

DCUSA Panel Meeting 215 (Open Session)

15 May 2024 at 10:00am

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Attendee	Role	Company
Panel Members		
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Lee Wells [LW]	Alternate Panel Member	DCUSA Ltd
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Observers		
Mark DeSouza Wilson [MDW]	Observer	BSC
Clare Wagstaffe [CW]	Observer	SSE
Mark Bellman [MB]	Observer	ENWL
Nadir Hafeez [NH]	Observer	Ofgem
Code Administrators		
Andy Green [AG]	Secretariat	ElectraLink Ltd
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Hannah Proffitt [HP]	Secretariat	ElectraLink Ltd
Dylan Townsend [DT]	Secretariat	ElectraLink Ltd
Craig Booth [CB]	Secretariat	ElectraLink Ltd
Richard Colwill [RC]	Secretariat	ElectraLink Ltd
Angelo Fitzhenry [AF]	Secretariat	ElectraLink Ltd
Apologies		
Kevin Woollard [KW]	Panel Member	DCUSA Ltd
Donald Preston [DP]	Alternate Panel Member	DCUSA Ltd

1. Administration

Permission to record Meeting

1.1 The Panel RESOLVED to record this Meeting.

Welcomes and Introductions

1.2 The Chair welcomed all attendees to the meeting.

Apologies

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

Non-Confidential Minutes

1.4 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

1.5 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 the Panel with a verbal update on BSC related topics, including:

- The BSC have announced their next 'Introduction to the Electricity Market' seminar that's going to be on the 11th of September and suggested this would be useful introduction for new starters.
- [Issue 111 'SMRA Liquidated Damages in MHHS Arrangements'](#)
 - A formal date for the first meeting is yet to be confirmed but that one is expected to be held later in May.
 - The Supplier Meter Registration Agent (SMRA) Service Level Agreements (SLAs) were added to the BSC as part of the Retail Energy Code implementation. These SLAs are self-policed with the SMRAs distributing Service Credits to participants if not met and are not part of the BSC Performance Assurance Framework.
 - Whilst the concept of SLAs is still required, the current mechanism set out in Annex K-1 and BSCP501 is no longer appropriate due to the implementation of the MHHS Target Operating Model (TOM), with faster response times required. The MHHS TOM does not address the concept of SLAs in relation to liquidated damages, therefore, BSCCo has raised Issue 111 to consider the best future approach.
- [Issue 113 'Introduction of a Radio Teleswitch System \(RTS\) user charge'](#)
 - The contract between Elexon and the Energy Networks Association (ENA) currently passes the operational costs for the Radio Teleswitch Service (RTS) through the BSC as 'BSC Costs.' These costs amount to approximately £3.5 million, with around 1 million RTS

devices (Radio Teleswitches and Radio Telemeters) in use. Under the existing arrangement, all BSC Trading Parties contribute to these costs based on their Funding Share.

- However, Ofgem wishes to explore ways to incentivise Suppliers to promptly replace RTS meters. Ofgem has requested Elexon revisit a solution proposed in Issue 108. This solution aims to target RTS cost recovery specifically toward the relevant Suppliers. Additionally, considerations should be made regarding the reporting provided to impacted parties and publishing the relevant information in the interests of transparency.

2.2 The Panel NOTED the BSC update.

Ofgem

2.3 NH provided an update on Change Proposals that sat with Ofgem for decision, including:

- DCP 435 – which has an expected decision date of 28 June 2024, but that the aim is to issue a decision before then, so as to hit the June DCUSA release date, which is scheduled for 27 June 2024; and
- DCP 425 – which has an expected decision date of 31 July 2024 and that Ofgem are still currently on track to meet that date.

2.4 NH then updated the Panel on other items of note, including:

- Ofgem’s joint consultation with DESNZ on code manager selection regulations and code manager licence conditions, remains open until 5 May.
- Ofgem’s consultation on the implementation of Energy Code Reform closed on 23 April 2024. Ofgem are reviewing and analysing all responses received and will publish our decision in due course.
- Ofgem are grateful to industry colleagues who volunteered to join their Modification Process Workgroup (MPW). To ensure visibility for wider stakeholders Ofgem have published a list of members on their website: <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/consultation/energy-code-reform-implementation-consultation>. An introductory meeting with members of the MPW was held on 17 April. It was an opportunity for the group to meet, agree ways of working and discuss content and sequencing for future sessions. Ofgem expect there will be 5 meetings of the MPW between May – July this year. The outputs from the meetings will help inform Ofgem’s policy development ahead of their next consultation on implementing energy code reform. Ofgem will provide updates from each of the sessions at panel meetings.
- One Panel member asked if NH had an update on Ofgem’s review of standing charges, to which NH explained that he did not but would follow up internally for a response.

Smart Energy Code (SEC)

2.5 The Panel NOTED that no SEC representative was in attendance for this meeting and that no update was provided during this meeting.

Retail Energy Code (REC)

- 2.6 The Panel NOTED that no REC representative was in attendance for this meeting and that no update was provided during this 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_2024_0515_01). DT explained which changes had changed status since the last Panel meeting as well as any that had moved into a new status since the paper was published.
- 3.2 RC presented the 'Timetables' tab and highlighted that the timetables for which were being moved and the reason for their movement.
- 3.3 The Panel NOTED the Change Register updates.

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_2024_0515_02). It was NOTED that the paper presented two new Change Proposals for Initial Assessment by the Panel as set out below.

DCP 440 'Consuming "de-energised" sites'

- 4.2 The Panel NOTED that the intent of DCP 440 is to ensure all consuming "de-energised" sites are charged DUoS.
- 4.3 For DCP 440, the Panel:
- ACCEPTED the referral of the CP;
 - AGREED that the CP should be treated as a 'Standard' Change;
 - AGREED that the CP should be treated as a Part 1 Matter;
 - AGREED that the CP should be progressed to the Definition Phase and for a Working Group to be set up in order to further refine the proposed solution; and
 - AGREED the progression of the CP in accordance with the proposed timetable recommended by the Secretariat.

215/01 Initial Assessments: The Secretariat to progress DCP 440 'Consuming "de-energised" sites' to the Definition Phase and to set up a Working Group in order to further refine the proposed solution.

DCP 441 'Proposal to increase the number of allowed Change Report alternative variations from two to three'

- 4.4 The Panel NOTED that the intent of DCP 441 is to change the number of alternative variations that can be added by the Panel to a Change Report from two to three.
- 4.5 The Panel SCRUTINISED DCP 441. Points raised included the following:

- Whether the CP should be progressed to the Definition phase and for a Working Group to be established or if it could proceed directly to the Change Report phase. It was agreed that the Change Proposal should be progressed directly to the Report Phase and for it to be treated as a Part 1 Matter. The reason for DCP 441 being progressed directly to the Report Phase is because of the very narrow scope of the change and because the legal text amendments are simple in nature.
- The Panel requested for the DCUSA Code Administrator to carry out some analysis with respect to the number of previous Change Proposals which have progressed with one or two alternative solutions (in addition to the solution originally proposed). The analysis should look to identify any instances where there had been discussions on the possible inclusion of more than two alternative solutions but that had not been taken forward due to the current restriction. The output of this analysis is to be included in the Change Report.

4.6 For DCP 441, the Panel:

- ACCEPTED the referral of the CP;
- AGREED that the CP should be treated as a 'Standard' Change;
- AGREED that the CP should be treated as a Part 1 Matter;
- AGREED that the CP should be progressed to the Report Phase; and
- AGREED the progression of the CP in accordance with the proposed timetable recommended by the Secretariat.

215/02 Initial Assessments: The Secretariat to progress DCP 441 'Proposal to increase the number of allowed Change Report alternative variations from two to three' to the Report Phase and to carry out some analysis with respect to the number of previous Change Proposals which have progressed with one or two alternative solutions in line with the description in the Panel minutes.

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_2024_0515_03). It was noted that the paper presented the following four Change Reports for approval this month:

- DCP 433 'Limitation for backdating of rebates/charges under Schedule 32'
DCP 436 'Date change for the provision of Rota Load Block Alpha Identifiers and potential provision of additional data'
- DCP 417 'Ability for the DCUSA Secretariat to Raise Change Proposals'
- DCP 421 'Update the Tables in Schedule 15 of DCUSA'

5.2 DT explained that with respect to DCP 421, there had in fact been a delay in terms of the legal drafting and as a result the CP should no longer be considered ready for the Panel to consider and would likely be presented during the June meeting.

5.3 The Panel SCRUTINISED the Change Report for DCP 433, during which the following points were raised:

- On page 9, within the table, in the second column, the second bullet point referred to the DCUSA General Objective 6 but should have referred to DCUSA Charging Objective 6.
- It was highlighted that it wasn't necessarily clear if the Working Group had addressed all the points raised in responses to the consultation that was issued and that the document could benefit from including appropriate cross references to where any comments had been addressed if not within the consultation section of the Change Report. Specifically, the comment was with respect to the point made in paragraph 5.14 in this Change Report.

5.4 CB agreed to take an action to update the Change Report in line with the comments made by the Panel.

5.5 Subject to the rectifying the above issues, for DCP 433, the Panel:

- DETERMINED that the Change Report contained the level of information required to enable Parties to understand the impact of the proposed amendments and to vote on the CP;
- DETERMINED that the Parties eligible to vote on the CP were those identified as 'Impacted Parties' within the Change Report;
- DETERMINED that the voting period for the CP should be 15 Working Days, and
- APPROVED the Change Report for issue to Parties for voting on 16 May 2024.

215/03 Change Reports: The Secretariat to update the DCP 433 Change Report in line with the comments made by the Panel and captured in the minutes and then progress DCP 433 to the Voting phase on 16 May for a period of 15 Working Days.

5.6 The Panel SCRUTINISED the Change Report for DCP 436, during which the following points were raised:

- It was noted that the paper set out that the Working Group had requested that the Panel approves a voting period of 10 Working Days, to allow for the outcome of Party voting to be known one month before the deadline for submitting Rota Load Block Alpha Identifier data to the Nominated Central Source. This will allow more time for DNOs to submit Rota Load Block Alpha Identifier data to the Nominated Central Source as per the existing requirements of the DCUSA, in the event that the proposal is rejected, and that date is not changed.
- It was highlighted that it wasn't necessarily clear if the Working Group had addressed all the points raised in responses to the consultation that was issued and that the document could benefit from including appropriate cross references to where any comments had been addressed if not within the consultation section of the Change Report. Specifically, the comment was with respect to the point made in paragraph 5.20 in this Change Report.

5.7 Subject to the rectifying the above issues, for DCP 436, the Panel:

- DETERMINED that the Change Report contained the level of information required to enable Parties to understand the impact of the proposed amendments and to vote on the CP;
- DETERMINED that the Parties eligible to vote on the CP were those identified as 'Impacted Parties' within the Change Report;

- DETERMINED that the voting period for the CP should be 10 Working Days and that the Secretariat, when issuing the Change Report to Parties, is to make it clear in the covering email that the voting period is shorter than the standard timeframe, and
- APPROVED the Change Report for issue to Parties for voting on 15 May 2024.

215/04 Change Reports: The Secretariat to update the DCP 436 Change Report in line with the comments made by the Panel and captured in the minutes and then progress DCP 436 to the Voting phase on 15 May for a period of 10 Working Days.

5.8 The Panel SCRUTINISED the Change Report for DCP 417, during which the following points were raised:

- There may have been an incorrect reference in the Change Report document related to the quoracy rules proposed for the SIG and DCMDG in terms of voting to allow the Secretariat to raise a Change Proposal where it was agreed that it should follow a similar process to that of the Panel which requires a minimum of four DCUSA Parties being present at the meeting, with at least one being a DNO Party or IDNO Party and one being a Supplier Party. The potential issue was that there may have been a reference to a previous approach of one of the four members being a DNO Party and an IDNO Party but it was agreed to be a DNO Party or IDNO Party.
- It was highlighted that it wasn't necessarily clear if the Working Group had addressed all the points raised in responses to the consultation that was issued and that the document could benefit from including appropriate cross references to where any comments had been addressed if not within the consultation section of the Change Report. Specifically, the comment was with respect the point made in paragraph 5.5 in this Change Report.
- DT highlighted that there appeared to be an issue with the legal text in that the proposed addition of paragraph 7.6 in Schedule 7, should in fact be an addition of a paragraph 8.6. DT noted that this would align to the proposed addition of paragraph 8.6 in Schedule 28. The Panel considered the point and agreed that the text did need updating and requested that the Secretariat ask the legal advisors to update the text and then to circulate the update to the Working Group to confirm what action had been taken.

5.9 Subject to the rectifying the above issues, for DCP 417, the Panel agreed that they would like to receive an updated version of the documents via email and would then make an ex-committee decision via email.

215/05 Change Reports: The Secretariat to update the DCP 417 Change Report in line with the comments made by the Panel and captured in the minutes and then re-issue the updated documents via email to the Panel for an ex-committee decision.

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_2024_0515_04). The paper was taken as read.

6.2 DT NOTED that between the previous Panel meeting and the drafting of this paper, no new housekeeping items have been identified by either the Secretariat or any Party.

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_2024_0515_05). The Paper was taken as read.
- 7.2 DT NOTED that one new Accession Application had been received and vetted by the Secretariat from an applicant wishing to accede to DCUSA in the CVA Registrant Party Category. It was noted that the application was from Field Gaia Ltd.
- 7.3 The Panel SCRUTINISED the Accession Application for Field Gaia Ltd and RESOLVED to APPROVE the Accession Application. The Panel and instructed the Secretariat to prepare the relevant Accession Agreement paperwork for signing and progress the Accession Application following the meeting.

215/06 Accession Applications: The Secretariat to progress the Accession Application for Field Gaia Ltd, by drafting and sending the applicant an Accession Agreement and advising the DCUSA Board that the Panel have instructed them to countersign these Accession Agreement.

8. DCMDG Headline Report

- 8.1 DT presented the DCMDG Headline Report to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel_2024_0515_06). The paper was taken as read and it was noted the Panel had no questions or comments.
- 8.2 The Panel NOTED the DCMDG Headline Report.

9. IWG Headline Report

- 9.1 RC presented the IWG Headline Report to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel_2024_0515_07). The paper was taken as read and it was noted the Panel had no questions or comments.
- 9.2 The Panel NOTED the IWG Headline Report.

10. SIG Headline Report

- 10.1 AG presented the SIG Headline Report to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel_2024_0515_08). The paper was taken as read.
- 10.2 A Panel member raised one additional point which was related to an action on the Secretariat re-constitute the SIG sub-group looking at the Rota Load Disconnection data submission issue and for the sub-group to specifically discuss the issue related to the use of F and O as Alpha Identifiers which were not meant to be used but had been provided in the recent submissions.
- 10.3 The Panel NOTED the SIG Headline Report.

11. DCUSA Monthly Horizon Scan

- 11.1 DT presented the DCUSA Monthly Horizon Scan paper to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel_2024_0515_09). The paper was taken as read.
- 11.2 DT NOTED that the updates since the last meeting included commentary for:

- DUoS Charging SCR
- Ofgem/DESNZ Energy Codes Reform
- Review of Electricity Market Arrangements
- Open letter on regulatory arrangements for IDNOs

11.3 The Panel NOTED the Horizon Scan.

12. Post Panel update and open Q&A session

12.1 RC provided a verbal report of the Post Panel update and open Q&A session that had been held after the last Open Panel meeting. Key points included:

- This meeting had run through all open CP's and other matters and provided an opportunity for Contract Managers to ask questions or raise any concerns.
- It was noted that the session attracted more attendees than the first, and that a number of questions had been asked and answered during the session.

12.2 The Panel NOTED the Post Panel update and open Q&A session report.

13. Any Other Business

13.1 One item of Other Business was raised by MB, related to BSC Modification P455 ' '. MB explained that the DNOs via the ENA Commercial Operations Group (COG) had issued a letter to the BSC Panel related to concerns that any aggregation utilising privately managed submeters rather than the traditional boundary meter data could have an impact upon the accuracy of settlements. The COG believes that there should have been more cross code engagement and that there was a belief that a DCUSA change is required to fully deliver any solution.

13.2 The Panel considered the points made by MB but ultimately concluded that the DCUSA processes revolve around receiving settlement data, and then using that data to bill use of system charges. The solution for P455 won't change the fact the distributors will still receive settlement data. It was noted that the people in charge of the processes, the accuracy and the completeness of that settlement data will make the decision on P455. It appeared to the Panel that this was completely a BSC matter and if concerns have already been raised then and discussed then the Panel aren't in a position to add anything further.

14. Date of next meeting: 19 June 2024 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.

Appendix A: Summary of Actions

New and Open Actions – Open Session

Ref No.	Action	Owner	Update
213/02	<u>Updates from the Industry Working Groups/Codes: All Code Managers:</u> The Secretariat to reach out to the REC and SEC Code Managers to consider if there were better ways of working together and sharing updates of each other's activities.	ElectraLink	Update 17 April 2024: REC had advised that Lorna Mallon would take over for Collette Bowe, and SEC were being contacted. KEEP OPEN
213/04	<u>Initial Assessments:</u> The Secretariat to add placeholder to the Housekeeping Log to review and revisit references in the DCUSA related to distributors price controls.	ElectraLink	Update 17 April 2024: This would be completed after the meeting. KEEP OPEN
214/03	<u>DCUSA Monthly Horizon Scan:</u> Secretariat to review the following items for inclusion in or updating of the DCUSA Monthly Horizon Scan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reform to the electricity connections process Management of the transmission connection queue Open letter on strategic transmission charging reform. 	ElectraLink	Ongoing
215/01	<u>Initial Assessments:</u> The Secretariat to progress DCP 440 'Consuming "de-energised" sites' to the Definition Phase and to set up a Working Group in order to further refine the proposed solution.	ElectraLink	
215/02	<u>Initial Assessments:</u> The Secretariat to progress DCP 441 'Proposal to increase the number of allowed Change Report alternative variations from two to three' to the Report Phase and to carry out some analysis with respect to the number of previous Change Proposals which have progressed with one or two alternative solutions in line with the description in the Panel minutes.	ElectraLink	
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Closed Actions – Open Session

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214/01	Initial Assessments: The Secretariat to progress DCP 439 ‘Backdating Tariff Changes’ to the Definition Phase and to set up a Working Group in order to further refine the proposed solution.	ElectraLink	Completed
214/02	Accession Applications: The Secretariat to progress the Accession Application for Energise Energy Solutions Limited, by drafting and sending the applicant an Accession Agreements and advising the DCUSA Board that the Panel have instructed them to countersign these Accession Agreements.	ElectraLink	