

DCP 417 Mid Consultation Q&A

25 October 2023 at 10:00 - Web-Conference

Attendee	Company
Attendees	
Andrew Sherry [AS]	ENWL
Ann Burston [AB]	NPg
Claire Wagstaffe [CW]	SSE
Edda Dirks [ED]	SSE Gen
Sally Musaka [SM]	SSE
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Craig Booth [CB]	ElectraLink
Mel Kendal [MK] (Technical Secretariat)	ElectraLink
Richard Colwill [RC] (Chair)	ElectraLink

1. Purpose of the Meeting

- 1.1 The Chair explained that the purpose of this DCP 417 Q&A session is to review provide an overview of the DCP 417 Consultation and answer any questions from attendees during the current Consultation period.
- 1.2 The Chair noted that the deadline for responding to the DCP 417 Consultation is **06 November 2023**.

2. DCP 417 Mid-Consultation Q&A

- 2.1 The Chair provided an overview of the DCP 417 Consultation and opened the floor to questions from attendees. These questions and answers can be found below:

Question 1 – Will the Panel be updated on the changes discussed during the SIG and DCMDG Forums?

- 2.2 The Chair explained that regardless of whether industry or the Secretariat have taken ownership of the change, once the issue has been agreed to be taken forward as a Change Proposal, the Panel must be informed, and the CP will be presented to them for further discussion. All changes will follow the existing DCUSA Governance.
- 2.3 The Chair also confirmed that all discussions and decisions regarding issues/potential changes presented at the SIG or DCMDG are formally minuted, and a headline report for each forum is provided to the Panel each month. Therefore, the DCUSA Panel will have sight of issues raised by the Secretariat prior to a CP potentially being issued for decision.

Question 2 – Can it be highlighted that the vote is a useful development but make it clear that not everyone who may have a stake in a proposal will have a vote.

- 2.4 The Chair confirmed that whilst non-DCUSA Parties may be involved in the SIG or DCMDG discussions, only DCUSA Parties would be eligible to vote on whether the Secretariat should raise a CP.
- 2.5 One member also suggested that it may be beneficial for the DCP 417 Working Group to provide further guidance on how the voting will work in practice. The Chair agreed to pass this action on to the DCP 417 Working Group.

ACTION 01/01: The DCP 417 Working Group to further develop the current voting process (i.e., create guidance/new model for how this will work).

Question 3 – Discussing raised issues within the SIG and DCMDG Forums have already been captured, but should the circumstances where the Authority has directed the Secretariat to raise a change be included?

- 2.6 The Chair agreed to address this with the Working Group and seek views on whether Authority directed changes should still be brought to Forums such as the SIG/DCMDG to be further discussed or whether they should go straight to the Panel for decision on next steps.

ACTION 01/02: The Chair to seek views from the DCP 417 Working Group as to whether Authority directed changes should be further discussed as the SIG/DCMDG or taken straight to Panel for decision on next steps.

Question 4 – How will “housekeeping” changes be managed?

- 2.7 It was noted that at present the plan is that “housekeeping” changes identified by the secretariat would follow the same proposed solution, i.e., be first being raised as issues at the SIG or DCMDG. The reason for this is that it is believed this is a cleaner solution because defining what a “housekeeping” change is could overcomplicate.
- 2.8 It was noted that there is an existing “housekeeping log” that is maintained by the DCUSA Panel. The idea of this log is to try and capture as many of these changes as possible in one CP. Therefore, from time to time the DCUSA Panel will agree that a “housekeeping” change should be raised to clear the log. It may be that at this stage the DCUSA Panel could instruct the Secretariat to raise the CP or the

Secretariat take the log to SIG and DCMDG as a collective issue and follows the current proposed process.

2.9 These considerations will be passed on to the DCP 417 Working Group for further discussion.

ACTION 01/03: The Chair to seek views from the DCP 417 Working Group as to how “housekeeping” changes should be treated.

Question 5 – Are there any additional costs to DCUSA Parties in the process of raising a new issue?

2.10 ElectraLink (the existing DCUSA Secretariat) has confirmed that there will be no costs passed on to industry for the consideration, raising of issues and drafting of a CP from the Secretariat. Once a Secretariat raised CP is issued to Panel it will follow the existing DCUSA Change Process.

Question 6 – What is the current timeline for this change?

2.11 The Chair informed the group of the DCP 417 timeline below:

- Consultation ends on 06 November 2023.
- The Working Group will review the Consultation responses throughout November 2023.
- The Change Report could potentially be presented at the Panel meeting in December 2023/January 2024; however, this depends on the responses received and what further considerations are needed.
- The aim is for the Authority to review this change from January/February 2024.

Question 7- Was an option considered to limit the Secretariat scope for raising changes (eg housekeeping)?

2.12 The Working Group did consider limiting the scope to certain changes, however a majority of the Working Group felt that this took away most of the benefits DCP 417 would bring. With the new solution being proposed in the second consultation, it was felt that any risks associated with the Secretariat not being restricted are mitigated against. It was noted that the solution is not finalised yet and respondents can indicate a favoured solution in their response to the second consultation.

3. Any Other Business

3.1 The Chair asked the group whether there were any other items of business to discuss.

3.2 There were no other items raised.

4. Date of Next Meeting - TBC

4.1 The next DCP 417 Working Group meeting will be held on 22 November 2023 at 1pm.

APPENDIX A

New and Open Actions

Action Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
01/01	The DCP 417 Working Group to further develop the current voting process (i.e., create guidance/new model for how this will work).	DCP 417 Working Group	New Action.
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Closed Actions

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