DCUSA Panel Meeting 190 (Open Session)

20 April 2022 at 10:00am

Meeting held at 3rd Floor, Northumberland House, 303-306 High Holborn, London, WC1V 7JZ and via teleconference

Attendee	Role	Company
Panel Members		
Peter Waymont [PW]	Panel Member	DCUSA Ltd
Simon Vicary [SV]	Panel Member	DCUSA Ltd
Kevin Woollard [KW]	Panel Member [Chair]	DCUSA Ltd
Tim Ellingham [TE]	Panel Member	DCUSA Ltd
Simon Yeo [SY]	Panel Member	DCUSA Ltd
Joseph Kavanagh [JK]	Panel Member	DCUSA Ltd
Donald Preston [DP]	Alternate Panel Member	DCUSA Ltd
Karl Maryon [KM]	Alternate Panel Member	DCUSA Ltd
Simon Brooke [SB]	Alternate Panel Member	DCUSA Ltd
Observers		
Nadir Hafeez [NH]	Observer	Ofgem
Mark DeSouza Wilson [MDW]	Observer	BSC
Colette Baldwin [CB]	Observer	REC
Code Administrator		
Dylan Townsend [DT]	Secretariat	ElectraLink Ltd
Angelo Fitzhenry [AF]	Secretariat	ElectraLink Ltd
George Dawson [GD]	Secretariat	ElectraLink Ltd
Andy Green [AG]	Secretariat	ElectraLink Ltd

Apologies	
Alison Beard [AB]	SEC

1. Administration

1.1 The Chair welcomed all attendees to the meeting.

1.2 It was noted that 'Apologies' had been received from Alison Beard for this meeting.

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. Change Register

2.1 DT presented the Change Register updates to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel_2022_0420_01).

2.2 The Panel noted the contents of the Change Register.

3. Initial Assessments

3.1 DT presented the Initial Assessment Cover Paper to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel_2022_0420_02).

3.2 The Panel noted that there were no new Change Proposals presented for Initial Assessment this month.

4. Change Reports

4.1 DT presented the Change Report Cover Paper to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel_2022_0420_03).

4.1 DT informed the Panel that the whilst the paper and agenda indicated three Change Reports were being submitted to the Panel this month, there had been some unexpected delays and that only one could formally be presented. For completeness all three are set out below:

- DCP 389 'TCR – Clarification on Exceptional Circumstances and Allocation Review for 'New' Sites'
- DCP 399 'Revision to Embedded Capacity Register (ECR) to lower threshold for entries from 1MW to 50kW'
- DCP 397 'Modification of the Load Managed Area Notice Template'

4.2 With respect to DCP 389, DT explained that whilst the intent had been to issue this for agreement by the Panel, there had been some comments related to the legal drafting that had been unable to be resolved in time for issuing to the Panel and that the Change Report should now be expected to be delivered to the May Panel meeting.

4.3 With respect to DCP 397, DT explained that whilst the Change Report had been provided, it had recently become apparent that due to an internal process error it was not yet ready for Panel approval and further work was still required. The Panel agreed that as they had sight of the Change Report and given the further work was with respect to the legal drafting, that they would be happy to review the final version ex-committee if needed.

4.4 With respect to DCP 399, the Panel reviewed the Change Report, noting that when they had completed their original assessment at the January Panel meeting, they had determined that it would progress directly to Change Report phase as Part 2 Matter. One Panel member suggested that the proposed implementation date may not allow the relevant Parties enough time to undertake any work necessary to publish the amount of data that would result from the lowering of the threshold to 50kw as set out in the Change Report. There was also a view that the Change Report didn't contain enough rationale behind the 50kw threshold that was chosen and that more detail in this area would be of benefit. The Panel discussed these points and agreed that it would be beneficial to set up a Working Group to address any concerns and to issue an industry consultation prior to issuing out for DCUSA Party voting.

4.5 The Secretariat took an action to set up a Working Group in order to consult with industry on an appropriate implementation date and to address the rationale behind the chosen threshold prior to resubmitting the Change Report to the Panel.

Action 190/01: ElectraLink to set up a Working Group to further refine DCP 399 and to consult with Parties on the proposed implementation date as well as ensuring that sufficient rationale behind the chosen threshold is included in the Change Report.

5. Housekeeping Log

5.1 DT presented the Housekeeping Log Summary Paper and Housekeeping Log to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel_2022_0420_04). It was noted that no new items had been identified since the last meeting.

5.2 DT sought the views of Panel members on adding an item related to Clause 8.9A, which details Party's Cost Contribution in respect of the Recoverable Costs relating to the Theft Risk Assessment Service Arrangements and/or the Energy Theft Tip-Off Service (including their development). The Panel agreed that this should be captured as the theft arrangements have now moved out of the DCUSA to the REC. DT agreed to add the item to the paper next month.

Action 190/02: ElectraLink to add an item to the ~~the~~ Housekeeping Log Summary Paper related to Clause 8.9A, which details Party's Cost Contribution in respect of the Recoverable Costs relating to the Theft Risk Assessment Service Arrangements and/or the Energy Theft Tip-Off Service (including their development).

6. Updates from Industry Codes

Balancing & Settlement Code (BSC)

6.1 MDW presented a brief verbal BSC update, which was as follows

- A consultation has been issued related to P432 'Half Hourly Settlement for CT Advanced Metering Systems' with responses being due by 22 April 2022.
- The second Workgroup meeting for P434 'Half Hourly Settlement for UMS Metering Systems' is due to be held on Friday 20 May.
- A consultation has been issued related to the Allocation of New Grid Supply Point (GSP) H to GSP Group, with responses due by 27 April.
- CP1563 'Altering the Trigger Point for CT Commissioning' was issued for industry consultation on 11 April 2022, with responses invited by Friday 6 May 2022.

Ofgem

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

- The Authority has set a new expected decision date for **DCP 297 'Network Interventions SLA Enhancement'** which is now 23 May 2022.
- The Authority expects to make a decision on **DCP 386 'Sharing Network Information with Owners and Occupiers'** in the coming weeks as there had been a delay in finalising the decision which had been due on 29 March 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'**
- The Authority has recently received **DCP 387 'Amendment to the Definition of Non-Final Demand Site to Align with CUSC'** for their decision and that Ofgem expect to provide a decision by the end of June~~a date will be confirmed shortly~~.
- The Authority published its decision to reject **DCP 344 'Solutions for a new approach to billing and remittance'** and on 19 April 2022.

6.3 NH also provided the Panel with a brief update on the BEIS/Ofgem Energy Codes Review, in which it was noted that the Government has reviewed all the responses to the consultation that ran between 20 July 2021 to 28 September 2021 and have published their response ('Energy code reform: government response').

6.4 It was noted that Ofgem are holding webinar on the consultation response which will outline the Government's policy decisions following the consultation. The webinar will take place on: Tuesday 26 April 2022, the details of which can be found on Ofgem's website.

~~6.3~~6.5 One Panel member queried why DCP 344 had been rejected and not sent back, as the language used seemed more consistent with that of a 'send-back'. NH noted the comment and agreed to seek feedback from the policy lead on the question.

POST MEETING NOTE: The following note was provided by NH with respect to the above query:

- It's important to note, that a 'send back' is only used when we don't have enough information to make a decision and is reserved as a last resort option. For DCP344, we feel we had sufficient information to make a decision and the reasons for our decision are explained in the DCP344 decision letter available on the Ofgem website.

SEC

~~6.4~~6.6 It was noted that no update was available this month and that AB had provided apologies in advance.

REC

~~6.5~~6.7 CB presented a brief verbal REC update, noting that the REC Code Manager is getting ready for v3.0 of REC which will be implemented via the Faster Switching Programme SCR

~~6.6~~6.8 CB also noted that the following new changes have been raised:

- R0040 'CSS Switch Synchronisation to ERDA at SecuredActive'
- R0039 Revised Implementation Date for R0011 'Reporting of Additional EMR Backing Data to Suppliers'

- R0038 'Performance Assurance Report Catalogue Changes as a consequence of REC V3.0'
- R0041 'REC V3.0'
- R0042 'Performance Assurance Board Terms of Reference'

7. Accession Applications

7.1 DT presented the Accession Applications paper to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel_2022_0420_05).

7.2 DT confirmed that there were two Accession Applications to be approved by the DCUSA Panel this month, for Dare Power Ltd and SMS Energy Services Limited, shown in the table below.

Applicant/s	Party Category	License Granted Date	MPID	Contract Manager
Dare Power Ltd	Supplier	17/09/2018	DARE	Luke Pattison
SMS Energy Services Limited	CVA Registrant	02/11/2021	N/A	James Taylor

7.3 The Panel approved both applications and agreed to make a recommendation to the Board that, upon receipt of the Accession Agreement duly executed by the Applicant, it executes the Accession Agreement on behalf of all Parties.

Action 190/03: ElectraLink to progress Dare Power Ltd.'s and SMS Energy Services Limited's Accession Applications.

8. Withdrawal Notices

8.1 DT presented the DCUSA Withdrawal Notice Paper to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel_2022_0420_06).

8.2 DT noted that on 31 March 2022, the Secretariat received notice from British Gas X Limited and Electricity Direct (UK) Limited that Ofgem had recently publish notices that their Electricity Supply Licences were revoked effective from 26 February 2022 for the former and 21 March 2022 for the latter.

In accordance with Clause 54.5, a Party can apply to the Panel to be removed as a Party and the Panel may resolve to terminate that Party's accession to this Agreement, where that Party no longer holds the relevant licence. The notice received from the abovementioned Parties, 'the Withdrawal Notices' indicated that the Parties were applying to the Panel so to be removed as Parties to the DCUSA. notice of their intent to Withdraw as a Party to the DCUSA.

8.3 The Panel noted that neither Party had any outstanding payments due with respect to invoices issued by DCUSA Ltd and the neither were registered Shareholders. The Panel therefore agreed that in line with the recommendations set out in the paper, that the Parties Accession to the Agreement should be terminated as of 02 May 2022.

Action 190/04: ElectraLink to progress with terminating British Gas X Limited's and Electricity Direct (UK) Limited's Accession to the DCUSA.

9. DCMDG Headline Report

9.1 AF provided a verbal update with respect to the DCMDG meeting held on 17 March 2022 at which 28 industry participants attended. It was a short meeting with very little to discuss, however the most useful item was an update from Ofgem with respect to the upcoming decision expect on the Access ACR.

9.2 The full DCMDG minutes are available on the DCUSA website.

10. CACOP Headline Report

10.1 DT noted that the Secretariat had intended on providing a verbal update with respect to the CACoP Headline Report however the relevant person was unexpectedly unable to attend this meeting of the Panel and so suggested that the update be provided in writing with the minutes to this meeting. The Panel agreed to the approach suggested.

10.2 **Post Meeting Note:** The following is a brief overview of the last CACoP forum meeting held on 12 April 2022:

- A Cross-Code Survey workshop will be held on 3 May 2022. Codes will have the opportunity to discuss the recommendations from the 2021 Code Administrator Performance survey along with the Forum's forward work plan, agree any improvements and form an action plan to address.
- The Government response to the consultation on Energy Code Reform can be found **here**.
- Work on aligning code release dates is still ongoing. Some codes have expressed concern that moving to a Friday could be an issue such as lack of weekend system support staff. Further impact assessment are ongoing.
- The April CACoP newsletter should be issued soon and will be found **here**.

11. DCUSA Monthly Horizon Scan

11.1 DT presented the DCUSA Monthly Horizon Scan to the Panel, which was circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel_2022_0420_07).

11.2 DT advised that during the March Panel meeting, Panel members had suggested or agreed to a number of amendments to the Horizon Scan and those amendments were as follows:

- The Targeted Charging Review (TCR) item was removed as implementation of the TCR original TCR changes was finalised as of 01 April 2022.
- The Access and Forward Looking Charges SCR item was split into two separate items, one for the Access SCR and the other for the DUoS SCR and the timelines were adjusted accordingly.
- The timeline for the RIIO-ED2 item amended to reflect 01 April 2023 as the effective from date.

11.3 The Panel noted the contents of the Horizon Scan.

12. Any other Business

12.1 DT raised one item of other business related to a new Change Proposal that had been sent to the Secretariat. DT explained that a Change Proposal had been submitted on 19 April and that the Proposer had indicated their belief that it should be treated as an 'Urgent' change. However, the Secretariat noted a couple of areas that needed some minor improvement and was in the process of obtaining confirmation that the Proposer was happy with the suggested amendments. Therefore, the Secretariat had been unable to provide to the Panel ahead of this meeting and was seeking to confirm whether the Panel could agree a date on which to hold an ex-committee Panel meeting in order to carry out the initial assessment. It was noted that the DCUSA sets out that a Change Proposal that is raised as an 'Urgent' change needs to be considered by the Panel within 5 Working Days, and thus it would make sense to agree a date on which to carry out the initial assessment.

12.2 The Panel agreed to hold an ex-committee meeting on 26 April 2022 at 2pm to undertake their initial assessment of the new Change Proposal and agree the progress route of the change. The Panel noted that they would also be happy to accommodate one or both the Change Reports that had been included on the agenda for this meeting but had not been able to be reviewed as set out under the relevant topic above.

Action 190/05: ElectraLink to arrange an ex-committee Panel meeting on 26 April 2022 at 2pm for the Panel to undertake their initial assessment of the new Change Proposal that has been submitted as an 'Urgent' change.

12.3 There were no items of any other business raised, and the Chair closed the Open Panel meeting.

13. Next Meeting – 18 May 2022 at 10:00am

13.1 The next meeting will be held in person at ElectraLink's offices, 3rd Floor, Northumberland House, 303-306 High Holborn, London, WC1V 7JZ and via Microsoft Teams.

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
190/01	ElectraLink to set up a Working Group to further refine DCP 399 and to consult with Parties on the proposed implementation date as well as ensuring that sufficient rationale behind the chosen threshold is included in the Change Report.	ElectraLink	
190/02	ElectraLink to add an item ~~the~~ to the Housekeeping Log Summary Paper related to Clause 8.9A, which details Party's Cost Contribution in respect of the Recoverable Costs relating to the Theft Risk Assessment Service Arrangements and/or the Energy Theft Tip-Off Service (including their development).	ElectraLink	
190/03	ElectraLink to progress Dare Power Ltd.'s and SMS Energy Services Limited's Accession Applications	ElectraLink	
190/04	ElectraLink to progress with terminating British Gas X Limited's and Electricity Direct (UK) Limited's Accession to the DCUSA.	ElectraLink	
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Closed Actions Open session

Action Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
189/01	ElectraLink to amend the agendas for the Open Session Panel meetings moving forward such that the change related items are towards the beginning of the meeting and to call out specific sub elements within the agenda items themselves.	ElectraLink	Completed: amended agenda issued for this meeting
189/02	ElectraLink to make the following amendments to the Horizon Scan: • Remove the Targeted Charging Review (TCR) item; • Split the Access and Forward Looking Charges SCR into two and adjust timelines accordingly (i.e., one item for the Access SCR and one item for the DUoS SCR); and Correct the timeline for the RIIO-ED2 item such that it ends on 01 April 2023.	ElectraLink	Completed: Updates were made and can be reviewed at this meeting
189/03	ElectraLink to progress DCP 402 to the Change Report phase and to utilise a shortened timetable as agreed by the Panel.	ElectraLink	Completed: DCP 402 was progressed to the Change Report phase and the Panel subsequently agreed the Change Report ex-committee via email, which was then issued for Party voting
189/04	ElectraLink to issue DCP 401 Change Report to the Panel ex-committee once in a position to do so.	ElectraLink	Completed: the DCP 401 Change Report was agreed by the Panel ex-committee via email and was then issued for Party voting which ends on 21 April 2022.
189/05	ElectraLink issue the DCP 387 Change Report to Parties for voting on 18 March 2022.	ElectraLink	Completed: DCP 387 was progressed to Party voting which ended on 8 April 2022. The recommendation from Parties has been provided to the Authority for their decision