

DCUSA Panel Ex-Committee Meeting

(Open Session)

11 May 2022 at 2:00pm

Meeting held via teleconference

| Attendee | Role | Company |
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| Panel Members | | |
| Peter Waymont [PW] | Panel Member | DCUSA Ltd |
| Simon Vicary [SV] | Panel Member | DCUSA Ltd |
| Kevin Woollard [KW] | Panel Member | DCUSA Ltd |
| Tim Ellingham [TE] | Panel Member | DCUSA Ltd |
| Simon Yeo [SY] | Panel Member [Chair] | DCUSA Ltd |
| Donna Townsend [DT] | Panel Member | DCUSA Ltd |
| Simon Brooke [SB] | Alternate Panel Member | DCUSA Ltd |
| Karl Maryon [KM] | Alternate Panel Member | DCUSA Ltd |
| Observers | | |
| Nadir Hafeez [NH] | Observer | Ofgem |
| Code Administrator | | |
| Dylan Townsend [DYT] | Secretariat | ElectraLink Ltd |
| George Dawson [GD] | Secretariat | ElectraLink Ltd |
| Angelo Fitzhenry [AF] | Secretariat | ElectraLink Ltd |

| Apologies | Role | Company |
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| Donald Preston [DP] | Alternate Panel Member | DCUSA Ltd |

1. Administration

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed all attendees to the meeting.
- 1.2 It was noted that 'Apologies' had been received from Donald Preston for this meeting.

2. Initial Assessment

- 2.1 DT presented the Initial Assessment Cover Paper to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel_2022_0511_01). It was noted that there were four new Change Proposal presented for Initial Assessment by the Panel, being:
 - **DCP 404 - Access SCR Changes to Terms of Connection for Curtailable Customers**
 - **DCP 405 - Access SCR - Managing curtailable connections between licensed distribution networks**
 - **DCP 406 - Access SCR: Changes to CCCM**
 - **DCP 407 - Access SCR: Speculative Development**
- 2.2 The Panel noted that these Change Proposals had all been raised as direct result of Ofgem's Direction to distributors with respect to implementing Ofgem's decision on their Access SCR. It was also noted that the Proposers had requested that the changes be treated as 'Urgent' Change Proposals (CPs) as there is a very tight timeline that will need to be followed in order to ensure that distributors can successfully implement the changes by 01 April 2023.
- 2.3 With respect to the CPs, the Panel questioned what the practicalities are of these being Authority Change Proposals, to which it was confirmed that the Panel did not have the power to reject the Change Proposal as part of the initial assessment process to and it was confirmed that these CPs also cannot be withdrawn by the DNOs/IDNO who raised them, unless the Authority has consented to it being withdrawn.
- 2.4 With respect to DCP 405, the Panel noticed a typo within Section 2.2 which would need to be cleared up prior to the Change Proposal's progression. It was noted that 'bet' would need to be replaced with 'be' for the sentence to make sense. It was agreed that this housekeeping note, however, would not stall the progression of the Change Proposal. ACTION

Action 01/01: ElectraLink to amend Section 2.2 of DCP 405 and replace 'bet' with 'be'.

- 2.5 Following the above discussion, for DCP 404, DCP 405, DCP 406 and DCP 407 the DCUSA Panel:
 - **ACCEPTED** the referral of the CPs;
 - **AGREED** that DCP 404, DCP 405, DCP 406 and DCP 407 should be treated as 'Urgent' changes;
 - **AGREED** that DCP 404, DCP 405, DCP 406 and DCP 407 should be treated as a Part 1 Matters;
 - **AGREED** that DCP 404, DCP 405, DCP 406 and DCP 407 will be progressed to the Definition phase and for Working Groups to be set up to further refine the proposed solutions; and
 - **AGREED** that the progression of DCP 404, DCP 405, DCP 406 and DCP 407 will be in accordance with the timescales set out in the paper.

Action 01/02: ElectraLink to progress DCP 404, DCP 405, DCP 406 and DCP 407 to the Definition phase and to set up Working Groups in order to further refine the proposed solutions.

3. Any other Business

- 3.1 AF noted that the four draft Change Proposals have fit in with the Working Group placeholder meetings which AF had set up at the beginning of the year. AF will communicate in advance of the conception of the Working Groups to those who previously expressed an interest in attending. It was confirmed that the meeting chairs will be the same for the AM and PM sessions on each day, as would likely be the attendees. Each AM and PM session on Tuesday and Thursday would, in theory, be used to address one of the four Changes. Connection charging Changes on Tuesday (Furqan Aziz, ElectraLink) and Access Changes on Thursday (Tim Hipperson, ElectraLink). Andy Green will support Melissa Kendal as the two technical secretaries for the four Working Groups. AF will share this information with Ofgem.

Action 01/03: AF to notify Ofgem of the responsible personnel (Chairs and Technical Secretaries) for the four Access SCR DCUSA Changes.

- 3.2 DT queried whether people were attending the Panel meeting face-to-face. SY and PW will also attend.
- 3.3 No other points of additional business were discussed, and the Chair closed the Panel meeting.

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

- 4.1 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 on 18 May 2022.

Appendix A: Summary of Actions

New and Open Actions – Open Session

| Action Ref. | Action | Owner | Update |
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| 01/01 | | ElectraLink | |
| 01/02 | ElectraLink to progress DCP 404, DCP 405, DCP 406 and DCP 407 to the Definition phase and to set up Working Groups in order to further refine the proposed solutions. | ElectraLink | |
| 01/03 | | ElectraLink | |