

DCUSA Panel Meeting 226 (Open Session)

16 April 2025 at 10:00am

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Attendee	Role	Company
Panel Members		
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Observers		
Mark DeSouza Wilson [MDW]	Observer	BSC
Nadir Hafeez [NH]	Observer	Ofgem
Lorna Mallon [LM]	Observer	REC
Monique Pereira [MP]	Observer	Indigo Networks
Code Administrator		
Richard Colwill [RC]	Secretariat	ElectraLink Ltd
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Andy Green [AG]	Secretariat	ElectraLink Ltd
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George Kestner [GK]	Secretariat	ElectraLink Ltd
Hannah Proffit [HP]	Secretariat	ElectraLink Ltd
Dylan Townsend [DT]	Secretariat	ElectraLink Ltd
Apologies		
Lee Wells [LW]	Alternate Panel Member	DCUSA Ltd

1. Administration

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: Lee Wells.

Non-Confidential Minutes

- 1.4 The draft minutes of the last meeting had been circulated ahead of this meeting. The Panel reviewed the draft minutes and AGREED that these 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

Balancing & Settlement Code (BSC)

- 2.1 MDW provided the Panel with a verbal update on BSC related topics. Points raised included:
- The BSC's new funds administration system would go live on 28 April 2025, this was a modernised platform and would align with modern banking practices.
 - A webinar on trading disputes processes would take place on 29 April 2025.
 - P486 'Aligning BSC Terminology with the Terminology Introduced by P478' Report Phase Consultation' had been raised to correct some OR updates in P478 'Implementation of MHHS Arrangements'. It had been identified that the definitions around MHHS used a mixture of legacy terminology and new terminology, and this modification would standardise these to the latest definitions.
 - DT NOTED the potential of cross-code impacts when amending MHHS terminology. In particular, DCP 445 'Implementation of Market-wide Half Hourly Settlement (MHHS) Arrangements' included reference to defined terms and referred these to the definitions within the BSC, and consequently there was a risk that these definitions would fall out of sync with one another. MDW AGREED to raise these concerns with his colleagues and explained that P486 was seeking to extend the term 'half-hourly metering system' beyond SVA boundary point metering systems to asset metering systems and CVA metering systems.
 - The consultation for P483 'Allow Asset Metering Systems to be used in Settlement where the associated Boundary Point Metering System is Non-Half Hourly' was open and would run until 22 April 2025. Under P475 'Allowing All Storage Sites to set and fix their own

Production/Consumption Flags', virtual lead parties and virtual trading parties could use asset metering to provide balancing services, and P483 would allow these to operate behind a non half-hourly boundary point metering system.

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:

- DCUSA Change Proposals:
 - Ofgem had received the Change Report for DCP 412 'Allocation of banding for TCR Charges for 'Peak' Final Demand Customers', but as this was a complex decision which would require cross-working across the policy teams, no EDD had been confirmed as yet.
 - Ofgem had issued a send-back letter for DCP 439 'Backdating Tariff Changes'.
 - Ofgem had issued a send-back letter for DCP 439 'Consuming "de-energised" sites'
- Energy Code Reform update: the Second consultation had been published, which set out Ofgem's proposals on how this would be implemented in practice. This included sections on the code modification process, the Stakeholder Advisory Forum, SAFFS, the cross-code consequential code change processes and cost recovery for the BSE and REC. This consultation would run until 29 May 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_0416_01). The paper was taken as read.

2.8 The Panel NOTED the REC update.

3. Matters Arising

3.1 There were no matters arising.

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_0416_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 since the previous month:

- DCP 451 'Suspending Registrations': this had progressed to the CONSULTATION / IMPACT ASSESSMENT stage.

- DCP 452 'Correct application of Forward Cost Pricing EDCM charges to users connected directly to a Grid Supply Point': this had progressed to the DEFINITION stage.
- DCP 449 'NTC phone number deletion': this had progressed to the VOTING stage and results were anticipated by 16 April 2025.
- DCP 446 'Emergency Disconnections': this had progressed to the VOTING stage and results were anticipated shortly.
- DCP 412 'Allocation of banding for TCR Charges for 'Peaky' Final Demand Customers': this was AWAITING AUTHORITY CONSENT.
- DCP 439 'Backdating Tariff Changes': this had been SENT BACK by Ofgem.
- DCP 440 'Consuming "de-energised" sites': this had been SENT BACK by Ofgem.
- DCP 428 'Zero REP-002/A Data': this had been IMPLEMENTED.
- DCP 448 'Supercustomer Billing': this had been IMPLEMENTED.

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

- DCP 442 'Aligning enduring flexible connections' The Working Group needed more time to progress some actions.
- DCP 325 'Reviewing the requirements of Sections 35A, 35B, Schedule 15 and Schedule 20': the Working Group was awaiting updated modelling from CEPA / TNEI.

4.4 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_0416_03). The paper was taken as read. It was NOTED that one new Change Proposals had been tabled for Initial Assessment by the Panel this month.

DCP 453

5.2 RC provided an explanation of the background of this Change Report, which would correct a calculation in an example of Schedule 22 (the Common Connections Charging Methodology).

5.3 For DCP 453 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.

226/01 Initial Assessments: The Secretariat to progress DCP 453 to the Change Report phase as agreed.

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_0416_04). It was NOTED that no new Change Report was being tabled for approval this month.
- 6.2 The Panel NOTED the Change Reports.

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_0416_05). The paper was taken as read.
- 7.2 DT NOTED 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 The Panel NOTED the Housekeeping Log.

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_0416_06). The paper was taken as read.
- 8.2 The Secretariat confirmed that there were three new Accession Applications this month, from:
- Aira Home UK Ltd (SIP)
 - Domestic Heating Team Ltd (SIP)
 - MI Glasgow Ltd (SIP)
- 8.3 The Secretariat PROVIDED ASSURANCES that they had completed relevant checks and that all three companies were in a position to accede to the DCUSA in the Supplier Party Category.
- 8.4 The Panel SCRUTINISED The Accession 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.

226/02 Accession Applications: The Secretariat to progress the Accession Applications for: (1) Aira Home UK Ltd; (2) Domestic Heating Team Ltd; (3) MI Glasgow Ltd, 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 DT presented the CACoP Headline Report to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel_2025_0416_07). The paper was taken as read.
- 9.2 DT provided a verbal update with respect to the last meeting of the CACoP forum. Highlights included:
- Ofgem would be forming working groups to facilitate discussions around phase 2 of Energy Code reform.
 - DT had taken an action to draft new CACoP Principles relating to data best practice.

9.3 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_0416_08). The paper was taken as read.

10.2 RC Highlighted key points, including the following:

- DCMDG had discussed the annual allocation review templates and had agreed to amend this template to remove the Old LLFC ID column.
- Ofgem had provided an update on Complex Sites, which would feed into the work of DCP 424 'Use of System charging for Complex Sites.'
- The group had discussed the potential use of the Secretariat's ability to raise a Change Proposal with respect to an enduring solution for DCP 420 'Provide targeted relief from residual charges for electric vehicle charging sites'. RC explained that there had been two solutions deemed to be acceptable under DCP 420, with one providing immediate benefits and which could be implemented quickly and the other requiring amendments to the relevant charging methodologies that would take some time to implement and so it had been agreed for DCP 420 to progress the solution with immediate benefits, and for a second change to be raised to progress the longer term solution. RC NOTED that the Secretariat now had the power to raise a Change Proposal itself if a suitable sponsor could not be identified, and this was anticipated to be presented as an option during the next DCMDG meeting on 17 April.

10.3 The Panel NOTED the DCMDG Headline Report.

11. IWG Headline Report

11.1 RC presented a verbal update in respect of the last IWG meeting to the Panel. Key points included:

- The IWG had not met since the last Panel meeting, but some of its subgroups had met.
- With regards to restricted access to meters, IWG had decided to standardise its communications. This was of relevance to people that wanted to move their electricity meters to new locations, for example, from the basement of a block of flats to more accessible locations.

11.2 The Panel NOTED the IWG Headline Report.

12. SIG Headline Report

12.1 RC presented the SIG Headline Report to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel_2025_0416_09). The paper was taken as read.

12.2 RC highlighted key points, including:

- DCP 411 'Charging De-energised sites' had been rejected, but the proposer had NOTED that the underlying issue, where customers were sitting on large capacities, remained. RC had taken an action to discuss alternative solutions with REC. Additionally, that a DNO subgroup was examining this issue.

12.3 The Panel NOTED the SIG Headline Report.

13. DCUSA Monthly Horizon Scan

13.1 DT presented the DCUSA Monthly Horizon Scan paper to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel_2025_0416_10). The paper was taken as read.

13.2 DT NOTED that the item related to Energy Code Reform had been amended to include the fact the Ofgem had issued their 'Energy code reform: second implementation consultation'.

13.3 The Panel APPROVED the updated DCUSA Monthly Horizon Scan.

14. Any Other Business

14.1 One item of 'Other Business' was raised.

AoB (1): DCP 452

14.2 NH PROVIDED ASSURANCES that, whilst there may be interactions with DUoS, Ofgem were happy for DCP 452 to progress, and a formal letter confirming this would be sent shortly.

15. Date of next meeting: 21 May 2025 at 10.00am

15.1 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
225/03	Accession Applications: The Secretariat to progress the Accession Applications for: (1) Engage Services (ESL) Ltd; (2) Momentum Utility Services Ltd; (3) Powertec Electrotechnical Services Ltd; (4) Scope Utility Solutions Ltd; (5) Scorpia Energy Supply Ltd, pending confirmation of an Emergency SRN number; (6) Smart Pay Energy Ltd, pending confirmation of an Emergency SRN number; and (7) Stark Connect Ltd, 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 16 April 2025: These had mostly been progressed, but Smart Pay Energy Ltd had not yet provided an Emergency SRN number. KEEP OPEN
226/01	Initial Assessments: The Secretariat to progress DCP 453 to the Change Report phase as agreed.	ElectraLink	
226/02	Accession Applications: The Secretariat to progress the Accession Applications for: (1) Aira Home UK Ltd; (2) Domestic Heating Team Ltd; (3) MI Glasgow Ltd, 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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223/01	Initial Assessments: 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

			<p>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</p> <p>Update 19 March 2025: The legal text had been updated and would be circulated to the Panel for ex-Committee decision after the March 2025 Meeting. KEEP OPEN</p> <p>Update 16 April 2025: This had been completed. CLOSED</p>
225/01	<p>Initial Assessments: The Secretariat to: (1) notify the Authority of the Panel's assessment of whether the DCP 452 falls within scope of the DUoS SCR and the reasons for that assessment as well as the representations made by the Proposer; and (2) progress DCP 452 to the Working Group Phase.</p>	ElectraLink	<p>Update 16 April 2025: This message had been sent. Additionally, NH confirmed during the Panel Meeting that Ofgem had no objections to the progression of DCP 452 and confirmed that a formal letter confirming this would be sent shortly. CLOSED</p>
225/02	<p>Change Reports: The Secretariat to approve the Change Report for: (1) DCP 446, and to issue for Voting for a three-week voting period to Impacted Parties (DNOs).</p>	ElectraLink	<p>Update 16 April 2025: This had been completed. CLOSED</p>
225/04	<p>SIG Headline Report: The Secretariat to update the circulated paper to correct the title given to DIF 78 to be that of 'Use of generators at new developments before site can be connected to the network' instead of 'Credit Cover Clarifications', and upload an updated version to the website.</p>	ElectraLink	<p>Update 16 April 2025: This had been completed. CLOSED</p>
225/05	<p>AoB (2): 'DCP 440 "send back" decision next steps': The Secretariat to reconvene the working group for DCP 440 to further develop this solution in response to Ofgem's Send-back decision.</p>	ElectraLink	<p>Update 16 April 2025: This had been progressed. CLOSED</p>
225/06	<p>AoB (3): 'DCP 439 "send back" decision next steps': Upon publication, the Secretariat to circulate the send back letter for DCP 439 to the Panel via email for ex-committee decision on next steps.</p>	ElectraLink	<p>Update 16 April 2025: This had been completed. CLOSED</p>