

DCUSA Panel Meeting 234 (Open Session)

17 December 2025 at 10:00am

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Attendee	Role	Company
Panel Members		
Peter Waymont [PW]	Panel Member [CHAIR]	DCUSA Ltd
Donna Jamieson [DJ]	Panel Member	DCUSA Ltd
Kim-Marie Mortimer [KMM]	Panel Member	DCUSA Ltd
Urszula Thorpe [UT]	Alternate Panel Member	DCUSA Ltd
Kevin Woollard [KW]	Alternate Panel Member	DCUSA Ltd
Simon Yeo [SY]	Panel Member	DCUSA Ltd
Observers		
Mark DeSouza Wilson [MDW]	Observer	BSC
Caroline Freimuller [CF]	Observer	REC
Nadir Hafeez [NH]	Observer	Ofgem
Code Administrator		
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
Apologies		
Karl Marylon [KM]	Panel Member	DCUSA Ltd
Dylan Townsend [DT]	Secretariat	ElectraLink Ltd
Clare Wagstaffe [CW]	Alternate Panel Member	DCUSA Ltd

1. Administration

Election of Chair for the meeting

- 1.1 The Panel RESOLVED that PETER WAYMONT 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: DYLAN TOWNSEND and CLARE WAGSTAFFE, and that KARL MARYON was running late due to transport issues.

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

Balancing & Settlement Code (BSC)

- 2.1 MDW provided the Panel with a verbal update on BSC related topics. Points raised included the following:
- Elaxon was now operating as market facilitator and would have this role until March 2028.
 - The Elaxon offices would be closed from 13:00 on 24 December 2025 and on all bank holidays over the festive period.
 - The next introduction to energy market seminar would take place on 25 February 2026.
 - CP1616 'Specific Event Scenarios for Backdated MHHS Service Provider Appointments' was open for consultation until 9 January 2026.
 - DCP 1622 'Amendment of validation within SMRS for number of Meter Digits' was open for consultation until 9 January 2026.
- 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 412 'Allocation of banding for TCR Charges for 'Peak' Final Demand Customers' no EDD was available due to the complexity of this modification and its dependencies on other pieces of policy work.
 - DCP 446 'Emergency Disconnections': due to some legal concerns, the EDD had been delayed until 30 January 2026 and there was the possibility that a sendback decision might be issued.

2.4 With respect to Energy Codes reform, NH provided the following written update, with the following caveat: ***'Please note that these lines contain policy that is still in development and does not represent or guarantee the Authority's future position on any such policy decisions or timelines.'***

- *We hosted a progress evaluation session on 20 November 2025 which brought together all of those who responded to our call for expressions of interest to join workgroups as part of our spring 2025 publications.*
- *We provided an overview of what was discussed at the group sessions we convened across the period of summer engagement, covering topics such as the future code modification process and the development of code manager performance metrics.*
- *We also used the session as an opportunity to provide an update on energy code reform more generally.*
- Overall timelines/ key publications:
 - *The following timelines are what we have planned currently, but as with any programme of this scale and complexity, these may shift.*
 - *The powers under the Energy Act 2023 run out in 2030, so we are aiming to complete all 3 phases by 2029.*
 - *We are still planning for code manager licence grant in 2026. While we had previously aimed to achieve this by summer 2026, we now anticipate this will be autumn/winter next year.*
- Key publications:
 - *We have now published the draft code manager guidance and criteria for use in any competitive selection process. We had already consulted and published our guidance for the non-competitive selection process back in May.*
 - *We will be issuing calls for expression of interest (EOI) for the phase 2 codes in early 2026. Our decision on what selection route to follow will be based on the number of EOI's received for each code.*

- *In 2026, we plan to publish several substantial documents which will lay the ground for CM appointments later in the year, covering code text and Standard Licence Conditions (SLCs), as well as transition plans. We will:*
 - *Publish our response to the second implementation consultation alongside consulting on generic code text.*
 - *Publish our response to the joint consultation with DESNZ, including licence policy decisions and final SLC text, as well as the appeals process.*
 - *Publish our modification proposal consultation where we'll set out the transition plan, as well as the consequential changes to codes, licences and contracts needed for phase 1 to reach completion and appointment of the CM licences.*
 - *We have also started developing the 2026 SDS and plan to consult in spring 2026.*
- *Key upcoming engagement: Code consolidation:*
 - *For the codes proposed for consolidation in phase 2, we have already had valuable discussions with code administrators and system bodies. We will continue to work closely with them to identify priority areas and develop a coordinated, workable approach to our consolidation planning.*
 - *We also plan to start our engagement with incumbent code administrators/central system delivery bodies for phase 2 codes to inform our consolidation planning.*
 - *We will then start wider engagement with parties affected by phase 2 consolidation in early 2026.*
 - *We'll be looking to set up broader working groups where we can test our proposals and discuss these with users and administrators.*
- *Key upcoming engagement: SDS:*
 - *As part of our development of SDS 2, we will be mirroring our approach to the preliminary SDS by having workgroups with industry through our policy development process.*
- *Christmas moratorium:*
 - *As with previous years, Ofgem will implement a publishing moratorium over Christmas and the New Year. Our last publishing day will be Friday 12 December 2025 and we will begin to publish documents again on Monday 5 January 2026.*

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

- AF asked how transparent Ofgem would be when issuing communications about the expression of interest process, particularly when any of the three key milestones were passed. NH advised that, although he would query this with the relevant teams, it was likely that information on this process would remain confidential until Ofgem had reached its conclusions.

2.6 The Panel NOTED the Ofgem update.

Smart Energy Code (SEC)

2.7 There was no SEC update this month.

2.8 The Panel NOTED the SEC update.

Retail Energy Code (REC)

2.9 CF presented the REC change update paper to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel_2025_1217_01). The paper was taken as read. CF highlighted key points, including movement on the following 2x updates:

- R0270 'Clarification of SIP qualification requirements': this consultation was open and would run until 16 January 2026.
- I0288 'Schedule 14 review – DNOs do not remove Metering Assets': this had been discussed at the REC Metering Expert Panel, who had identified some situations when DNOs would remove metering assets. Consequently, this would be withdrawn, and a notice of withdrawal would be issued later in the week.

2.10 The Panel NOTED the REC update.

3. Matters Arising

3.1 There was ONE matters arising.

Change Report: DCP 458 'Amend DCP 414 Process' – progressed by ex-Cttee Decision

3.2 RC advised that this Change Proposal had been raised by Eastern Power Networks and would apply a default capacity of 71kVA following the 12 months non-applicability of capacity charging arising from DCP 414.

3.3 RC NOTED that, due to the urgency of this proposal this had been circulated to the Panel by email, who had RESOLVED to progress this by ex-Committee decision.

3.4 RC FURTHER NOTED that, due to the festive season and Christmas and New year bank holidays, this had been circulated to parties with a longer than usual voting period of 15 working days, to allow affected Parties adequate scrutiny and opportunities to vote on the Change Report.

3.5 The Panel NOTED the progression of Change Report: DCP 458 'Amend DCP 414 Process' by ex-Committee Decision

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_1217_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': had progressed to the VOTING stage. This was an update from the circulated paper as this Change Proposal had been progressed by ex-Committee decision since the preparation of this paper.

- DCP 459 'DNO invoices to Embedded DNO': had progressed to POST CONSULTATION REFINEMENT
- DCP 461 'Reducing the Impact of Transmission Distribution Charges': had progressed to POST CONSULTATION REFINEMENT
- DCP 463 'Charging non-consuming De-energised CT-Metered sites': had progressed to POST CONSULTATION REFINEMENT
- DCP 465 'NFD Generator and Battery Capacity Charges': had progressed to DEFINITION
- DCP 466 'Tariff Band to Follow Capacity': had progressed to DEFINITION
- DCP 467 'Online reporting tools for Category A and B defects': had progressed to DEFINITION

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

- 459 'DNO invoices to Embedded DNO': This would be going to an additional RFI, so would be delayed until January 2026.
- 452 'Correct application of Forward Cost Pricing EDCM charges to users connected directly to a Grid Supply Point': A Consultation would be issued shortly.

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_1217_03). The paper was taken as read. It was NOTED that NO new Change Proposals had been tabled for Initial Assessment by the Panel this month.

5.2 The Panel NOTED the Initial Assessment Cover Paper.

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_1217_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 RC presented the Housekeeping Log Summary Paper and Housekeeping Log to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel_2025_1217_05). The paper was taken as read.

7.2 RC NOTED that between the previous Panel meeting and the drafting of this paper, no new housekeeping items had been identified by a Party or by the Secretariat.

7.3 RC FURTHER NOTED that, as agreed at the November 2025 Open Panel Meeting, Housekeeping Item 135 'Incorrect Term Used in Schedule 33' has been added to the Housekeeping Amendments Log.

7.4 RC ADVISED that the Secretariat would seek to progress a Housekeeping Amendment to incorporate open Housekeeping Items for the June 2026 DCUSA Release.

234/01 Housekeeping Log: The Secretariat to progress a Housekeeping Amendment to incorporate the open Housekeeping Items within the June 2026 DCUSA Release.

7.5 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_1217_06). The paper was taken as read.

8.2 The Secretariat confirmed that there was one new Accession Applications this month, from:

- McVickers Limited (SIP)

8.3 The Panel SCRUTINISED the Accession Application and supporting evidence and AGREED to APPROVE McVickers Limited's Accession to the DCUSA. PW and DJ AGREED to act as signatories.

234/#02 Accession Applications: The Secretariat to progress the Accession Application for (1) McVickers 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.

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_1217_07). The paper was taken as read.

9.2 RC highlighted key points, including:

- Provide Targeted Relief from Residual Charges for Electric Bus Depots': this issue remained ongoing but a Change Proposal might be progressed shortly.
- 'Application of Part 4 of Schedule 16 (DCP414) where Supplier is Non-Compliant with Clause 19.15': this had progressed to the voting stage.
- DCUDG Live Subgroups: these had discussed a number of exceptional circumstances subgroups and were seeking to allocate responsibility for reviewing these between the different subgroups.
- Ofgem update: whilst DCP 437 'To Shorten the DUoS Pricing Notice Periods' had been rejected by Ofgem, their remained appetite to revisit this issue and a subgroup would be formed to take this forward.

9.3 The Panel SCRUTINISED the DCMDG Headline Report. Points raised included the following:

- PW confirmed that the subgroup of the subgroup would be cancelled as a result of DCP 466 'Tariff Band to Follow Capacity', which had superseded its work.

9.4 The Panel NOTED the DCMDG Headline Report.

10. Embedded Capacity Register Change Request Notice

10.1 AG presented the Embedded Capacity Register Change Request Notice to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel_2025_1217_08). The paper was taken as read.

10.2 AG highlighted key points, including:

- This ECR Change Request had been raised by Ethical Power and consisted of 3x separate items relating to vetting processes for organisations that were populating the ECR.
- Ethical Power had proposed categorising sites by unique identifiers, rather than by site names. This was because there was currently no easy way to compare across past versions of the ECR, and Site Names were sometimes incorrectly or inconsistently recorded. This could include sites being erroneously recorded as being in the middle of the sea, for example.
- Ethical Power considered that creating a new unique identifier for sites would require an additional vetting process to be introduced.
- Whilst some informal mechanisms along these lines appeared to already be in place, this proposal would standardise these across the whole of the industry.

10.3 The Panel SCRUTINISED the Embedded Capacity Register Change Request Notice. Points raised included the following:

- The Panel NOTED that there was currently no guidance around how to create consistent unique identifiers or site names/coordinates.
- The Panel NOTED that the ECR was published monthly, and that the 'ask' was for the Panel to require the addition of a unique identifier and agree a go-live date.

10.4 The Panel RESOLVED to add a new unique identifier field to the ECR to include a unique site identifier, to take effect alongside the February 2026 DCUSA Release.

234/03 Embedded Capacity Register Change Request Notice: The Secretariat to progress the addition of a new field to the ECR to include a unique site identifier, to take effect alongside the February 2026 DCUSA Release.

11. DCUSA Monthly Horizon Scan

- 11.1 GK presented the DCUSA Monthly Horizon Scan paper to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel_2025_1217_09). The paper was taken as read.
- 11.2 GK NOTED that, as agreed in the last meeting, a number of items had been removed from the Horizon Scan or merged together.
- 11.3 GK FURTHER NOTED that no additional no updates or changes had been made to the DCUSA Monthly Horizon Scan this month.
- 11.4 GK FURTHER NOTED that the plan to change the format of this report was still being progressed.
- 11.5 The Panel NOTED the DCUSA Monthly Horizon Scan.

12. Any Other Business

12.1 No items of 'Other Business' were raised.

13. Date of next meeting: 21 January 2026 at 10.00am

13.1 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	CACoP Headline Report: The Secretariat to confirm what the current DIP and DCUSA Obligations are in respect of Data Flows.	ElectraLink	Update 17 December 2025: An update will be provided at a future meeting. KEEP OPEN
232/04	DCUSA Monthly Horizon Scan: The Secretariat to continue to develop the revised format Horizon Scan, as agreed.	ElectraLink	Update 17 December 2025: An update will be provided at a future meeting. KEEP OPEN
234/01	Housekeeping Log: The Secretariat to progress a Housekeeping Amendment to incorporate the open Housekeeping Items within the June 2026 DCUSA Release.	ElectraLink	
234/02	Accession Applications: The Secretariat to progress the Accession Application for (1) McVickers 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	
234/03	Embedded Capacity Register Change Request Notice: The Secretariat to progress the addition of a new field to the ECR to include a unique site identifier, to take effect alongside the February 2026 DCUSA Release.	ElectraLink	

Closed Actions – Open Session

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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.	ElectraLink	Update 17 December 2025: These have been progressed. CLOSED
233/02	Housekeeping Log: The Secretariat to: (1) add the item 'Incorrect Term Used in Schedule 33' to the Housekeeping Log, as agreed.	ElectraLink	Update 17 December 2025: This has been added to the Housekeeping Lg. CLOSED
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.	ElectraLink	Update 17 December 2025: This has been completed. CLOSED

233/04	DCUSA Panel 2026 Meeting Dates: The Secretariat to schedule DCUSA Panel Meetings in 2026 on the agreed dates.	ElectraLink	Update 17 December 2025: This has been completed. CLOSED
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