

# DCUSA Panel Meeting 233 (Open Session)

19 November 2025 at 10:30am

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Attendee	Role	Company
<b>Panel Members</b>		
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Peter Waymont [PW]	Panel Member	DCUSA Ltd
Kevin Woollard [KW]	Panel Member	DCUSA Ltd
Simon Yeo [SY]	Panel Member	DCUSA Ltd
<b>Observers</b>		
Mark DeSouza Wilson [MDW]	Observer	BSC
Alison Beard [AB]	Observer	SEC
Nadir Hafeez [NH]	Observer	Ofgem
Lorna Mallon [LM]	Observer	REC
<b>Code Administrator</b>		
Richard Colwill [RC]	Secretariat	ElectraLink Ltd
Angelo Fitzhenry [AF]	Secretariat	ElectraLink Ltd
Andy Green [AG]	Secretariat	ElectraLink Ltd
Melissa Kendall [MK]	Secretariat	ElectraLink Ltd
Hannah Proffit [HP]	Secretariat	ElectraLink Ltd
Dylan Townsend [DT]	Secretariat	ElectraLink Ltd
<b>Apologies</b>		
George Kestner [GK]	Secretariat	ElectraLink Ltd
Lee Wells [LW]	Alternate Panel Member	DCUSA Ltd

## 1. Administration

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### Election of Chair for the meeting

- 1.1 The Panel RESOLVED that Kevin Woollard would Chair 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: George Kestner and Lee Wells.

### Non-Confidential Minutes

- 1.5 The draft minutes of the last meeting had been circulated ahead of this meeting. No comments had been received. The Panel 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

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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 following:
- An urgent BSC modification is due to be raised on 20 November to unlock some of the LLFC valid combination entities in Market Domain Data (MDD). This will address scenarios in which a newly qualified IDNO is creating LLFCs for a new housing estate. The IDNO can currently put the new LLFCs into MDD and industry standing data as DUoS tariff ID. MDW noted that this is fine whilst they are being supplied by an MHHS qualified Supplier, however if they try to change to a Supplier who is not MHHS qualified, the LLFC ID in MDD cannot be used because it does not appear in the valid combinations.
  - Urgent modification P503 'Unfreezing MDD to enable load diversity' aims to mitigate potential risks to supply security in North Scotland following the replacement of Radio Teleswitch Service (RTS) meters with Smart Meters, which has led to increased coincidence of demand. New switching patterns have been created to reintroduce diversity, which require new Standard Settlement Configurations (SSCs), Time Pattern Regimes (TPRs) and associated data. MDW advised this modification will be sent for approval on 20 November.

- Elexon have created a new API for asset registration in their Customer Solution. Previously Parties would need to go into the website to add asset details, but this can now be done programmatically via the API.
- P483 'Enabling Asset Metering for Non-Half Hourly Boundary Metering Systems' is due to go live on 27 November and will allow asset metering arrangements to work behind a non-half hourly boundary point metering system.
- Issue 120 'Review of the approach to the calculation and application of GSP Group Correction Scaling Factors (Scaling Weights in MDD) post MHHS milestone M8/M10' is progressing. MDW asked members to get in touch if they wanted to be involved.

2.2 The Panel NOTED the BSC update.

## Ofgem

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

- With respect to the Expected Decision Dates (EDDs) for Change Proposals that are with the Authority for their decision:
  - DCP 446 'Emergency Disconnections': the updated EDD is 12 December 2025;
  - DCP 412 'Allocation of banding for TCR Charges for 'Peaky' Final Demand Customers': due to the complexity of this change, no EDD was available;
- Decisions published by the Authority since the previous Panel meeting:
  - DCP 439 'Backdating Tariff Changes': a decision to reject the proposal was published on 17 November 2025.
  - DCP 450 'Managing the effects of surplus residual charge in the CDCM': a decision to accept the proposal was published on 20 October 2025.

2.4 The Panel SCRUTINISED the Ofgem update. Points raised included the following:

- PW asked where the EDDs can be found on the Ofgem website. NH provided the following link - <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/energy-regulation/how-we-regulate/energy-codes/energy-code-timetable>

2.5 The Panel NOTED the Ofgem update.

## Smart Energy Code (SEC)

2.6 AB provided the Panel with a verbal update on the following SEC related topics:

- MP184 'Changing the way twin elements are used - additional MPANs for Export capability': AB noted that this modification has an interaction with DCUSA, however they are lacking engagement from the Proposer and therefore the modification is not currently progressing.

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\_1119\_01). The paper was taken as read. LM highlighted key points, including the following:

- I0270 'Clarification of SIP Qualification Requirements': Expected to proceed to consultation in December following review by the Metering Expert Panel. DCUSA impact confirmed and in discussions with the DCUSA team regarding a DCP being raised.
- I0278 'Establishing the Safe Isolation Provider (SIP) as a Standalone REC Metering Party': Change Plan has been approved, and legal text options are currently being reviewed. DCUSA impact TBC.
- I0288 'Schedule 14 review - DNOs do not remove Metering Assets': DCUSA impact TBC.

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

- KW asked if there was an EDD for R0216 'REC Changes to tie in with DCP 419'. LM confirmed there was not.

2.10 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\_1119\_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 459 'DNO invoices to Embedded DNO': This was out for CONSULTATION until the end of November.
- DCP 461 'Reducing the Impact of Transmission Distribution Charges': This was out for CONSULTATION until the end of November.
- DCP 463 'Charging non-consuming De-energised CT-Metered sites': This was out for CONSULTATION until the end of November.
- DCP 464 'IDNO Connection Applications: Treatment of Existing Assets': This was in the DEFINITION phase.
- DCP 465 'NFD Generator and Battery Capacity Charges': This was in the DEFINITION phase.
- DCP 455 'Align RAV price-inflation with that used in ED2': This was AWAITING IMPLEMENTATION.
- DCP 450 'Managing the effects of surplus residual charge in the CDCM': This was AWAITING IMPLEMENTATION.
- DCP 460 'Updating Incorrect Company Names Referenced throughout the DCUSA': This had been IMPLEMENTED.

- DCP 457 'Housekeeping Items': This had been IMPLEMENTED.
- DCP 325 'Reviewing the requirements of Sections 35A, 35B, Schedule 15 and Schedule 20': This had been IMPLEMENTED.
- DCP 462 'Impact of MHHS on certain DCUSA owned flows': This had been IMPLEMENTED.
- DCP 437 'To Shorten the DUoS Pricing Notice Periods': This had been REJECTED.

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

- DCP 443 'Excess Capacity': the Working Group had agreed to issue a second consultation on this change and were reviewing the consultation document.

4.4 DT presented the Legal text overlap tracker tab and highlighted the following overlap.

- DCP 440 'Consuming "de-energised" sites' and DCP 463 'Charging non-consuming De-energised CT-Metered sites. DT advised that this should not cause any issues but that the Panel should be aware.

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\_1119\_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 466 'Tariff Band to follow capacity'

5.2 This change was raised by Eastern Power Networks. This would ensure tariff bands for HH settled sites are aligned to a customer's capacity at all times (e.g. tariff bands are assessed/changed whenever a capacity change is agreed.)

5.3 RC advised the DCP had been sent to Ofgem on 10 November 2025, to allow assessment of whether it impacts the DUoS SCR. NH agreed to refer to his colleagues following the meeting, but advised the DCP should progress in the meantime.

5.4 For DCP 466 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.

### DCP 467 'Online reporting tools for Category A and B defects'

5.5 This change was raised by UK Power Networks. This would mandate that relevant DCUSA Parties utilise online reporting tools where DNOs have made them available for the purpose of reporting Category A and B situations.

5.6 The Panel SCRUTINISED DCP 467. Comments raised included the following:

- Paragraph 7.5 contained an unfinished sentence. RC agreed to correct this, to read 'Reduced site visits would have a positive environmental impact.'
- Company Name to be updated from 'UK Power Networks' to 'London Power Networks'.

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- 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.

**233/01 Initial Assessments:** The Secretariat to: (1) progress DCP 466 to the Definition phase and for a Working Group to be established to further refine the proposed solution, as agreed; and (2) progress DCP 467 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\_1119\_04). The paper was taken as read. It was NOTED that no Change Reports had been tabled for approval by the Panel this month.

6.2 The Panel NOTED the Change Reports 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\_1119\_05). The paper was taken as read.

7.2 DT NOTED that between the previous Panel meeting and the drafting of this paper, one new housekeeping items had been identified by a Party or by the Secretariat.

### 'Incorrect Term Used in Schedule 33'

7.3 SP Electricity Northwest Limited had located an erroneous term being used in Paragraph 7.1 of Schedule 33. The incorrect term is 'Distribution Company' and the Secretariat NOTED that the correct term should have been 'DNO/IDNO Party'. The Secretariat FURTHER NOTED that this error had been introduced by DCP 391 'Retail Code Consolidation Significant Code Review' which introduced Schedule 33 itself.

7.4 The Panel RESOLVED to add the item 'Incorrect Term Used in Schedule 33' to the Housekeeping Log.

**233/02 Housekeeping Log:** The Secretariat to: (1) add the item 'Incorrect Term Used in Schedule 33' to the Housekeeping Log, as agreed.



- 7.5 Additionally, the Secretariat NOTED that several housekeeping items had been resolved as part of the latest DCUSA release and so would be removed from the Housekeeping Log. These were shown in redline tracked changes in the 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\_1119\_06). The paper was taken as read.
- 8.2 The Secretariat confirmed that there were one new Accession Applications this month, from:
- Pro EV Group Limited (SIP)
- 8.3 The Panel SCRUTINISED the Accession Application and supporting evidence and AGREED to APPROVE Pro EV Group Limited's Accession to the DCUSA.

**233/03 Accession Applications:** The Secretariat to progress the Accession Application for (1) Pro EV Group 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.

- 8.4 The Panel NOTED the Accession Applications paper.
- 8.5 DT advised that a question had been raised regarding an existing Supplier obtaining another licence and wanting to use a an existing MPID. DT asked the Panel whether they can apply to accede with that existing MPID even though it is not assigned to them yet.
- 8.6 PW suggested that on the accession application, the party could state that the MPID is for use after transition, to ensure the intent is clear. PW highlighted that if two Suppliers are using the same MPID, it can cause confusion when receiving a registration.

## 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\_1119\_07). The paper was taken as read.
- 9.2 RC highlighted key points, including:
- DCMDG Issue 'Provide Targeted Relief from Residual Charges for Electric Bus Depots' – DCMDG members agreed for this to be raised as a new CP.
  - Feedback on Guidance re 'The Application of the 2026 TCR Banding Thresholds when Applying the Exceptional Circumstances Process' – DCMDG members agreed for the guidance to be issued to industry.
  - Application of Part 4 of Schedule 16 (DCP 414) where Supplier is Non-Compliant with Clause 19.15 - Members agreed that the Customer is ultimately penalised with higher costs where the Supplier has been non-complaint, and the challenge is how to ensure Suppliers comply. It was agreed to work on the basis that an advanced notification will be sent, and where there is no notification, this will be treated as BAU. It was noted that anything that can be corrected, will be.
- 9.3 DT noted they had received a question regarding how many meters are affected by the P432 and DCP 414 process and asked if Elexon are considering assurance. MDW advised they are not aware of any monitoring of customers affected.

9.4 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, key points included:

- Restricted Access Customer Letters Subgroup Update – a leaflet was circulated on 01 October and feedback is currently being reviewed. Another meeting will be scheduled shortly.
- DIF 72 Subgroup Update - An RFI will be issued to Parties asking for feedback on the solution options discussed by the group.
- Phenolic Cut-outs Update – the ENA are currently completing analysis on around 10 phenolic cut outs in the SSEN region. Results will be shared with the IWG when available. The ENA also have a separate work group looking at the wider situation.
- Misreporting of BNO Issues – a DNO representative advised that in multi occupancy domestic buildings, they are seeing a large number of BNO issues being reported as category B codes. After discussion, two actions were taken to progress this matter.
- 2025 Work Plan – updates were discussed and members agreed to begin considering items for the 2026 Work Plan.
- Additional validation on the DTN – a subgroup meeting was held on 14 November to determine next steps. Members are investigating the possibility of presenting a proposal to the DTS User Group.

10.2 The Panel NOTED the IWG Headline Report.

## 11. SIG Headline Report

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11.1 AG presented the SIG Headline Report to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel\_2025\_1119\_08). The paper was taken as read.

11.2 AG highlighted key points, including:

- Review of the ENA Fuse upgrade project RFI responses.
- DIF 89 'D0164 / MM00069 Flows' - This DIF was raised to review the D0164 flow to see what it was designed for, if it was still in use and if it could be deleted if redundant. It was agreed that a CP should be raised to request the decommissioning/removal of the flow. A DCP is expected to be received in December.
- Charging Interest on Credit Cover Defaults - It was agreed that a CP should be raised to review the appropriateness of the interest charge for credit cover defaults and to remove the provision in the DCUSA, if the charge was deemed to be inappropriate now.

11.3 AG asked Panel members whether they felt a subgroup should be formed to investigate potential necessary DCUSA changes relating to the ENA fuse upgrade project. The Panel felt this should be driven by the ENA and that a DCUSA subgroup would be unnecessary.

11.4 The Panel NOTED the SIG Headline Report.



## 12. DCUSA Panel 2026 Meeting Dates

- 12.1 DT presented the DCUSA Panel 2026 Meeting Dates paper to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel\_2025\_1119\_08). The paper was taken as read.
- 12.2 DT NOTED that the proposed dates followed the same cycle as utilised in previous years, of scheduling DCUSA Meetings for the third Wednesday of each calendar month.
- 12.3 The Panel AGREED to schedule DCUSA Panel Meetings in 2026 as per the proposed dates.

**233/04 DCUSA Panel 2026 Meeting Dates:** The Secretariat to schedule DCUSA Panel Meetings in 2026 on the agreed dates.

## 13. DCUSA Monthly Horizon Scan

- 13.1 DT presented the DCUSA Monthly Horizon Scan paper to the Panel. DT highlighted that the incorrect version had been included in the meeting pack and agreed to circulate the updated version after the meeting. The paper was taken as read.
- 13.2 It was agreed for the following amendments to be made to the plan.
- 'Ofgem and DESNZ Consultation: Energy Code Reform: Consultation on Code Manager Licence Conditions and Code Modifications Appeal to the Competition and Markets Authority' and 'Ofgem: Energy code reform: second implementation consultation' to be merged into General Code Reform.
  - 'Ofgem's review of Standing Charges for domestic customers' to be merged into DUoS SCR.
  - 'Ofgem Consultation on SoLR Offset Levy' to be removed.
  - 'Review of electricity market arrangements' to be removed.
  - 'Ofgem's decarbonisation action plan' to be removed.
  - 'ENA Open Networks Project' to be removed.
- 13.3 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: 17 December 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
232/03	<b>CACoP Headline Report:</b> The Secretariat to confirm what the current DIP and DCUSA Obligations are in respect of Data Flows.	ElectraLink	Update 19 November 2025: DT advised that he is in the process of looking into this and an update will be provided at the next meeting. ONGOING.
232/04	<b>DCUSA Monthly Horizon Scan:</b> The Secretariat to continue to develop the revised format Horizon Scan, as agreed.	ElectraLink	Update 19 November 2025: DT advised that this action is ongoing and that updates would be provided in future meetings. ONGOING.
233/01	<b>Initial Assessments:</b> The Secretariat to: (1) progress DCP 466 to the Definition phase and for a Working Group to be established to further refine the proposed solution, as agreed; and (2) progress DCP 467 to the Definition phase and for a Working Group to be established to further refine the proposed solution, as agreed.	ElectraLink	Update 19 November 2025: New action.
233/02	<b>Housekeeping Log:</b> The Secretariat to: (1) add the item 'Incorrect Term Used in Schedule 33' to the Housekeeping Log, as agreed.	ElectraLink	Update 19 November 2025: New action.
233/03	<b>Accession Applications:</b> The Secretariat to progress the Accession Application for (1) Pro EV Group 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 19 November 2025: New action.
233/04	<b>DCUSA Panel 2026 Meeting Dates:</b> The Secretariat to schedule DCUSA Panel Meetings in 2026 on the agreed dates.	ElectraLink	Update 19 November 2025: New action.

### Closed Actions – Open Session

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232/01	<b>Initial Assessments:</b> 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	Update 19 November 2025: DT advised that Ofgem had directed DCP 465 progress. An invitation for Parties to join the Working group was issued on 18 November 2025. CLOSED.
232/02	<b>Change Reports (1) 'DCP 455':</b> The Secretariat to: (1) issue DCP 455 to Parties for voting for a 15 Working Day period.	ElectraLink	Update 19 November 2025: DT advised this had been completed. CLOSED.