

DCUSA Panel Meeting 206 (Open Session)

16 August 2023 at 10:00am

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Attendee	Role	Company
Panel Members		
Donna Jamieson [DJ]	Panel Member (Chair)	DCUSA Ltd
Karl Maryon [KM]	Alternate Panel Member	DCUSA Ltd
Simon Vicary [SV]	Panel Member	DCUSA Ltd
Peter Waymont [PW]	Panel Member	DCUSA Ltd
Lee Wells [LW]	Panel Member	DCUSA Ltd
Simon Yeo [SY]	Panel Member	DCUSA Ltd
Observers		
Nadir Hafeez [NH]	Observer	Ofgem
Mark DeSousa Wilson [MDW]	Observer	BSC
Code Administrators		
Craig Booth [CB]	Secretariat	ElectraLink Ltd
Richard Colwill [RC]	Secretariat	ElectraLink Ltd
Angelo Fitzhenry [AF]	Secretariat	ElectraLink Ltd
Andy Green [AG]	Secretariat	ElectraLink Ltd
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Melissa Kendal [MK]	Secretariat	ElectraLink Ltd
Alyson Peña [AP]	Secretariat	ElectraLink Ltd
Dylan Townsend [DT]	Secretariat	ElectraLink Ltd
Apologies		
Donald Preston [DP]	Alternate Panel Member	DCUSA Ltd
Kevin Woollard [KW]	Panel Member	DCUSA Ltd

1. Administration

Welcomes and Introductions

1.1 The Chair welcomed all attendees to the meeting.

Apologies

1.2 It was noted that 'Apologies' had been received from: Donald Preston and Kevin Woolard.

Non-Confidential Minutes

1.3 The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed and the Panel agreed that they were a true and fair representation of the meeting.

Updated Actions

1.4 The Panel reviewed the new and open actions for the previous closed session Panel meetings and updates on all actions are set out in Appendix A.

2. Updates from the Industry Working Groups/Codes

Balancing & Settlement Code (BSC)

2.1 MDW provided an update on items related to the BSC. Key points included the following:

- Simon McCalla had left Elexon and stepped down as CEO; Peter Stanley had taken over as interim CEO;
- CP1584 'Allow non-BSC Parties to raise Change Proposals, add a CP withdrawal process and remove BCA/PACA concept': This was out for consultation until 4 September 2023;
- CP1585 'Submission of Half Hourly data for Embedded LDSO sites to Host LDSO': was out for consultation until 4 September 2023;
- P459 'Allowing different Supplier Agents to be appointed to Import and Export MSIDs' had been submitted. This would allow suppliers to appoint different operators to import and export on the same smart meter.

2.2 The Panel SCRUTINISED the BSC update. Points raised included the following:

- SY sought information about the progress of Issue 103 'Meter Registrants and Settlement Risk – A New Way' which had been raised last year. MDW agreed to investigate and provide an update at a future Panel Meeting.
- PW raised concerns around CP1585 'Submission of Half Hourly data for Embedded LDSO sites to Host LDSO' and NOTED that this data was held by DCUSA Parties and therefore the obligation to make changes to this area be a matter that falls within the DCUSA. He expressed concerns that the permission and the mechanism sat with different organisations and that this Change Proposal was confusing the two. MDW agreed to raise these concerns and provide an update at a future Panel Meeting.

- DT NOTED that P459 carried potential cross-code impact as import-export mechanisms needed to be metered.

Ofgem

2.3 NH provided an update on items related to Ofgem. Key points included the following:

2.4 Updates were provided on the progress of the following Change Proposals:

- DCP 343 'Use of a nominated calculation agent for the calculation of the LV mains split': the Estimated Decision Date (EDD) had changed to 8 September 2023;
- DCP 392 'Charging of Third Party DNO works to transmission connection users': the EDD remained 29 September 2023;
- DCP 411 'Charging De-energised sites': the EDD remained 30 November 2023;
- DCP 413 'Value of a User's Credit Allowance in Schedule 1': an EDD would be assigned shortly; and
- DCP 414 'Transitional Protection for NHH CT Customers affected by regulatory change': this had now been Approved.

2.5 This month there were no updates to give on Energy Code reform.

2.6 The Panel SCRUTINISED the Ofgem update. SY sought additional information about the start date of the DUoS SCR. NH advised that Andrew Mann would be leading on this workstream and Ofgem were currently considering when best to launch this. NH agreed to investigate and to provide an update at a future Open Panel Meeting.

Smart Energy Code (SEC)

2.7 It was NOTED that there was no SEC representative in attendance at the meeting and thus no SEC update was provided to the Panel during the meeting.

Retail Energy Code (REC)

2.8 It was NOTED that there was no REC representative in attendance at the meeting and thus no SEC update was provided to the Panel during the meeting.

3. Change Register

3.1 DT presented the Change Register updates to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel_2023_0719_01). The paper was taken as read. Key points included:

- DCP 388 'Amendments to Facilitate Appropriate Residual Charging for Sites with a Mix of Final and Non-Final Demand': this had progressed to the Consultation stage, which had been issued and would run until 31 August 2023.

- DCP 412 'Discounts from TCR charges for 'peaky' final demand customers': the working group had agreed to hold two separate consultations, as a single consultation was felt to be overly complex.
- DCP 414 'Transitional Protection for NHH CT Customers affected by regulatory change': this had been Approved by Ofgem.
- DCP 422 'Access SCR clarifications and corrections': This had been Implemented on 1 August 2023.
- DCP 328 'Use of system charging for private networks with competition in supply': This had been Rejected by Ofgem

3.2 DT NOTED that the Legal Text Overlap Tracker tab had been updated to reflect that many Schedules would be affected by MHHS.

3.3 RC presented the changes to the Timetable tab. Key points included:

- DCP 412 'Discounts from TCR charges for 'peaky' final demand customers': as previously noted, this was a complex change and the Working Group had resolved to split this into two separate consultations.
 - The Panel NOTED that the current status in the Timetable Tracker did not differentiate between multiple stage consultations and RESOLVED that the tracker should be amended to include the Consultation Number for all future Change Proposals.
- DCP 388 'Amendments to Facilitate Appropriate Residual Charging for Sites with a Mix of Final and Non-Final Demand': the scope of this CP had changed.
- DCP 325 'Reviewing the requirements of Sections 35A ('Provision of Cost Information'), 35B ('Production of the Annual Review Pack'), Schedule 15 ('Cost Information Table') and Schedule 20 ('Production of the Annual Review Pack')' and DCP 421 'Update the Tables in schedule 15 of DCUSA': These CPs were linked, so DCP 325 was being held until DCP 421 had gone out to consultation to ensure that they did not clash with one another.

206/01 Change Register: Update timetable tracker: The Secretariat to amend the 'Consultation' markers on the Timetable Tracker to reflect the number of consultations that had taken place. This current marker of 'CON' would be replaced with 'CON1', 'CON2' etc.

3.4 The Panel Scrutinised the Change Register. Points raised included:

- NH sought additional information about DCP 417. RC advised that this was progressing, the second consultation would be issued shortly and the CP should be available by October 2023.

3.5 The Panel NOTED the Change Register.

4. Initial Assessments

- 4.1 DT presented the Initial Assessment Cover Paper to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel_2023_0816_02). The paper was taken as read.
- 4.2 DT NOTED that three Change Proposals had been submitted for Initial Assessment this month, but one of these, DCP 427, had been circulated as a Late Paper on 15 August 2023.

DCP 425 ‘Cost Apportionment Factor “cap” methodology’

- 4.3 The intent of DCP 425 is to provide further clarification as to how costs of Reinforcement are apportioned between the Company and the Customer (a Generation Connection) when the High-Cost Project Threshold is triggered
- 4.4 The Panel SCRUTINISED the Initial Assessment for DCP425. No comments were raised.
- 4.5 The Panel RESOLVED to progress DCP 425 in line with recommendations, as follows:
 - ACCEPT the referral of DCP 425;
 - AGREE that DCP 425 should be treated as a ‘Standard’ Change;
 - AGREE that DCP 425 should be treated as a Part 1 Matter;
 - AGREE that DCP 425 should be progressed to the Definition Phase and for a Working Group to be established to further develop a proposed solution; and
 - AGREE the progression of DCP425 in accordance with the timescales set out in the table under paragraph 3.1 of the Initial Assessment Cover Paper (Panel_2023_0816_02).

DCP 426 ‘Multiple Party Categories’

- 4.6 The intent of DCP 426 is to add clarity to the DCUSA for how a Party can hold more than one Party Category and how they can add additional Party Categories if required.
- 4.7 The Panel SCRUTINISED the Initial Assessment for DCP426. No comments were raised.
- 4.8 The Panel RESOLVED to progress DCP 426 in line with recommendations, as follows:
 - ACCEPT the referral of the CP;
 - AGREE that the CP should be treated as a ‘Standard’ Change;
 - AGREE that DCP 426 should be treated as a Part 2 Matter;
 - AGREE that DCP 426 should be progressed to the Change Report Phase; and
 - AGREE the progression of the CP in accordance with the timescales set out in the table under paragraph 3.2 of the Initial Assessment Cover Paper (Panel_2023_0816_02).

DCP 427 ‘Housekeeping Log Items

4.9 The intent of DCP 427 is to address and where appropriate to implement a number of housekeeping items that have been identified over a period of time.

4.10 The Panel NOTED that:

- DCP 427 had been circulated as a late paper and that there had been insufficient time for the Panel to properly scrutinise or consider this CP;
- While there was no timeframe that DCP 427 to be progressed by, it would be desirable if this could be implemented at the same time as DCP 422 'Access SCR Clarifications and Corrections' as they would implement similar changes and this would reduce the potential for confusion.

4.11 The Panel RESOLVED to scrutinise DCP 427 and make an ex-Committee decision by email within two weeks.

206/02 Initial Assessments: The Secretariat to: (1) Progress DCP 425 'Cost Apportionment Factor "cap" methodology' in line with the recommended process; (2) Progress DCP 426 'Multiple Party Categories' in line with the recommended process; and (3) Support ex Committee Panel decision by email to consider and make a decision on DCP 427 'Housekeeping Log Items'

5. Change Reports

5.1 DT presented the Change Report Cover Paper to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel_2023_0816_03). It was noted that no Change Reports had been submitted this month. The paper was taken as read.

5.2 The Panel NOTED the Change Reports.

6. Housekeeping Log

6.1 DT presented the Housekeeping Log Summary Paper and Housekeeping Log to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel_2023_0816_04). The paper was taken as read.

6.2 DT NOTED that two new housekeeping items had been identified since the previous Panel Meeting:

6.3 Numbering irregularity in subclauses of Clause 8.7: subclause 8.7.2 is missing, causing the numbering to skip a number.

6.4 Numbering irregularity: Clause 10.25 is missing, causing the numbering to skip a number.

6.5 The Panel SCRUTINISED the Housekeeping Log. No comments were raised.

6.6 The Panel RESOLVED to amend the Housekeeping Log in line with recommendations, as follows:

6.7 AGREE to add the two items identified in the Housekeeping Log Summary Paper (Panel_2023_0816_04) to the Housekeeping Log; and

- AGREE for those items to be included within the Change Proposal currently being drafted to resolve the existing items in the Housekeeping Log.

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_2023_0816_05). The paper was taken as read.
- 7.2 DT NOTED that two new Accession Applications had been received from applicants wishing to accede to DCUSA. These applications were from:
- Dynamic Electric Metering Limited (SIP) and
 - Utility Assets Limited (IDNO).
- 7.3 The Panel scrutinised the Accession Applications. No comments were raised.
- 7.4 The Panel RESOLVED to progress the Accession Applications in line with recommendations, as follows:
- INSTRUCT the Panel Secretary to notify each Party and the Authority of the Applicant's identity and the information which will form the Party details;
 - INSTRUCT the Panel Secretary to prepare an Accession Agreement for the Applicant; and
 - RECOMMEND that the Board executes the Accession Agreement on behalf of all Parties.

206/03 Accession Applications: The Secretariat to: (1) Progress the Accession Application for Dynamic Electric Metering Limited's Accession Application by noting to the DCUSA Board that the Panel have instructed them to countersign the Accession Application; and (2) Progress the Accession Application for Utility Assets Limited's Accession Application by noting to the DCUSA Board that the Panel have instructed them to countersign the Accession Application; Board that the Panel have instructed them to countersign the Accession Application.

8. Review of Updated Templates

- 8.1 DT presented the Review of Updated Templates paper to the Panel. This had been circulated prior to the meeting as a late paper. See paper (Panel_2023_0816_06).
- 8.2 DT provided a summary of the new template and showed how this used forms and dropdown boxes, to replace the way in which guidance information had been presented.
- 8.3 The Panel RESOLVED to defer this until the next meeting as the papers had not been circulated with sufficient time to read.

206/04 Review of Updated Templates: This paper had been circulated as a late paper. In order to give the Panel sufficient time to review and consider this item, the Panel RESOLVED to defer consideration of this item. The Secretariat to table this item on the September Open Panel Meeting.

9. DCMDG Headline Report

- 9.1 DT presented the DCMDG Headline Report paper to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel_2023_0816_07). The paper was taken as read. Key points included:

- Ofgem Decision on DCM 328: The Group reviewed this and the Ofgem representative stated that this did not need to be progressed immediately and stressed that any solution needed to be fit for purpose.
- Customer Contributions – DNO Update: DCMDG had noted that there was no consensus on how this should be handled and Ofgem had indicated that they were minded to pursue an alternative course of action but were currently seeking to improve their understanding of different parties' positions.
 - The Panel discussed this item and NOTED that decisions would need to be taken quickly as any changes would need to be signalled well in advance.
- MHHS Update: DCMDG had noted that the MHHS Change Request (CR027), which related to DCP 416 'DUoS e-billing', was out for consultation.
- Non-Final Demand Site Certification Within Price Control Period: DCMDG discussed the process for situations should a Final Demand Site become a Non-Final Demand Site within the applicable control period. The Ofgem representative had encouraged industry to contact them with any issues/blockers so that they could keep ahead of any arising issues.
- Accessibility of MPAN TNUoS Charging Band: DCMDG had discussed this but responsibility for developing a solution lay with BSC or CUSC, not DCUSA. This item had been tabled by a single supplier with a unique business model that did not fit this system.

9.2 The Panel NOTED the report.

10. IWG Headline Report

10.1 RC presented the IWG Headline Report paper to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel_2023_0816_07). The paper was taken as read. Key points included:

- Asbestos: IWG had identified that there was confusion around whether ownership of asbestos meter boards lay with the energy company or the property owner and, after discussions with the Ombudsman, it had been deemed that this was an issue for the energy supplier and that they should liaise with the DNO to remove the board. However, different suppliers did not always have specific procedures for dealing with these.
- Customer Journey and Communication: IWG had discussed data flows and volunteers being sought to conduct tests and confirm whether the validation worked properly.
- Improving Customer Service – use of the URL: IWG had discussed how this worked for Category A reporting and had noted that there were benefits this, such as allowing photographs to be shared.

10.2 The Panel NOTED the report.

11. SIG Headline Report

11.1 RC presented the SIG Headline Report paper to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel_2023_0816_07). The paper was taken as read. Key points included:

- Review of DIF 67 'Use of "REP-242" in aggregated billing': SIG had agreed that this would be treated as the equivalent of a D30.

11.2 The Panel sought clarification around what should happen if blank data was sent across. RC explained that a consultation into this issue was running until 21 August.

11.3 The Panel NOTED the report.

12. DCUSA Monthly Horizon Scan

12.1 DT presented the DCUSA Monthly Horizon Scan paper to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel_2023_0816_07). The paper was taken as read.

12.2 DT advised that there were no updates to the Horizon Scan this month, but advised that some movement was expected shortly on the following two items:

- Future System Operator; and
- License Update from BEIS.

12.3 The Panel NOTED the report.

13. Any Other Business

13.1 No Items of Other Business were raised.

13.2

14. Date of next meeting: 20 September 2023 at 10:00am

14.1 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.

14.2

Appendix A: Summary of Actions

New and Open Actions – Open Session

Ref No.	Action	Owner	Update
202/04	Assessing against the DCUSA Objectives: The Secretariat to update the Change Proposal form template and Working Group Terms of Reference document in line with the Panel decisions.	ElectraLink	<p>Update 21 June: Yet to be completed- LEAVE OPEN</p> <p>Update 19 July 2023: Secretariat currently progressing updates to the Change Proposal form and Working Group terms of reference. The Panel NOTED that any changes needed to be approved by the panel. The Secretariat confirmed that these changes would be circulated to the Panel for review and ex-Committee Decision before being finalised. LEAVE OPEN.</p> <p>Update 16 August 2023: This had been circulated as a late paper and was tabled in the August Open Panel Meeting. However, the Panel RESOLVED to defer this for ex-Committee decision in order to have sufficient opportunity to review and scrutinise this paper. LEAVE OPEN</p>
205/03	AoB: Design of CP Form: Taking account of feedback from the Panel meeting related to amendments to the CP form, and other ongoing actions to add content to the CP form, the Secretariat is to undertake the drafting of these and then present the updated CP Form to a future Panel Meeting for review and approval.	ElectraLink	<p>Update 16 August 2023: This had been circulated as a late paper and was tabled in the August Open Panel Meeting. However, the Panel RESOLVED to defer this until the September Open Panel Meeting in order to have sufficient opportunity to review and scrutinise this paper. LEAVE OPEN</p>
206/01	Change Register: Update timetable tracker: The Secretariat to amend the 'Consultation' markers on the Timetable Tracker to reflect the number of consultations that had taken place. This current marker of 'CON' would be replaced with 'CON1', 'CON2' etc.	ElectraLink	
206/02	Initial Assessments: The Secretariat to: (1) Progress DCP 425 'Cost Apportionment Factor "cap" methodology' in line with the recommended process; (2) Progress DCP 426 'Multiple Party Categories' in line with the recommended process; and (3) Support	ElectraLink	

	ex-Committee Panel decision by email to consider and make a decision on DCP 427 'Housekeeping Log Items'		
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206/04	Review of Updated Templates: This paper had been circulated as a late paper. In order to give the Panel sufficient time to review and consider this item, the Panel RESOLVED to defer consideration of this item. The Secretariat to table this item on the September Open Panel Meeting.	ElectraLink	

Closed Actions – Open Session

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202/06	<u>Housekeeping Log</u> : Consequential changes to Clause 54.4A: The Secretariat to draft a Change Proposal to clear out as many of the housekeeping items now contained in the housekeeping log as possible.	ElectraLink	<p>Update 21 June: The Drafting had been half-completed and DJ agreed to sponsor the CP. However, this would be held until after the implementation of 4x Change Proposals being implemented this month, so as to affect a stable draft of the DCUSA. To be presented for Initial Assessment at the next Open Panel Meeting. LEAVE OPEN.</p> <p>Update 19 July 2023: This was covered in the Housekeeping Log. LEAVE OPEN</p> <p>Update 16 August 2023: COMPLETED. This had been completed. CLOSED</p>

205/01	<p><u>Housekeeping Log:</u> The Secretariat to add two new items to the Housekeeping Log, being: (1) Clause 18.4.2. the words 'entry point' should read 'exit point'; and (2) The cross reference to Paragraph 1.35 in Paragraph 1.16 should actually be to Paragraph 1.36.</p>	ElectraLink	<p>Update 16 August 2023: COMPLETED. These had been added to the Housekeeping Log. CLOSED</p>
205/02	<p><u>Accession Applications:</u> The Secretariat to: (1) Progress the Accession Application for AES Smart Metering Limited's Accession Application by noting to the DCUSA Board that the Panel have instructed them to countersign the Accession Application; and (2) To Liaise with the REC Code Manager in respect of E.ON UK Energy Services Limited's MEM Accreditation and, once satisfied that this has been met, to progress this Accession Application noting to the DCUSA Board that the Panel have instructed them to countersign the Accession Application.</p>	ElectraLink	<p>Update 16 August 2023: COMPLETED. The paperwork for these Accession Applications had been drafted and circulated for signing. CLOSED</p>