DCUSA Panel Meeting 193 (Open Session)

20 July 2022 at 10:15am

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
Tim Ellingham [TE]	Panel Member	DCUSA Ltd
Simon Yeo [SY]	Panel Member [Chair]	DCUSA Ltd
Donna Townsend [DT]	Panel Member	DCUSA Ltd
Kevin Woollard [KW]	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 (Part Meeting)	BSC
Alison Beard [AB]	Observer (Part Meeting)	SEC
Code Administrator		
Dylan Townsend [DyT]	Secretariat (Technical Secretariat)	ElectraLink Ltd
Maria Gascoigne [MG]	Secretariat	ElectraLink Ltd
Richard Colwill [RC]	Secretariat	ElectraLink Ltd
Apologies		
Colette Baldwin [CB]	Observer	Retail Energy Code
Angelo Fitzhenry [AF]	Secretariat	ElectraLink Ltd
Donald Preston [DP]	Alternate Panel Member	DCUSA Ltd
Simon Vicary [SV]	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 Colette Baldwin, Donald Preston, Simon Vicary and Angelo Fitzhenry for this meeting.

1.3 The minutes of the last meeting, 15 June 2022, 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, which was as follows.

- On 18 June new functionalities were added to the Elexon Kinnect Customer Solution, new cloud based platform. The changes made it easier for participants to use e.g. to register and update contact details.
- Currently looking for participants to join the Elexon Kinnect Settlements & Invoicing user group, to help shape the system's development.
- BSC release went ahead on 30 June. The main items of interest being P375, using metering behind the boundary point, CP1546, sending UMS Summary Inventories and Control Files over the DTN and CP1527, mandating a minimum of 90 days memory, per channel on outstations based on half hourly granularity of data.
- CP1558 had been approved for implementation in June 2023. This was the supporting processes for LDSOs to update new MHHS data items which were being introduced into SMRS.
- P434 workgroup on 21 July would be reviewing responses from consultation. The Mod was for the early HH settlement of Unmetered Supplies, in support of Market-wide Half Hourly Settlement. The Mod includes a coordinated data cleanse phase, a new Change-of-Measurement-Class process, and the mandate to settle all UMS half hourly by October 2024.

2.2 It was noted that no questions were raised by the DCUSA Panel.

Office of Gas and Electricity Markets (Ofgem)

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

- DCP389: TCR Clarification on Exceptional Circumstances and Allocation Review for 'New' Sites. They had received DCP389 last Thursday and now it was with their charging team to consider and advise EDD in due course

- DCP395: Allocation of Smart Meter Communication Licence costs within LDNO Tariffs. The aim was to be determined the following day, Thursday 21 July
- DCP390: Provision of Isolations for Safe Working on Customers' Electrical Installations. This send-back was still with DCUSA Panel for re-working
- DCP297: Network Interventions SLA Enhancement. The aim was to determine by end of September
- DCP313 and DCP343 were deprioritised. The status of the CPs remained unchanged

No further questions raised.

Smart Energy Code (SEC)

2.4 It was noted that there was no specific update for July. NP162 modification would be presented at the next Board meeting for voting, the outcomes would be sent to Ofgem for final decision.

Retail Energy Code (REC)

2.5 It was noted that CB had sent her apologies for the meeting and had confirmed that there was nothing new to report in terms of REC updates that would be of interest to the DCUSA Panel.

3. Change Register

3.1 DyT presented the Change Register updates to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel_2022_0720_01).

3.2 The Panel noted the contents of the Change Register. Changes noted:

- DCP 410 - Fairer re-assessment of the allocation of Final Demand Sites prior to subsequent price control periods was an initial assessment this month
- DCP 394 - Allow any REC Accredited Meter Operator to De-Energise any Metering Point and DCP – 400 Commissioning of Works using shared Meter Operator services by the Crowded Meter Room Coordinator. Were in the consultation process
- DCP 403 - Clarify the application of the TCR fixed charge
- DCP 395 - Allocation of Smart Meter Communication Licence costs within LDNO Tariffs. Voting had taken place and were waiting authority consent.
- DCP 402 - Amendment to the 'Effective From' Date of DCP 349, DCP 386 - Sharing Network Information with Owners and Occupiers and DCP 397 -Notification of the Load Managed Area Notice Template had been implemented.
- DCP 340 - Notice period required to recover approved last resort supply payment claims which breach the materiality threshold. This had been sent back to by the Authority and following a review of updated legal text by DCUSA Ltd.'s legal advisor, the Proposer is considering whether to progress or withdraw the Change Proposal.

4. Initial Assessments

4.1 DyT presented the Initial Assessment Cover Paper to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel_2022_0720_02). It was noted that there was one DCUSA Change Proposal (DCP) to the DCUSA Panel for agreement on its progression being:

- DCP 410 - Fairer re-assessment of the allocation of Final Demand Sites prior to subsequent price control periods.

4.2 The Change Proposal (CP) had been assessed by the Secretariat in accordance with Clause 10.11 of the DCUSA, and the Secretariat believes that the CP had met the requirements set out in the DCUSA. Therefore, the Secretariat had prepared a set of recommendations for consideration by the Panel.

4.3 The Panel reviewed the DCP 410 agreed to the recommendations set out in the paper, which were that the DCUSA Panel:

- ACCEPTED the referral of the CPs;
- AGREED that DCP 410 should be treated as a 'Standard' change;
- AGREED that DCP 410 should be treated as a Part 1 Matter;
- AGREED that DCP 410 will be progressed to the Definition phase and for a Working Group to be set up to further refine the proposed solution; and
- AGREED that the progression of DCP 410 will be in accordance with the timescales set out in the paper.

Action 193/01: ElectraLink to progress DCP 410 to the Definition phase and to set up a Working Group to further refine the proposed solution.

5. Change Reports

5.1 DyT presented the Change Report Cover Paper to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel_2022_0720_03). The paper refers any Change Reports to the DCUSA Panel for approval in accordance with Clause 11.20 of the DCUSA.

5.2 The Secretariat noted that no Change Reports had been submitted to the Panel for approval at the meeting.

6. Housekeeping Log

6.1 DyT presented the Housekeeping Log Summary Paper and Housekeeping Log to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel_2022_0720_04). The Secretariat noted that between the June Panel meeting and the drafting of the paper, no new housekeeping items had been identified by either the Secretariat or any Party.

6.2 The Panel noted the contents of the paper.

7. Accession Applications

7.1 DyT presented the Accession Applications paper to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel_2022_0720_05).

7.2 It was noted that no Accessions Applications had been received since the last Panel meeting and therefore the Panel noted the contents of the paper.

8. Distribution Charging Methodology Development Group (DCMDG) Headline Report

8.1 DyT presented the DCMDG Headline Report to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel_2022_0720_06).

8.2 Key points noted from the paper:

- DCMDG meeting was held on 16 June 2022, the full minutes and associated papers were available on the DCUSA website. 21 industry participants dialled into the meeting.
- Forward Work Plan. There were no new issues raised and the Chair noted the status updates and movements in the Change Proposals related to the Charging Methodologies.
- The group agreed to remove the item in the External Activities tab related to the BEIS Energy Bills Support Scheme (EBSS) given the move away from treating said rebates as loans to be recovered via DUoS charges.
- Ofgem representative provided an update on the DUoS SCR. To date they did not have a timeline to set up a working group, however work was being progressed internally.
- DyT noted that a member had raised an item as part of AOB which related to a thought piece they had published on LinkedIn related to DUoS Charges in the future and that discussion on this was due to occur during the July DCMDG meeting.

8.3 Regarding the thought piece published in LinkedIn, one Panel member questioned whether the link or document could be shared with the Panel, to which the Secretariat agreed to circulate the document that had been included in the July DCMDG meeting pack.

8.4 The Panel noted the contents of the paper.

Action 193/01: ElectraLink to circulate the document containing the thought piece published on LinkedIn to Panel members.

9. Code Administrators Code of Practice (CACOP) Headline Report

9.1 DyT presented the CACOP Headline Report to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel_2022_0720_07).

9.2 Key points noted from the paper:

- Aligning industry release dates. The Forum reviewed a completed table displaying Code Administrators release dates and times. The Forum agreed to create a set of scenarios and

issued to the relevant Code Administrators with a view to getting Code Administrators to provide insight on how each scenario would be managed. It was agreed that after the scenario testing had been completed the forum would be informed to whether moving to aligned release dates would be the best approach.

- Code Administrator Performance Future Survey. It was confirmed that Ofgem would not be conducting a Performance Survey this year but would like to review how the survey would fit into the future regime. The rationale was because Ofgem's contract with the Provider had ended.

9.3 The Panel noted the contents of the paper and no questions were raised.

10. Interventions Working Group (IWG) Headline Report

10.1 RC presented the IWG Headline Report to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel_2022_0720_08).

10.2 Key points noted:

- Phenolic Cut Out Incidents ENA issued a Health & Safety Bulletin S001 which was developed by a DCUSA Subgroup. The subgroup was tasked with creating the bulletin to raise awareness of recent incidents involving black plastic cut-outs and advise on enhanced risk management procedures that should be adopted by all parties operating these DNO assets. The Bulletin was available via the ENA "Resource Library Search Box" which could be found under the "Industry Hub" tab on the ENA website.
- Building Network Operator (BNO) Identification issues. Alt Han Co would be collecting the BNO information as part of their work on resolving Crowded Meter Rooms (CMRs). It was proposed that a Clause be added to the legal text to allow BNO information to be shared between Alt HAN Co and DNOs, where there is a legitimate need to do so
- Disconnection of load curtailment CTs by DNO engineer. There had been few incidents where these devices have been removed or cut in half during cut-out upgrades. These devices were used to protect the cabling and DNO assets and therefore removing them put the equipment at risk. The issue would be raised for awareness at the next Service Terminations Issues Group (STIG) meeting on 09 August
- Smart Meter Installs. The number of smart meter installs for May 2022 was 207,088. The total number of smart meter installs stands at 18,251,047.

10.3 The Panel noted the contents of the paper and no questions were raised.

11. DCUSA Monthly Horizon Scan

11.1 DyT presented the DCUSA Monthly Horizon Scan to the Panel, which was circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel_2022_0720_09).

11.2 It was noted that no updates had been made to the DCUSA Monthly Horizon Scan since the May meeting and that there was an action taken last month to add an item related to the BEIS/Ofgem proposals for a Future System Operator.

11.3 Further to adding the above item, the Panel also agreed that items should be added related to the recently introduced Energy Security Bill as well as the Review of Electricity Market Arrangements (REMA) consultation.

11.4 The Secretariat agreed to review these two items and double check if there was a cross-over related to both the Governance Of Gas And Electricity Industry Codes and the proposals for a Future System Operator, and can update the Panel during the August Panel meeting.

Action 193/03: ElectraLink to add the Energy Security Bill and the Review of Electricity Market Arrangements (REMA) items to the Horizon Scan and investigate any potential cross-overs with current items in the Horizon Scan.

12. Any other Business

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

13. Next Meeting – 17August 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 No.	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
192/02	ElectraLink to add an item related to the BEIS/Ofgem proposal for a Future System Operator role to the Horizon Scan.	ElectraLink	Ongoing: will be added for review during the August Panel meeting.
193/01	ElectraLink to progress DCP 410 to the Definition phase and to set up a Working Group to further refine the proposed solution	ElectraLink	
193/02	ElectraLink to circulate the document containing the thought piece published on LinkedIn to Panel members.	ElectraLink	
193/03	ElectraLink to add the Energy Security Bill and the Review of Electricity Market Arrangements (REMA) items to the Horizon Scan and investigate any potential cross-overs with current items in the Horizon Scan.	ElectraLink	

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Action No.	Action	Owner	Update
192/01	ElectraLink to update the DCP 389 Change Report to reflect the appropriate criteria for the change being considered a Part 1 Matter and then issue to Parties for voting on 17 June 2022.	ElectraLink	Completed – DCP 389 Change Report issue to Parties for voting on 17 June 2022.