letter to the relevant trade associations, NAPIT and NICEIC to raise these concerns.
- 5.2 The Panel noted the verbal update.

## 6. CACoP Headline Report

- 6.1 RC provided a verbal update with respect to the CACoP meeting held on 11 January 2022. The key updates are:
- The January Newsletter and 2021 CACoP report should be published on the [CACoP website](#) shortly.

- The associated REC change in relation to DCP 394 'Allow any REC Accredited Meter Operator to De-Energise any Metering Point' is R0021 'Allowing REC accredited MEMs to de-energise and re-energise supply points independent of the Supplier'
- The CACoP 2022 Forward Work Plan will be uploaded to the CACoP website shortly. This incorporates the actions and objectives that the CACoP Forum would seek to realise during the calendar year, and includes:
  - Coordination of code release dates;
  - Accessing and documenting the impacts of change;
  - Replacing the proposal form template with principle-based guidance;
  - Reviewing the consumer benefit analysis approach;
  - Reviewing the central CACoP website; and
  - Collating information and guidance on code processes;

6.2 The Panel noted the verbal update.

## 7. DCUSA Monthly Horizon Scan

- 7.1 GD presented the DCUSA Monthly Horizon Scan to the Panel, which was circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel\_2022\_0119\_02).
- 7.2 GD advised that no significant updates have been made in the past month.
- 7.3 The Panel noted the contents of the Horizon Scan.

## Part Two: Change Administration (Open Session)

## 8. Change Register

- 8.1 GD presented the Change Register updates to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel\_2022\_0119\_03).
- 8.2 The Panel noted the contents of the Change Register.

## 9. Initial Assessments

- 9.1 GD presented the Initial Assessment Cover Paper to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel\_2022\_0119\_04). It was noted that there was one new Change Proposal presented for Initial Assessment by the Panel as follows:
- **DCP 399 - 'Revision to Embedded Capacity Register (ECR) to lower threshold for entries from 1MW to 50kW'.**
- 9.2 For DCP 399 the DCUSA Panel:
- **ACCEPTED** the referral of the DCP 399;
  - **AGREED** that DCP 399 should be treated as a Standard change;
  - **AGREED** that DCP 399 should be treated as a Part 2 Matter;
  - **AGREED** that DCP 399 will be progressed to the Change Report phase; and
  - **AGREED** the progression of DCP 399 will be in accordance with the timescales set out in the table under paragraph 3.1 of the paper.

- 9.3 The Panel agreed for DCP 399 to progress to Change Report. It was noted that the CP also proposes to add two additional tabs “Distribution Services” and “Reinforcements”. This would require some updates to the current version of the ECR (Version 3.0), and it was agreed that RC would reconvene the sub-group that produced version 3.0 to make the necessary amendments. The aim is to submit the Change Report to the February Panel.

**Action 187/01: ElectraLink to progress DCP 399 to the Change Report phase.**

## 10. Change Reports

- 10.1 GD presented the Change Report Cover Paper to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel\_2022\_0119\_05).
- 10.1 GD informed the Panel that there were three Change Reports to review this month. The Change Reports reviewed by the Panel are detailed below:
- **DCP 344 – ‘Solutions for new approach to billing and remittance’**
  - **DCP 386 – ‘Sharing Network Information with Owners and Occupiers’**
  - **DCP 398 – ‘Gender Neutral Amendments to the DCUSA’**
- 10.2 For the DCP 344 Change Report, the DCUSA Panel:
- **DETERMINED** that the Change Report should be referred back to the Working Group to provide further clarification and on its recommended solution and to include the associated costs.

**Action 187/02: ElectraLink to refer DCP 344 back to the Working Group for further clarification on the proposed solution and associated costs.**

- 10.3 For the DCP 386 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 21 January 2022.
- Note:** The aforementioned was contingent upon some errors identified in the Change Report being corrected and the revised Change Report approved ex. committee via email, which was completed in time to meet the issue date.

**Action 187/03: ElectraLink to progress DCP 386 to party voting on 21 January 2021.**

- 10.4 . For the DCP 398 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 21 January 2022.

Action 185/04: ElectraLink to progress DCP 398 to party voting on 21 January 2021.

## 11. Housekeeping Log

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- 11.1 GD presented the Housekeeping Log Summary Paper and Housekeeping Log to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel\_2022\_0119\_06). It was noted that no new items had been identified since the last meeting.
- 11.2 The Panel noted the contents of the paper.

## 12. Any other Business

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

## 13. Next Meeting – 16 February 2022 at 10:00am

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- 13.1 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
186/01	AF to provide an update to Open Panel in relation to further SEC and REC updates.	ElectraLink	SEC attended the January meeting, still progressing with the REC for their attendance.
187/01	ElectraLink to progress DCP 398 to the Change Report phase following a meeting with a small sub-group to agree further minor amendments/additions to the template.	ElectraLink	
187/02	ElectraLink to refer DCP 344 back to the Working Group for further clarification on the proposed solution and associated costs.	ElectraLink	
187/03	ElectraLink to progress DCP 386 to party voting on 21 January 2021.	ElectraLink	
187/04	ElectraLink to progress DCP 398 to party voting on 21 January 2021.	ElectraLink	

### Closed Actions Open session

Action Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
185/01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>	ElectraLink	Closed
186/03	ElectraLink to progress DCP 398 to the Change Report phase.	ElectraLink	Completed

186/04	ElectraLink to progress DCP 396 to the Voting phase on 17 December 2021.	ElectraLink	Completed
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