

Meeting Session	DCUSA Panel (Open Session)
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SIG Headline Report

1. Synopsis

- 1.1 This report sets out the key decisions made at a DCUSA Standing Issues Group (SIG) meeting on 30 August 2024. The minutes of the meeting are available [here](#) on the DCUSA website.

2. Embedded Capacity Register (ECR) Change Request Notice

- 2.1 The DCUSA Secretariat recently received an ECR Change Request Notice seeking to include Long Term Development Statement (LTDS) nomenclature to identify where generator Point of Connection is located. This was issued to DCUSA Contract Managers for Representations and Objections on 10 July 2024 and subsequently submitted to the Panel for review on 21 August in accordance with Schedule 31, Paragraph 3 of the DCUSA.
- 2.2 After review of the responses received the Panel believed it would be beneficial for further industry discussions and identified the SIG as a good forum for this. The rationale for this decision is that Ofgem have issued a Long Term Development Statement direction (further details can be found [here](#)) and this has interactions with the proposed ECR Change Request Notice.
- 2.3 SIG members discussed the change notice, considering the interactions with the Ofgem direction. In particular, they discussed comments received back from the consultation with DCUSA Contract Managers that currently, DNOs are developing a common information model (CIM) for LTDS as per the new direction from Ofgem. This process involves a 3-Stage incremental implementation of CIM LTDS, where they will be delivering Stage 1 outcomes (Equipment LTDS profile) by November 2024. Stage 2 and 3 will be delivered in May 2025 and November. 2025 respectively.
- 2.4 As a part of Stage 2 delivery the LTDS Connectivity Nodes will be assigned with identifiers which refers to ECR entries for connected and accepted-to-connect generation. Further in Stage 3, they will provide Difference Models representing development projects whose identifiers will be used in Embedded Capacity Register (ECR) entries to indicate projects on which an accepted-to-connect generation connection depends. It is believed that provision of these planned CIM models satisfies the objectives of the ECR change request albeit in a different format.
- 2.5 It was also noted that the current DNO reviews may lead to node names changing, so implementing anything in the ECR now will likely need to change next year.
- 2.6 After discussion, members agreed it was sensible to wait until phase 2 is completed. At this stage a decision will need to be made as to whether a change is then needed to the ECR. The proposer of the ECR Change Notice stated that he was still keen on the ECR being updated following completion of stage 2 as this register is updated on a more frequent basis.

3. Next SIG Meeting – 27 September 2024

- 3.1 At present no new issues have been raised. If none are received the meeting will be cancelled on 20 September 2024.

4. Recommendations

- 4.1 The DCUSA Panel is invited to:

- **NOTE** the contents of this paper.

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