

DCUSA Panel Meeting 232 (Open Session)

15 October 2025 at 10:00am

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Attendee	Role	Company
Panel Members		
Simon Yeo [SY]	Panel Member (CHAIR)	DCUSA Ltd
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Clare Wagstaffe [CW]	Alternate Panel Member	DCUSA Ltd
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Kevin Woollard [KW]	Panel Member	DCUSA Ltd
Observers		
Mark DeSouza Wilson [MDW]	Observer	BSC
Nadir Hafeez [NH]	Observer	Ofgem
Caroline Freimuller [CF]	Observer	REC
Donald Preston [DP]	Observer	SSEN
Code Administrator		
Richard Colwill [RC]	Secretariat	ElectraLink Ltd
Angelo Fitzhenry [AF]	Secretariat	ElectraLink Ltd
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		
Lorna Mallon [LM]	Observer	REC
Lee Wells [LW]	Alternate Panel Member	DCUSA Ltd

1. Administration

Election of Chair for the meeting

- 1.1 Following the departure of SIMON VICARY as Chair, The Panel RESOLVED that SIMON YEO would take the Chair for the meeting.

Notice of recording of Meeting

- 1.2 The Panel NOTED that the meeting is being recorded purely to aid with the production of the minutes and that the recording will be deleted once the minutes for the meeting are approved.

Welcomes and Introductions

- 1.3 The Chair welcomed all attendees to the meeting.

Apologies

- 1.4 It was NOTED that 'Apologies' had been received from: LORNA MALLON, LEE WELLS.

Non-Confidential Minutes

- 1.5 The draft minutes of the last meeting had been circulated ahead of this meeting. Two comments had been received:
- A typographical error had been identified in paragraph 6.4: the word 'not' is missing; and
 - A typographical error had been identified in paragraph 6.5: where the word 'as' had incorrectly been written 'was'.
- 1.6 The Panel AGREED to amend the minutes accordingly but otherwise AGREED that these minutes were a true and fair representation of the meeting.

Updated Actions

- 1.7 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 following:
- Elexon had established a Stakeholder Advisory Board to support their working as a market facilitator and also to feed back performance updates to Ofgem. Nominations were being sought for members of this Board, and applications were due by 7 November 2025.
 - The DIP Manager was holding an online drop in session to discuss MHHS for the data integration platform at 10.30am on Friday, 17 October 2025. Interested parties were invited to attend.
 - BSC Mod P412 'Ensuring non-BM Balancing Services providers pay for non-delivery imbalances at a price that reflects the real-time value of energy', which would ensure compliance with the clean energy package regulations by correcting contractual imbalances around pricing and delivery, was

forming a working group. Any parties interested in participating were invited to contact Elexon for more information.

2.2 The Panel NOTED the BSC update.

Ofgem

2.3 NH provided the Panel with a verbal update on Ofgem related following topics:

- With respect to the Expected Decision Dates (EDD) for Change Proposals that are with the Authority for their decision:
 - DCP 450 'Managing the effects of surplus residual charge in the CDCM': the EDD was 20 October 2025;
 - DCP 446 'Emergency Disconnections': the EDD was 14 November 2025;
 - DCP 439 'Backdating Tariff Changes': a decision was expected imminently;
 - DCP 412 'Allocation of banding for TCR Charges for 'Peak' Final Demand Customers': due to the complexity of this change, this was undergoing review and no EDD was available;
 - DCP 437 'To Shorten the DUoS Pricing Notice Periods': this had been REJECTED on 10 October 2025; and
 - DCP 462 'Impact of MHHS on certain DCUSA owned flows': this had been ACCEPTED on 7 October 2025.
- With respect to Energy Codes reform, NH confirmed that the Code Managers would need to include performance indicators within their Code and publish these publicly. A consultation would be held to develop these and a stakeholder group had met on 23 September 2025 to test draft metrics. Further opportunities for input would be made available in due course.

2.4 The Panel NOTED the Ofgem update.

Smart Energy Code (SEC)

2.5 There was no SEC update this month.

2.6 The Panel NOTED the SEC update.

Retail Energy Code (REC)

2.7 CF presented the REC change update paper to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel_2025_1015_01). The paper was taken as read. CF highlighted key points, including the following:

- REC I0268 'REC Changes to tie in with DCP419': further the notes in the circulated paper, the proposal had now been submitted to the REC Change Panel and was expected to progress to consultation shortly;
- I0197 'Introducing a process to provide updates during fault resolutions': the next Working Group meeting would take place on 22 October 2025;
- I0240 '- Data alignment of meter information through MHHS Migration': the guidance document had now been written; and

- I0270 Clarification of SIP Qualification Requirements': REC were awaiting the raising of a joint DCUSA Change Proposal before progressing as there was confirmed cross code impact.

2.8 The Panel SCRUTINISED the REC Update. Points raised included the following:

- The Panel NOTED that the REC updates in the circulated paper had not been ordered either by CP number or by date, and requested that a more consistent ordering be utilised in the future. CG AGREED to arrange these accordingly.
- NH NOTED that I0268 'Consequential Cross-Code Change for BSC P441 – Complex Site Classes Creation' was a cross code change, being progressed alongside Elexon's P441 'Creation of Complex Site Classes' and DCUSA's DCP 424 'Use of System charging for Complex Sites', and asked if this was being raised as a self-governance modification. CF explained that this was an Authority determined mod, where the BSC were the lead code. NH NOTED this explanation.

2.9 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_1015_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 458 'Amend DCP 414 process': this was out for Consultation and should be progressed to the CHANGE REPORT phase shortly;
- DCP 463 'Charging non-consuming De-energised CT-Metered sites': this was at the Definition phase;
- DCP 464 'IDNO Connection Applications: Treatment of Existing Assets': this was at the Definition phase;
- DCP 460 'Updating Incorrect Company Names Referenced throughout the DCUSA': Voting had completed and the Change Declaration was expected shortly;
- DCP 450 'Managing the effects of surplus residual charge in the CDCM' this was Awaiting Authority Consent, and Ofgem had provided an EDD of 20 October 2025;
- DCP 462 'Impact of MHHS on certain DCUSA owned flows': this was Awaiting Implementation as part of the November Release.;
- DCP 457 'Housekeeping Items': this was Awaiting Implementation as part of the November Release;
- DCP 325 'Reviewing the requirements of Sections 35A, 35B, Schedule 15 and Schedule 20.': this was Awaiting Implementation as part of the November Release;

- DCP 445 'Implementation of Market-wide Half Hourly Settlement (MHHS) Arrangements': this had been Implemented; and
- DCP 456 'MHHS Incremental Changes for Go Live': this had been Implemented.

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

- DCP 455 'Align RAV price-inflation with that used in ED2': the Legal text had been updated and would be presented later in the meeting;
- DCP 454 'Provide enduring targeted relief from residual charges for electric vehicle charging sites': following last month's approval of acquisition of data some additional modelling would be required, but the Working Group was progressing this;
- DCP 452 'Correct application of Forward Cost Pricing EDCM charges to users connected directly to a Grid Supply Point': the Consultation would be released later in the month and a Change Report was anticipated for December 2025; and
- DCP 420 'Include Car Charging Stations In The Definition For Non Final Demand': this was being progressed alongside DCP 454.

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_1015_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 465 'NFD Generator and Battery Capacity Charges'

5.2 This change was raised by National Grid Electricity Distribution. This would align The Differential In Generator and Battery Capacity charges between the CDCM and EDCM methodologies and therefore reduce the capacity charges for CDCM Generators and Batteries.

5.3 The Panel SCRUTINISED DCP 465. Comments raised included the following:

- The Panel discussed the cross-code impact of this Change Proposal;
- The Panel NOTED the impact upon Ofgem's DUoS SCR and asked NH for advice on how best to proceed. NH AGREED to ask the Ofgem Policy Team for their views and report back.

5.4 The Panel AGREED that, once/assuming that Ofgem had approved the progression of this Change Proposal, DCP 465 should be approved for progression.

5.5 For DCP 465 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 the Definition phase and for a Working Group to be established to further refine the proposed solution; and

- AGREE the progression of the CP in accordance with the proposed timescales.

232/01 Initial Assessments: The Secretariat to: (1) request confirmation from Ofgem that DCP 465 could be progressed; and (2) if/when these confirmations were received, progress DCP 465 to the Definition phase and for a Working Group to be established to further refine the proposed solution, 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_1015_04). The paper was taken as read. It was NOTED that one Change Report had been tabled for approval by the Panel this month.

DCP 455 'Align RAV price-inflation with that used in ED2'

6.2 The Secretariat presented DCP 455 to the Panel.

- RC NOTED that DCP 455 had been delayed from being progressed by the September 2025 Panel meeting as the legal text had needed additional work. RC FURTHER NOTED that, in order to meet the timeframe for inclusion with the November 2025 DCUSA Release, this would need to be progressed with an expedited timeframe, and asked if the Panel could reduce the voting period to 10 working days, from the usual 15 working days.

6.3 The Panel SCRUTINISED DCP 455. Points raised included the following:

- The Panel NOTED that, by setting a precedent for progressing Change Proposals with expedited time frames, there was a risk that stakeholders would not have sufficient time to adequately scrutinise Change Proposals during the Voting phase.
- The Panel NOTED that DCP 455 was intended to be implemented in alignment with the next RAV update, and discussed whether delaying its implementation until the February 2026 release would prevent this from happening.
- The Panel discussed the potential of holding an extra release in January 2026, but NOTED that this would create additional work for Stakeholders.
- The Panel NOTED that, whilst including DCP 455 as part of the standard release in February 2025 would not include any margin for delay, this should still allow it to be implemented in time for the next RAV update cycle.

6.4 The Panel AGREED to progress DCP 455 with a 15 working day voting period, as usual.

232/02 Change Reports (1) 'DCP 455': The Secretariat to: (1) issue DCP 455 to Parties for voting for a 15 Working Day period.

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_1015_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 DT said that it had been identified that the numbered subclause 30.12.3 should not actually have been numbered, but should instead have been written out in full as a paragraph. DT explained the history of this, but explained that this was not a Housekeeping issue as it was an error. The Panel NOTED this explanation.

7.4 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_1015_07). The paper was taken as read.

8.2 The Secretariat confirmed that there were no new Accession Applications this month.

8.3 The Panel NOTED the Accession Applications paper.

9. CACoP Headline Report

9.1 DT presented a verbal CACoP Headline Report to the Panel, key points included:

- Elexon had provided an update on governance arrangements within the Market Facilitator Programme.
- An update had been provided on the DIP (Data Integration Platform) and the process for raising changes to this. The Panel NOTED that ownership of Data Flows and DCUSA's obligations remained unclear and AGREED that the Secretariat would seek confirmation of these.
- In line with data best practice, CACoP principle 17 was being progressed.
- Last year's CACoP survey results were discussed and a report of these would be published in due course.

232/03 CACoP Headline Report: The Secretariat to confirm what the current DIP and DCUSA Obligations are in respect of Data Flows.

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_1015_07). The paper was taken as read.

10.2 RC highlighted key points, including:

- Updates on DCP 437 and DCP 412 had been covered earlier in the meeting as part of the Ofgem update.
- DCMDG had discussed TCR Banding Thresholds, particularly considering whether the 50% threshold of Schedule 32 was too high, but Ofgem had provided a direction that deemed that this was allowable. The Panel NOTED that this decision seemed arbitrary and asked why consumers were not required to reband when they changed their capacity. RC explained that this had been developed by a subgroup and changing this would require a Change Proposal.

10.3 The Panel NOTED the DCMDG Headline Report.

11. IWG Headline Report

11.1 RC presented a verbal IWG Headline Report to the Panel, key points included:

- Two subgroups were discussing rules around moving meters with the goal of developing guidance and producing a common methodology for handling this. The Panel asked whether there was already a 3 meter rule governing this, but RC explained that different suppliers currently handled this differently, including applying rules around extending this using existing wiring rigs, so clarity and a standardised approach would be welcomed.

11.2 The Panel NOTED the IWG Headline Report.

12. SIG Headline Report

12.1 AG presented a verbal SIG Headline Report to the Panel, key points included:

- No SIG meetings had taken place in September 2025.
- The ECR change request subgroup had been set up and were progressing 4 or 5 change requests.
- The ENA were working on a fuse upgrade project and had agreed that DCUSA Was the best place to progress this. An RFI had been issued accordingly.

12.2 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_1015_08). The paper was taken as read.

13.2 DT NOTED that no updates or changes had been made to the DCUSA Monthly Horizon Scan this month.

13.3 The Panel SCRUTINISED the Horizon Scan. Points raised included the following:

- DT NOTED that information about the DUoS SCR and Energy Code reform were starting to become available, but nothing was concrete enough to add to the Horizon Scan as yet.
- The Panel AGREED to remove the ENA Open Networks project from the Horizon Scan.
- The Panel AGREED to merge Ofgem's Decarbonisation Action plan into other workstreams.
- The Panel AGREED to rationalise several Energy Code Reform consultations into a single line.
- NH NOTED that Ofgem's review of Standing Charges for Domestic Customers had been completed and a decision made, the Panel AGREED to remove this line.
- NH NOTED that Ofgem's Transmission Charging letter had also been completed, the Panel AGREED to remove this line.

13.4 DT FURTHER NOTED that the plan to change the format of this report was still being progressed, but presented a draft showing how this might look like, consisting of a digital timeline with brief descriptions if you hovered over the relevant milestones. This was still a work in progress and detail had not been added as yet, but DT requested initial feedback.

- The Panel NOTED that this looked more modern than the previous design.

- PW asked whether the background colours would be used to highlight progress/
- The Panel discussed how much historic data needed to be included, but AGREED that this should be a forward-looking scan.

13.5 The Panel AGREED that DT should take this away and develop it further.

232/04 DCUSA Monthly Horizon Scan: The Secretariat to continue to develop the revised format Horizon Scan, as agreed.

13.6 The Panel NOTED the DCUSA Monthly Horizon Scan.

14. Any Other Business

14.1 No items of 'Other Business' were raised.

15. Date of next meeting: 19 November 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
232/01	Initial Assessments: The Secretariat to: (1) request confirmation from Ofgem that DCP 465 could be progressed; and (2) if/when these confirmations were received, progress DCP 465 to the Definition phase and for a Working Group to be established to further refine the proposed solution, as agreed.	ElectraLink	
232/02	Change Reports (1) 'DCP 455': The Secretariat to: (1) issue DCP 455 to Parties for voting for a 15 Working Day period.	ElectraLink	
232/03	CACoP Headline Report: The Secretariat to confirm what the current DIP and DCUSA Obligations are in respect of Data Flows.	ElectraLink	
232/04	DCUSA Monthly Horizon Scan: The Secretariat to continue to develop the revised format Horizon Scan, as agreed.	ElectraLink	

Closed Actions – Open Session

Ref No.	Action	Owner	Update
230/04	Accession Applications: The Secretariat to progress the Accession Application for (1) Aero EV Solutions Limited; (2) Barlows (U.K.) Limited; (3) B Watkins Electrical; and (4) Thrift Energy Limited, by drafting and sending the applicants an Accession Agreement and advising the DCUSA Board that the Panel have recommended that they countersign the Accession Agreement.	ElectraLink	Update 17 September 2025: Aero EV Solutions have returned a signed Accession Agreement, but the other three Applications remain outstanding. The Secretariat was in the process of chasing these. KEEP OPEN Update 15 October 2025: Barlows (U.K.) Limited, B.Watkins Electrical Limited and Thrift Energy Limited have completed their Accession Applications. Completed. CLOSED
230/06	AoB (1) 'Retirement of Chair': Following the resignation of Simon Vicary, the Secretariat to progress an election process to select a replacement Supplier Member of the DCUSA Panel and Board.	ElectraLink	Update 17 September 2025: This process has been initiated and nominations are open until 17 September 2025. KEEP OPEN Update 15 October 2025: No responses were received to the Interim election. The regular annual election cycle was initiated on 1 October 2025, which

			supersedes this action. CLOSED
231/01	Initial Assessments: The Secretariat to: (1) progress DCP 463 to the Definition phase and for a Working Group to be established to further refine the proposed solution; and (2) progress DCP 464 to the Definition phase and for a Working Group to be established to further refine the proposed solution, as agreed	ElectraLink	Update 15 October 2025: All progressed as agreed. CLOSED
231/02	Change Reports (1) 'DCP 325': The Secretariat to: (1) amend the legal text, as agreed; (2) circulate to the Panel by email for review and ex-Committee decision; and (3) issue for Voting for a shorter-than-usual 10 Working Day period following Panel approval.	ElectraLink	Update 15 October 2025: Completed. CLOSED
231/03	Change Reports (2) DCP 460: The Secretariat to issue DCP 460 to Parties for voting for a 15 Working Day period.	ElectraLink	Update 15 October 2025: Completed. CLOSED
231/04	Accession Applications (1): The Secretariat to progress the Accession Application for (1) AGR Networks Limited; and (2) Crystal Electronics Limited, by drafting and sending the applicants an Accession Agreement and advising the DCUSA Board that the Panel have recommended that they countersign the Accession Agreement.	ElectraLink	Update 15 October 2025: Both completed. CLOSED.
231/05	Accession Applications (2): The Secretariat to advise Devine Energy Limited that their Accession Application had been rejected, but that it would be resubmitted as soon as they had completed their qualification and testing processes with REC.	ElectraLink	Update 15 October 2025: Completed. CLOSED
231/06	AoB (1) 'DCP 462': The Secretariat to circulate the Change Report for DCP 462 to the Panel by email for ex-Committee decision at the earliest possible opportunity.	ElectraLink	Update 15 October 2025: Completed. CLOSED