

# DCUSA Panel Meeting 224 (Open Session)

19 February 2025 at 10:00am

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Attendee	Role	Company
<b>Panel Members</b>		
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Donna Jamieson [DJ]	Panel Member	DCUSA Ltd
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Peter Waymont [PW]	Panel Member	DCUSA Ltd
Kevin Woollard [KW]	Panel Member	DCUSA Ltd
<b>Observers</b>		
Colin Berry [CB]	Observer	BSC
Scott Bull [SB]	Observer	Ofgem
Maria Casey [MC]	Observer	IDCL
Robbie Lees [RL]	Observer	IDCL
Lorna Mallon [LM]	Observer	REC
Donald Preston [DP]	Observer	SSEN
<b>Code Administrator</b>		
Craig Booth [CB]	Secretariat	ElectraLink Ltd
Richard Colwill [RC]	Secretariat	ElectraLink Ltd
Angelo Fitzhenry [AF]	Secretariat	ElectraLink Ltd
Andy Green [AG]	Secretariat	ElectraLink Ltd
Melissa Kendall [MK]	Secretariat	ElectraLink Ltd
George Kestner [GK]	Secretariat	ElectraLink Ltd
Hannah Proffit [HP]	Secretariat	ElectraLink Ltd
<b>Apologies</b>		
Mark DeSouza Wilson [MDW]	Observer	BSC
Nadir Hafeez [NH]	Observer	Ofgem
Dylan Townsend [DT]	Secretariat	ElectraLink Ltd
Lee Wells [LW]	Alternate Panel Member	DCUSA Ltd

## 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 'Apologies' had been received from: Mark DeSouza Wilson, Nadir Hafeez, Dylan Townsend, Lee Wells, Simon Yeo.

### 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 CB provided the Panel with a verbal update on BSC related topics. Points raised included:
- The go/no-go decision on the BSC's February release had been made, and this release would now go live on 27 February 2025. However, this would not have a material impact upon DCUSA.
  - Elexon had recruited two new market advisors and one market flexibility advisor.
- 2.2 The Panel NOTED the BSC update.

### Ofgem

- 2.3 SB provided the Panel with a verbal update on Ofgem related topics. Points raised included:
- DCP 439 and DCP 440 had been sent to Ofgem for decision, SB NOTED that these would both be send-back decisions.
  - The Energy Codes Reform project had hit its latest milestone and the Secretary of State had designated Ofgem with transitional powers for the purposes of creating a new governance framework.
  - Ofgem had published the 'Consultation on the preliminary Strategic Direction Statement and code governance arrangements' ([link](#)), which would be open for 8 weeks.
- 2.4 The Panel SCRUTINISED the Ofgem update. In response to Ofgem's decision to issue send-back decisions for two recent DCUSA Change Reports, SB NOTED that no date for the send-back decisions were currently set, but that he would investigate and confirm these after the meeting.

**224/01 Updates from the Industry Working Groups/Codes: Ofgem: Ofgem to confirm what the publication date for the decisions on sent-back Change Proposals would be.**

2.5 The Panel NOTED the Ofgem update.

### Smart Energy Code (SEC)

2.6 LM NOTED that no SEC modifications were being progressed that would affect the DCUSA.

2.7 The Panel NOTED the SEC update.

### Retail Energy Code (REC)

2.8 LM presented the REC change update paper to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel\_2025\_0219\_01). The paper was taken as read.

2.9 LM highlighted key points, including that a joint code impact assessment would be raised by REC to progress DCP 419 'Pre-Notifications of Planned Supply De-Energisations', and details would be confirmed shortly.

2.10 The Panel NOTED the REC update.

## 3. Matters Arising

3.1 There was one Matter Arising:

### Panel and Board Member biographies

3.2 GK NOTED that requests for updates to Panel and Board member biographies had been circulated, and that a final request would be circulated after the meeting.

## 4. Change Register

4.1 RC presented the Change Register updates to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel\_2025\_0219\_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 presented the Status change tab and highlighted the following changes:

- DCP 449 'NTC phone number deletion': would be issued for voting shortly.
- DCP 412 'Allocation of banding for TCR Charges for 'Peak' Final Demand Customers': this would be progressed to the Change Report stage later in the meeting.
- DCP 439 'Backdating Tariff Changes': this had been sent to Ofgem for decision and, as advised earlier in the meeting, was expected to receive a Send-back decision shortly.
- DCP 440 'Consuming "de-energised" sites': this had been sent to Ofgem for decision and, as advised earlier in the meeting, was expected to receive a Send-back decision shortly.
- DCP 447 'NTC Section Footers': had been Approved by Ofgem and was awaiting implementation.
- DCP 448 'Supercustomer Billing': had been Approved by Ofgem and was awaiting implementation.

4.3 RC presented the timetable tab and highlighted the following changes:

- DCP 420 'Include Car Charging Stations In The Definition For Non Final Demand': additional data being sought, an alternative route for obtaining sufficient data had been identified, should the current RFIs not be successful. RC expanded that some useful case studies had been received but that more information was required to evidence next steps. Three possible solutions had been identified, and the current plan was for Ofgem to make a decision on which to progress.
- DCP 325 'Reviewing the requirements of Sections 35A, 35B, Schedule 15 and Schedule 20': additional time would be required to finalise the solution and RFIs had been issued. The Change Report was anticipated to be tabled at the March 2025 Panel Meeting.

4.4 The Panel NOTED the Change Register updates.

## 5. Initial Assessments

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5.1 RC presented the Initial Assessment Cover Paper to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel\_2025\_0219\_03). The paper was taken as read. It was NOTED that two new Change Proposals had been tabled for Initial Assessment by the Panel this month.

### DCP 450 'Managing the effects of surplus residual charge in the CDCM'

5.2 RC provided background behind this, explaining that this would determine the appropriate arrangements for managing the effects of large residual values in the CDCM

5.3 The Panel SCRUTINISED DCP 450. No comments were raised.

5.4 For DCP 450 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 1 Matter;
- AGREE that the CP should be progressed to a Working Group; and
- AGREE the progression of the CP in accordance with the proposed timescales.

### DCP 451 'Suspending Registrations'

5.5 RC provided background behind this, explaining that this would clarify the process for suspending registrations.

5.6 The Panel SCRUTINISED DCP 451.

- PW provided some explanatory background, explaining that the process for suspending registrations involved unnecessary duplication of communications and a general lack of clarity around the process that needed to be followed.
- PW NOTED that, whilst this Change Proposal stated that it would only change the text of DCUSA, there remained confusion from other Codes on the process for suspending registrations, so additional liaison with other Codes to ensure alignment of processes would need to take place.

5.7 For DCP 451 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 a Working Group; and
- AGREE the progression of the CP in accordance with the proposed timescales.

**224/02 Initial Assessments: The Secretariat to progress: (1) DCP 450 to the Working Group Phase; and (2) DCP 451 to the Working Group 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\_0219\_04). It was NOTED that one new Change Report was being tabled for approval this month.

### DCP 412 'Allocation of banding for TCR Charges for 'Peak' Final Demand Customers'

- 6.2 RC provided background behind this, explaining that the development of this Change Report had taken considerable work and involved 39 working group meetings, but that the CR was now ready for progression.
- 6.3 RC explained the two alternative proposed solutions and explained how the voting procedure had been designed.
- 6.4 The Panel SCRUTINISED DCP 412. No comments were raised.
- 6.5 The Panel RESOLVED to approve DCP 412, and to issue for Voting for a three week voting period to Impacted Parties (Suppliers, DNOs and IDNOs).

**224/03 Change Reports: The Secretariat to approve the Change Report for: (1) DCP 412, and to issue for Voting for a three week voting period to Impacted Parties (Suppliers, DNOs and IDNOs).**

## 7. Housekeeping Log

- 7.1 GK presented the Housekeeping Log Summary Paper and Housekeeping Log to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel\_2025\_0219\_05). The paper was taken as read.
- 7.2 GK NOTED that notes that between the previous Panel meeting and the drafting of this paper, no new housekeeping items have been identified by a Party or by the Secretariat.
- 7.3 GK NOTED that, as agreed in previous meetings, items 130 'Correct Party/person referencing in Schedule 31 "Embedded Capacity Register"' and item 131 'Correction of description of the Parties to the DCUSA within the Introduction section of the DCUSA' had been added to the Housekeeping Log.
- 7.4 The Panel NOTED the Housekeeping Log.

## 8. Accession Applications

- 8.1 GK presented the Accession Applications paper to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel\_2025\_0219\_06). The paper was taken as read.
- 8.2 The Secretariat confirmed that there were two new Accession Applications this month, from:
  - Aidien Limited (IDNO)
  - Vital Energi Power Networks Limited (IDNO)
- 8.3 The Secretariat PROVIDED ASSURANCES that they had completed relevant checks and that both of these parties were in a position to accede to the DCUSA in the IDNO 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.

**224/04 Accession Applications:** The Secretariat to progress the Accession Applications for: (1) Aidien Limited; and (2) Vital Energi Power Networks 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. CACoP Headline Report

- 9.1 RC NOTED that this meeting had been postponed for a week so there was no update this month.
- 9.2 The Panel NOTED the CACoP Headline Report.

## 10. DCMDG Headline Report

- 10.1 RC presented the DCMDG Headline Report to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel\_2025\_0219\_07). The paper was taken as read.
- 10.2 The Panel NOTED the DCMDG Headline Report.

## 11. SIG Headline Report

- 11.1 AG presented the SIG Headline Report to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel\_2025\_0219\_08). The paper was taken as read.
- 11.2 AG highlighted key points, including:
  - The Long Term Development Statement ('LTDS') project had completed its first phase and three ECR Change Requests, which had previously been put on hold pending this milestone, would now be progressed shortly.
  - The next SIG meeting would progress DIF 69, 70 and 71. Additionally, an arising item relating to terminology from Schedule 1 had been identified and would also be tabled for discussion.
- 11.3 The Panel NOTED the SIG Headline Report.

## 12. DCUSA Monthly Horizon Scan

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- 12.1 RC presented the DCUSA Monthly Horizon Scan paper to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel\_2025\_0219\_09). The paper was taken as read.
- 12.2 The Panel APPROVED the updated DCUSA Monthly Horizon Scan.

## 13. Any Other Business

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- 13.1 One item of 'Other Business' was raised.

### **AoB (1): Process for the Secretariat to raise Change Proposals**

- 13.2 PW sought clarification on the process by which Change Proposals could be raised by the Secretariat.
- 13.3 AF explained that the Secretariat would have the ability to raise CPs via the SIG or DCMDG if other parties did not come forward. However, if parties raise issues for discussion at the SIG or DCMDG, the expectation is that the party raising the issue would progress a Change Proposal should one be required.
- 13.4 The Panel NOTED this explanation.

## 14. Date of next meeting: 19 March 2025 at 10.00am

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- 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
223/01	<b><u>Initial Assessments:</u></b> The Secretariat to progress: (1) DCP 449 to the Change Report Phase.	ElectraLink	Update 19 February 2025: The Change Report for DCP 449 had been progressed in line with the usual procedures. However, the Post-Panel Q&A Session had received several questions around the usage of the telephone line and what message had been played to anybody that phoned it, and had taken actions to investigate further. The Panel NOTED that the Post-Panel Q&A Session was not mandated to accept questions or take actions, and so this was Out of Process. In any case, no statistics for phone usage or details of the answerphone message were available as this line had been disconnected several years earlier. The Panel RESOLVED: (1) to add an additional explanatory line to clarify this, to be agreed via Ex-Committee Decision, and (2) that the Secretariat should be reminded of the process for scrutinising Change Proposals, and that the Post-Panel Q&A Sessions were not part of this process. KEEP OPEN
224/01	<b><u>Updates from the Industry Working Groups/Codes: Ofgem:</u></b> Ofgem to confirm what the publication date for the decisions on sent-back Change Proposals would be.	Ofgem	
224/02	<b><u>Initial Assessments:</u></b> The Secretariat to progress: (1) DCP 450 to the Working Group Phase; and (2) DCP 451 to the Working Group Phase.	ElectraLink	
224/03	<b><u>Change Reports:</u></b> The Secretariat to approve the Change Report for: (1) DCP 412, and to issue for Voting for a three week voting period to Impacted Parties (Suppliers, DNOs and IDNOs).	ElectraLink	
224/04	<b><u>Accession Applications:</u></b> The Secretariat to progress the Accession Applications for: (1) Aidien Limited; and (2) Vital Energi Power Networks 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	



## Closed Actions – Open Session

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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  Update 19 February 2025: This was discussed during the SIG meeting on 31 January 2025 (See SIG Headline Report for further details. CLOSED
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	Update 19 February 2025: This had been completed. CLOSED
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	Update 19 February 2025: These had both been progressed. CLOSED
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	Update 19 February 2025: This had been completed. CLOSED