

DCUSA Panel Meeting 229 (Open Session)

16 July 2025 at 10:30am

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| Attendee | Role | Company |
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| Panel Members | | |
| Simon Vicary [SV] | Panel Member (CHAIR) | DCUSA Ltd |
| Donna Jamieson [DJ] | Panel Member | DCUSA Ltd |
| Clare Wagstaffe [CW] | Alternate Panel Member | DCUSA Ltd |
| Peter Waymont [PW] | Panel Member | DCUSA Ltd |
| Kevin Woollard [KW] | Panel Member | DCUSA Ltd |
| Simon Yeo [SY] | Panel Member | DCUSA Ltd |
| Observers | | |
| Mark DeSouza Wilson [MDW] | Observer | BSC |
| Shaun McRaith [SM] | Observer | Ofgem |
| Lorna Mallon [LM] | Observer | REC |
| Monique Pereira [MP] | Observer | Indigo Networks |
| Donald Preston [DP] | Observer | SSEN |
| Code Administrator | | |
| Richard Colwill [RC] | 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 |
| Dylan Townsend [DT] | Secretariat | ElectraLink Ltd |
| Angelo Fitzhenry [AF] | Secretariat | ElectraLink Ltd |
| Apologies | | |
| Nadir Hafeez [NH] | Observer | Ofgem |
| Karl Marylon [KM] | Alternate Panel Member | DCUSA Ltd |
| 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: Nadir Hafeez, Karl Marylon, and Lee Wells.

Non-Confidential Minutes

- 1.4 The draft minutes of the last meeting had been circulated ahead of this meeting. One comment had been received:
- In Paragraph 5.5, 'DCP 455' was incorrectly recorded as 'DCP 454'.
- 1.5 The Panel RESOLVED to amend this typographical error accordingly but otherwise AGREED that these minutes were a true and fair representation of the meeting.

Updated Actions

- 1.6 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:
- Elexon's Kinnect Customer Solution was a self-service online gateway that allowed registered parties to manage their accounts more flexibly. This was being upgraded and testing was due to start in August 2025. Any parties that wished to participate in this testing programme were invited to contact Elexon for more information.
 - Elexon's Flexibility, Vision and Action plan had been published on the website. Any parties wishing to provide feedback were invited to contact Elexon.
 - Due to the MHHS programme, MDD was being frozen from MDD 367 onwards.
- 2.2 The Panel NOTED the BSC update.

Ofgem

- 2.3 NH had sent apologies for this meeting.
- 2.4 SM provided the Panel with a verbal update on Ofgem related topics. Points raised included the following:
- Elexon and RECCo had been invited to develop initial Code Manager performance indicators.

- The latest Expected Decision Dates ('EDD') for open DCUSA Code Modifications were as follows:
 - DCP 440 'Consuming "de-energised" sites': The EDD was 22 August 2025.
 - DCP 446 'Emergency Disconnections': The EDD was 31 July 2025.
 - DCP 437 'To Shorten the DUoS Pricing Notice Periods': The EDD was 28 August 2025.
 - DCP 412 'Allocation of banding for TCR Charges for 'Peak' Final Demand Customers': No decision date was available as yet.

2.5 The Panel SCRUTINISED the Ofgem report. The Panel asked what the effect of the REMA publication was upon the DUoS SCR. SM was unable to provide an answer during the meeting but agreed to investigate further and revert.

2.6 The Panel NOTED the Ofgem update.

Smart Energy Code (SEC)

2.7 LM NOTED that there were no SEC updates this month

2.8 The Panel NOTED the SEC update.

Retail Energy Code (REC)

2.9 LM presented the REC change update paper to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel_2025_0716_01). The paper was taken as read. LM highlighted key points, including the following:

- I0216 'REC Changes to tie in with DCP 419': This title would need to be changed as there was no longer an associated DCUSA Change Proposal to associate with. This was being put out for a 4-week consultation due to holiday period. KW ASKED which solution was being progressed. LM said the flow solution was being progressed
- R0248 'REC Changes to tie in with DCP451 – Suspending Registrations': this consultation had closed last week, would be put to the REC Change Panel in August 2025 and was anticipated to go live in November 2025.

2.10 The REC webinar on the New Meter Configuration Tables had taken place on 9 July 2025. This could be viewed through the following link: [REC Portal Event Page.](#)

2.11 The Panel NOTED the REC update.

3. Matters Arising

3.1 There was one matter arising.

Interim Panel Election Update.

3.2 GK advised that one application had been received to date, in the CVA Registrant category.

3.3 AF asked for permission to extend the election period should no further applications be forthcoming.

3.4 The Panel AGREED that to extend the Election Period if no more applications were received.

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_0716_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 420 'Provide targeted relief from residual charges for electric vehicle charging sites': a Request for information had been issued.
 - DCP 450 'Managing the effects of surplus residual charge in the CDCM': this had moved to the Consultation phase.
 - DCP 455 'Align RAV price-inflation with that used in ED2': this was in the Definition phase.
 - DCP 439 'Backdating Tariff Changes': this was in the Change Report phase.
 - DCP 456 'MHHS Incremental Changes for Go Live': this was in the Change Report phase.
 - DCP 437 'To Shorten the DUoS Pricing Notice Periods': this was Awaiting Authority Consent.
 - DCP 440 'Consuming "de-energised" sites': this was Awaiting Authority Consent.
 - DCP 449 'NTC phone number deletion': this had been Implemented.
 - DCP 451 'Suspending Registrations': this had been Implemented.
 - DCP 453 'Correction to Schedule 22 – Example 7': this had been Implemented.
- 4.3 RC presented the timetable tab and highlighted the following changes:
- DCP 442 'Aligning enduring flexible connections': the proposer was unable to devote time to progressing this Change Proposal.
 - DCP 419 'Pre-notification of Planned Supply De-energisations': this had been withdrawn and was only being progressed by REC.
 - DCP 325 'Reviewing the requirements of Sections 35A, 35B, Schedule 15 and Schedule 20': this delay was because updated models were being finalised.

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_0716_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 457 'Housekeeping Items'

- 5.2 This was a housekeeping change raised by Eastern Power Networks. This would address most of the open Housekeeping items.
- 5.3 The Panel SCRUTINISED DCP 457. No comments were raised.
- 5.4 For DCP 457 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 Part2 Matter;
- AGREE that the CP should be progressed to the Report phase; and
- AGREE the progression of the CP in accordance with the proposed timescales.

229/01 Initial Assessments: The Secretariat to progress DCP 457 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_0716_04). It was NOTED that two Change Reports were being tabled for approval this month.

DCP 456 'MHHS Incremental Changes for Go Live

- 6.2 DT noted that DCP 456 had received some additional comments following on from the legal review and that this had been shared with the proposers at Ofgem who had been happy to accept these.
- 6.3 The Panel RESOLVED to approve DCP 456, and to issue for Voting for a three-week voting period and that the Parties that will be eligible to vote will be those identified as impacted Parties in the Change Report (Suppliers/DNOs/IDNOs)

DCP 439 'Backdating Tariff Changes'

- 6.4 The Panel RESOLVED to approve DCP 439, and to issue for Voting for a three-week voting period and that the Parties that will be eligible to vote will be those identified as impacted Parties in the Change Report (Suppliers/DNOs/IDNOs/CVA Registrants).

229/02 Change Reports: The Secretariat to progress the Change Report for: (1) DCP 456, and to issue for Voting for a three-week voting period to Impacted Parties (Suppliers/DNOs/IDNOs); and (2) DCP 439, and to issue for Voting for a three-week voting period to Impacted Parties (Suppliers/DNOs/IDNOs/CVA Registrants).

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_0716_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_0716_06). The paper was taken as read.
- 8.2 The Secretariat confirmed that there was one new Accession Application this month, from:
 - Voltwise Power Holding Limited.
- 8.3 The Panel SCRUTINISED The Accession Applications. No comments were raised.
- 8.4 The Panel AGREED to APPROVE Voltwise Power Holding Limited's Applications to Accede to the DCUSA.

229/03 Accession Applications: The Secretariat to progress the Accession Application for Voltwise Power Holding Limited, by drafting and sending the applicant an Accession Agreement and advising the DCUSA Board that the Panel have recommended that they countersign the Accession Agreement.

9. DCMDG Headline Report

- 9.1 RC presented the DCMDG Headline Report to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel_2025_0716_07). The paper was taken as read.
- 9.2 RC highlighted key points, including:
 - Ofgem had provided an update on the Charging Futures Forum. No new points had been raised which had not been previously discussed at DCMDG.
 - With regards to a decision for DCP 412, Ofgem had advised that there are delays in estimating when a decision may be reached due to the complexity of this issue and its interactions with other workstreams.
 - With regards to Action 228/05, relating to Transmission Distribution Boundaries: RC PROVIDED ASSURANCES that conversations with CUSC will take place in order to ensure that the right code was being updated.
 - With regards to the ongoing discussion on the preparation of a guidance document related to Party obligations with respect to DCP 414; RC advised conversations with REC remained ongoing on whether the use of SDEP would be applicable and over the best way to manage communications. PW asked if a formal DCP would need to be raised to progress this, but was advised that that if this issue was resolved through guidance being provided on a voluntary basis then this would be faster and less administratively complex to implement, however, it would be guidance only and not a strict obligation in the DCUSA.
- 9.3 The Panel NOTED the DCMDG Headline Report.

10. IWG Headline Report

- 10.1 RC presented a verbal IWG Headline Report to the Panel, key points included:
 - IWG subgroups were in the process of examining restricted access to meters and were in the process of drafting letters that could eventually be used to send to customers. The wording of these was mostly completed but was still being agreed.

- IWG had been considering some technical issues relating to operations and these remained ongoing.

10.2 The Panel NOTED the IWG Headline Report.

11. SIG Headline Report

11.1 RC presented the SIG Headline Report to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel_2025_0716_08). The paper was taken as read.

11.2 RC highlighted key points, including:

- SIG had issued the housekeeping log to members to have a discussion about the raising of a CP to clear the log down, but those in attendance had disagreed on how to progress this. SIG members had agreed to divide the housekeeping log into several tranches and progress these separately at future meetings.
- One Panel member who attended the SIG said that a decision had been deferred on the basis that the SIG members had needed more time to digest the papers. The Panel discussed this and AGREED that the 5 working day's circulation period was reasonable notice for participants to read and digest the papers
- Another Panel member asked for an update on the work of the subgroup for embedded capacity register. RC advised that this had not yet been decided but PROVIDED ASSURANCES that he would contact ENA for an update.

11.3 The Panel NOTED the SIG Headline Report.

12. DCUSA Monthly Horizon Scan

12.1 DT presented the DCUSA Monthly Horizon Scan paper to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel_2025_0716_09). The paper was taken as read.

12.2 DT NOTED that there were no updates or changes to the DCUSA Monthly Horizon Scan this month.

12.3 DT advised that, following the REMA decision, an update would need to be made to that item as well as to the item related to Data Best Practice for Codes as a consultation had now been issued..

12.4 The Panel NOTED the DCUSA Monthly Horizon Scan.

13. Any Other Business

13.1 One item of 'Other Business' were raised.

AoB (1): DCP 419)

13.2 The Panel AGREED that the Secretariat should liaise with the proposers of DCP 419 to formally withdraw the Change Proposal as it was no longer being progressed.

229/04 AoB (1) 'DCP 419': The Secretariat to liaise with proposers to withdraw DCP 419.

14. Date of next meeting: 20 August 2025 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 |
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| 227/05 | Accession Applications (2): The Secretariat to progress the Accession Applications for Fortify Electrical Services Limited by (1) seeking confirmation from the REC Code Manager that the applicant has completed SIP testing; and (2) once these assurances have been received, 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. This action will remain open until the August 2025 meeting unless it is completed before this date. | ElectraLink | Update 18 June 2025: The Secretariat were currently awaiting confirmation from the REC Code Manager that this testing process had been completed. KEEP OPEN Update 16 July 2025: REC have advised that Fortify Electrical Services Limited are still in the process of completing Business Solution assessment and testing. KEEP OPEN |
| 227/06 | DCMDG Headline Report: The Secretariat to raise the Panel's concerns at the next DCMDG around SDEP contract managers not knowing where to best redirect communications in relation to the information Suppliers are providing to distributors as part of the requirements introduced by DCP 414 notifications and obtain opinions from this forum on what the best possible solution would be. | ElectraLink | Update 18 June 2025: This had been discussed at DCMDG and, whilst there had been agreement that a change was required, no consensus had emerged as to whether this should be initiated by DCUSA or by REC. DCUSA and REC Representatives were continuing discussions. KEEP OPEN Update 16 July 2025: This was discussed at DCMDG and a report of discussions was provided at the July 2025 Open Panel Meeting. The Panel AGREED that the most appropriate course of action would be to provide voluntary guidance to Contract Managers as to how to handle these communications and monitor whether this resolved the issue. The Panel RESOLVED that the Secretariat would liaise with the REC Code manager do draft and coordinate the issuing of such a communication to all DCUSA and REC Contract Managers. KEEP OPEN |
| 228/05 | DCMDG Headline Report: The Secretariat to review the previous change raised around cost apportionment for connections where the boundary between Distribution and Transmission is impacted, to ensure that this was being picked up by the correct code. | ElectraLink | Update 16 July 2025: The Secretariat was in discussions with CUSC to ensure that any required Code Modifications were being progressed to the correct code. KEEP OPEN |

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| 229/01 | Initial Assessments: The Secretariat to progress DCP 457 to the Change Report phase, as agreed. | ElectraLink | |
| 229/02 | Change Reports: The Secretariat to progress the Change Report for: (1) DCP 456, and to issue for Voting for a three-week voting period to Impacted Parties (Suppliers/DNOs/IDNOs); and (2) DCP 439, and to issue for Voting for a three-week voting period to Impacted Parties (Suppliers/DNOs/IDNOs/CVA Registrants). | ElectraLink | |
| 229/03 | Accession Applications: The Secretariat to progress the Accession Application for Voltwise Power Holding Limited (CVA), by drafting and sending the applicant an Accession Agreement and advising the DCUSA Board that the Panel have recommended that they countersign the Accession Agreement. | ElectraLink | |
| 229/04 | AoB (1) 'DCP 419': The Secretariat to liaise with proposers to withdraw DCP 419. | ElectraLink | |

Closed Actions – Open Session

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| 228/01 | Initial Assessments: The Secretariat to (1) progress DCP 455 to the definition stage via a Working Group, as agreed; and (2) progress DCP 456 to the Change Report stage, as agreed | ElectraLink | Update 16 July 2025: Completed. CLOSED |
| 228/02 | Housekeeping Log: The Secretariat to seek to group currently agreed Housekeeping Items on the Housekeeping Log thematically and present the results of this exercise at a future meeting of the SIG with a recommendation of whether these were ready to be progressed as one or more Housekeeping Change Proposal/s to be implemented in the next DCUSA release | ElectraLink | Update 16 July 2025: This was discussed at SIG, a Change Proposal has been raised to be tabled at July Meeting. CLOSED |
| 228/03 | Accession Applications (1): The Secretariat to progress the Accession Applications for (1) Celltech Communications Limited, and (2) Quality Heating Services Limited, by drafting and sending the applicants Accession Agreements and advising the DCUSA Board that the Panel have recommended that they countersign each Accession Agreement. | ElectraLink | Update 16 July 2025: Completed. CLOSED |
| 228/04 | Accession Applications (2): The Secretariat to progress the Accession Applications for E.ON UK Network Assets Limited by (1) seeking confirmation that the applicant has been granted an Electricity Supply Licence by Ofgem; and (2) once these assurances have been received, 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 July 2025: Completed. CLOSED |