

# DCUSA Panel Meeting 223 (Open Session)

15 January 2025 at 10:00am

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Attendee	Role	Company
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<b>Observers</b>		
Maria Casey [MC]	Observer	IDCL
Mark DeSouza Wilson [MDW]	Observer	BSC
Nadir Hafeez [NH]	Observer	Ofgem
Robbie Lees [RL]	Observer	IDCL
Lorna Mallon [LM]	Observer	REC
Monique Pereira	Observer	Indigo Network
<b>Code Administrator</b>		
Craig Booth [CB]	Secretariat	ElectraLink Ltd
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Hannah Proffit [HP]	Secretariat	ElectraLink Ltd
Dylan Townsend [DT]	Secretariat	ElectraLink Ltd
<b>Apologies</b>		
None		

## 1. Administration

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### Permission to record Meeting

- 1.1 The Panel RESOLVED to record this meeting to aid the Technical Secretariat in producing an accurate report of the meeting. The recording will be deleted once the minutes for the meeting are approved.

### Welcomes and Introductions

- 1.2 The Chair welcomed all attendees to the meeting.

### Apologies

- 1.3 It was NOTED that no 'Apologies' had been received for this Meeting.

### 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 open session Panel meeting and updates on all actions are set out in Appendix A.

## 2. Updates from the Industry Working Groups/Codes

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### Balancing & Settlement Code (BSC)

- 2.1 MDW provided the Panel with a verbal update on BSC related topics. Points raised included:
- The Market Facilitator Workshop would take place on 23 January 2025; anyone wishing to join should email [MF@elelxon.co.uk](mailto:MF@elelxon.co.uk)
  - The consultation on the review of Section N of the BSC, which related to clearing invoicing and payments, would run until 20 January 2025.
  - A new 'MHHS Experts' working group was being formed to evaluate change proposals during the transition period, which would examine legacy arrangements and MHHS test arrangements. Anybody wishing to join this group was encouraged to contact Elexon.
- 2.2 The Panel NOTED the BSC update.

### Ofgem

- 2.3 NH provided the Panel with a verbal update on Ofgem related topics. Points raised included:
- There were no updates on Energy Code Reform this month.
  - The EDD for DCP 439 'Backdating Tariff Changes' was 13 February 2025.
- 2.4 The Panel NOTED the Ofgem update.

### Smart Energy Code (SEC)

- 2.5 LM NOTED that no SEC modifications were being progressed that would affect the DCUSA.
- 2.6 The Panel NOTED the SEC update.

## Retail Energy Code (REC)

- 2.7 LM presented the REC change update paper to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel\_2025\_0115\_01). The paper was taken as read.
- 2.8 LM highlighted that R0207 was currently a live consultation but NOTED that there was no impact upon DCUSA.
- 2.9 The Panel NOTED the REC update.

## 3. Matters Arising

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- 3.1 There were no Matters Arising:

## 4. Change Register

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- 4.1 RC presented the Change Register updates to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel\_2025\_0115\_02). The paper was taken as read. RC 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.
- 4.2 RC Status change
- DCP 437 'To Shorten the DUoS Pricing Notice Periods' was back in definition phase.
  - DCP 446 'Emergency Disconnections' had gone out to consultation on 6 January 2025.
  - DCP 440 'Consuming "de-energised" sites' had gone out to consultation and a decision would be issued shortly.
  - DCP 447 'NTC Section Footers' had gone out to consultation and a decision would be issued shortly.
  - DCP 448 'Supercustomer Billing' had gone out to consultation and a decision would be issued shortly.
- 4.3 RC presented the timetable tab and highlighted the following changes:
- DCP 443 'Excess Capacity': The Working Group would like more time to consider all potential solutions. The Change Report was now estimated to be published in March 2025.
  - DCP 442 'Aligning enduring flexible connections': The Working Group needed more time to consider the pros and cons of all options, prior to making a decision. The Change Report had been delayed until April 2025.
  - DCP 419 'Pre-Notifications of Planned Supply De-Energisations': The Working Group was still exploring alternative solutions. The Change Report had been delayed until April 2025.
- 4.4 The Panel requested confirmation that emails for DCP 446 had been issued. The Secretariat confirmed that this had only been sent to DNOs and IDNOs as these were the affected parties. The Panel discussed whether this should have been distributed to Suppliers as well, however it was AGREED that Suppliers were not impacted by DCP 446 and so this was not necessary.
- 4.5 The Panel NOTED the Change Register updates.

## 5. Initial Assessments

- 5.1 RC presented the Initial Assessment Cover Paper to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel\_2025\_0115\_03). The paper was taken as read. It was NOTED that one new Change Proposal had been tabled for Initial Assessment by the Panel this month.

### DCP 449 'NTC Phone Number Deletion'

- 5.2 RC provided background behind this, explaining that this phone number was being deleted as it was no longer in use.
- 5.3 The Panel SCRUTINISED DCP 449.
- The Panel NOTED that that most users would seek and find up to date contact details via the ENA website.
  - The Panel NOTED the importance for Legal Review to suggest a sensible mechanism for updating and implementing changes to contact details this in the future and FURTHER NOTED that wording to this effect was included within the Change Proposal.
  - The Panel discussed whether this should be considered a Part 1 or Part 2 matter but AGREED that it should be a Part 2 matter.
- 5.4 For DCP 449 the DCUSA Panel RESOLVED to:
- ACCEPT the referral of the CP;
  - AGREE that the CP should be treated as a 'Standard' Change;
  - AGREE that the CP should be treated as a Part 2 Matter;
  - AGREE that the CP should be progressed to the Change Report Phase; and
  - AGREE the progression of the CP in accordance with the proposed timescales.

**223/01 Initial Assessments:** The Secretariat to progress: (1) DCP 449 to the Change Report Phase.

## 6. Change Reports

- 6.1 RC presented the Change Report Cover Paper to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel\_2025\_0115\_04). It was NOTED that no new Change Reports were being tabled for approval this month.
- 6.2 The Panel NOTED the Change Report Cover Paper.

## 7. Housekeeping Log

- 7.1 DT presented the Housekeeping Log Summary Paper and Housekeeping Log to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel\_2025\_0115\_05). The paper was taken as read.
- 7.2 DT NOTED that one new Housekeeping Item had been identified by a Party.

## Correction of description of the Parties to the DCUSA within the Introduction section of the DCUSA

- 7.3 DT explained that the item had been brought to the Secretariat's attention by Eastern Power Networks and referred to the fact that in Paragraph (A) in the 'Introduction' section of the DCUSA, it lists that 'certain electricity generators' are part of the composition of the Parties to the DCUSA. This wording is intended to reflect the Party Category of CVA Registrants which was previously known as the Distributed Generators Party Category. Given the way paragraph (A) is worded for other types of Parties it might be reasonable to keep the reference to 'certain electricity generators' however, there may also be a way of improving the words to better reflect what function/role the CVA Registrants play (e.g., it could say something like "the registrants of certain electricity generators" or could just state "the CVA Registrant Parties")
- 7.4 PW provided further context behind this change.
- 7.5 The Panel RESOLVED to add the item to the Housekeeping Log.

**223/02 Housekeeping Log:** The Secretariat to add the item 'Correction of description of the Parties to the DCUSA within the Introduction section of the DCUSA' to the Housekeeping Log

- 7.6 DT NOTED that the item 'Correct Party/person referencing in Schedule 31 "Embedded Capacity Register"' would also be added to the Housekeeping Log ahead of the next meeting

## 8. Accession Applications

- 8.1 DT presented the Accession Applications paper to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel\_2025\_0115\_06). The paper was taken as read.
- 8.2 The Secretariat confirmed that there were two new Accession Applications this month, from:
- Ascent Energy Services Limited; and
  - We Power Your Car Limited.
- 8.3 The Secretariat PROVIDED ASSURANCES that they had completed relevant checks and received confirmations from Elexon and the REC Code Manager that both of these parties were in a position to accede to the DCUSA in the SIP Party Category.
- 8.4 The Panel SCRUTINISED the applications and RESOLVED to APPROVE each Accession Application and instructed the Secretariat to prepare and issue an Accession Agreement for each applicant and advise the Board that the Panel have recommended that they countersign each Accession Agreement on behalf of all Parties.

**223/03 Accession Applications:** The Secretariat to progress the Accession Applications for: (1) Ascent Energy Services Limited; and (2) We Power Your Car Limited, by drafting and sending the applicant an Accession Agreement and advising the DCUSA Board that the Panel have recommended that they countersign each Accession Agreement.

## 9. DCMDG Headline Report

- 9.1 DT presented the DCMDG Headline Report to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel\_2025\_0115\_07). The paper was taken as read.
- 9.2 DT highlighted key points, including:

- The Ofgem representative (Andrew Malley) had spoken to DCMDG about DNO derogations and the publication of charges and had advised that Ofgem were conducting a broad and far-reaching holistic review of Cost Recovery and Network Charges, although no timeline was available as yet.
- Ofgem had also advised that in the future they would only like DCMDG to progress actions or change items that fixed existing issues or that corrected errors in methodologies, and did not wish to add new methodologies or substantially amend or otherwise expand the scope of existing methodologies. They had also expressed a desire for industry-led changes to be prioritised. The reason for this was that Code Reform might cause work progressing far-reaching solutions to be rendered null and void. The Panel approved the suggestion that the DCMDG will set up a subgroup to oversee this.
- With respect to the implementation of DCP 414 'Transitional Protection for NHH CT Customers affected by regulatory change', DCMDG had NOTED that some confusion existed around different responsibilities and DT advised that he had been developing a new standard template. PW expressed concerns that this was not being discussed in detail at SIG and NOTED the risk that, despite being the original proposer of DCP 414, he would lose visibility over the development of the solution. It was agreed that in future if and when a standing group such as the DCMDG, IWG and SIG etc discuss a Change Proposal that is due to be implemented it is important to share such discussions with the Change Proposal Working Group to ensure actions contrary to what is intended are not progressed in error.
- DCMDG had also discussed the implications around residual charges for Carbon Capture and Storage.

9.3 The Panel NOTED the DCMDG Headline Report.

## 10. IWG Headline Report

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10.1 RC presented a verbal IWG Headline Report to the Panel.

10.2 RC advised that numerous operational issues had been discussed and that many photos had been provided.

- 'Phenolic cutouts': IWG had discussed commissioning an external consultancy to investigate the cause every time a MEM reported a phenolic cutout, but had concluded that more evidence would be required. Investigations remained ongoing.
- IWG had noted that there was currently no standard procedure for reporting safety incidents that were identified during a site visit. A formal Change Proposal to develop such a process might be raised in the future and IWG would seek to facilitate this and identify a suitable sponsor.

10.3 The Panel NOTED the IWG Headline Report.

## 11. DCUSA Monthly Horizon Scan

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11.1 DT presented the DCUSA Monthly Horizon Scan paper to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel\_2025\_0115\_08). The paper was taken as read.

11.2 DT NOTED that, as agreed at the last Panel Meeting, additional commentary had been added in respect of the latest announcements relating to Code Manager Selection and the Horizon Scan had been tidied up.

11.3 The Panel APPROVED the updated DCUSA Monthly Horizon Scan.

## 12. Any Other Business

12.1 Two items of 'Other Business' was raised.

### AoB (1): Amendment to 'DNO ARP Derogation'

12.2 DT NOTED that, subsequent to the approval of last month's Derogation, SSEN had contacted DCUSA to request an additional extension until 14 February 2025. The reason for this was that Ofgem had separately granted them an extension to their ARP publication deadline until 14 February 2025, and they wished to bring these into alignment.

12.3 The Panel SCRUTINISED this request and NOTED that SSEN, and any other Parties that had been granted similar extensions, would need additional time to prepare their ARP packs, but AGREED that no other parties would require such a change.

12.4 The Panel NOTED that Clauses 51.1-3 of the DCUSA allowed Derogations to be amended in this way, and FURTHER NOTED that Ofgem retained the ability to veto amendments to Derogations if they considered that this power was being used inappropriately.

12.5 The Panel NOTED that amendments to Derogations needed to be circulated for comment for 10 working days, so this amendment would need to be processed immediately after the meeting.

12.6 The Panel AGREED to amend the 'DNO ARP Derogation' to align DCUSA publishing obligations with any extensions granted by Ofgem.

**223/04 AoB (1): Amendment to 'DNO ARP Derogation': The Secretariat to: (1) draft an amendment to this Derogation that would allow those Parties that had been granted extensions to their deadline for publishing charges by Ofgem beyond 31 January 2025 to align their DCUSA obligations with the this extended date; and (2) to progress this amended Derogation under the authority granted by clause 56.1-3 of the DCUSA.**

### AoB (2): DCUSA Open Day

12.7 The Panel NOTED the success of the DCUSA Open Day and FURTHER NOTED that preliminary feedback was very positive.

12.8 The Panel commended the DCUSA Team and all participants, and particularly commended FA for his presentation, which had been a real highlight of the day.

## 13. Date of next meeting: 19 February 2025 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

Ref No.	Action	Owner	Update
222/04	<b><u>ECR Change Request Notice:</u></b> The Secretariat to progress the ECR Change Request Notice related to the inclusion of an item for Overhead Line Point of Connection to the SIG for further consideration.	ElectraLink	Update 15 January 2025: This would be progressed at the next SIG meeting. It had not been progressed to date as the meeting timings over the Christmas holiday period meant that no SIG meeting had taken place as yet. KEEP OPEN
223/01	<b><u>Initial Assessments:</u></b> The Secretariat to progress: (1) DCP 449 to the Change Report Phase.	ElectraLink	
223/02	<b><u>Housekeeping Log:</u></b> The Secretariat to add the item 'Correction of description of the Parties to the DCUSA within the Introduction section of the DCUSA' to the Housekeeping Log	ElectraLink	
223/03	<b><u>Accession Applications:</u></b> The Secretariat to progress the Accession Applications for: (1) Ascent Energy Services Limited; and (2) We Power Your Car Limited, by drafting and sending the applicant an Accession Agreement and advising the DCUSA Board that the Panel have recommended that they countersign each Accession Agreement.	ElectraLink	
223/04	<b><u>AoB (1): Amendment to 'DNO ARP Derogation':</u></b> The Secretariat to: (1) draft an amendment to this Derogation that would allow those Parties that had been granted extensions to their deadline for publishing charges by Ofgem beyond 31 January 2025 to align their DCUSA obligations with the this extended date; and (2) to progress this amended Derogation under the authority granted by clause 56.1-3 of the DCUSA.	ElectraLink	

### Closed Actions – Open Session

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222/01	<b><u>Change Reports:</u></b> The Secretariat to progress: (1) DCP 440; (2) DCP 447 and (3) DCP 448 to the Voting phase. In all three cases, the voting period is to be 15 Working Days (where Working Days does not include 02 January alongside the three other Bank Holidays).	ElectraLink	Update 15 January 2025: All progressed, CLOSED
222/02	<b><u>Housekeeping Log:</u></b> The Secretariat to add the item 'Correct Party/person referencing in Schedule 31 "Embedded Capacity Register"' to the Housekeeping Log	ElectraLink	Update 15 January 2025: this had not been added to the Housekeeping Register as yet, but would be

			added directly after the Meeting. CLOSED
222/03	<b><u>Derogation Application 'Production of the Annual Review Pack'</u></b> : The Secretariat to communicate the decision of the Panel to approve the derogation and conditions of the derogation to relevant parties.	ElectraLink	Update 15 January 2025: This would be further addressed as an AoB item, but otherwise this had been progressed. CLOSED