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SIG Headline Report

1. Synopsis

- 1.1 This report sets out the key decisions made at a DCUSA Standing Issues Group (SIG) meeting on 27 March 2026. The minutes of the meeting are available [here](#) on the DCUSA website.

2. Review of the Embedded Capacity Register (ECR) Change Request Process

- 2.1 The Chair began by explaining that at the DCUSA March Open Panel session, an ECR change request was on the agenda to be reviewed for panel approval after being sent to DCUSA contract managers for representations.
- 2.2 The first point the panel raised was whether only DCUSA members could submit presentations for ECR change requests or if anyone was able to provide one, as it was noted that a none DCUSA member had submitted a representation.
- 2.3 The second point the panel raised was that the process for approving an ECR change request was not clearly defined, and as there were mixed views from parties on whether that ECR change request should be approved or rejected within the representations, they were unable to come to a decision on whether to reject or approve the ECR change request.
- 2.4 On the first point, the Chair informed the SIG that whilst the DCUSA is clear that anyone can raise an ECR change request, it didn't clearly define who could provide representations.
- 2.5 It was agreed at the March Panel that only members could provide representations and that it could be helpful if the DCUSA legal text was more explicit on this.
- 2.6 It was noted that an alternative to the current representations process could be that the DCUSA legal text is updated to reflect a similar process on how voting for change reports works, as this gives a clear-cut outcome for approval/rejection.
- 2.7 A number of individuals in the SIG meeting stated that whilst it made sense to update the DCUSA to provide more clarity, this wasn't an area they had expertise on.
- 2.8 The Chair suggested that if people believed that it was worth discussing the potential of making the representations process clearer, then a vote during this SIG meeting could be held to see if the DCUSA should raise a DCP to review the representations process and amend if needed.
- 2.9 The Chair noted that it would likely be a part 2 matter, none urgent change and to progress to a Working Group for discussion and the intent would be written in a way to allow for flexibly in solutions.

- 2.10 The outcome of the vote was that out of 9 eligible members, 4 voted that a DCP should be raised, 0 voted against a DCP being raised and 5 abstained on voting as they weren't close enough to the process or been involved with the ECR before the meeting.
- 2.11 The Chair advised as there was no real clear majority for the DCUSA secretariat to raise a new DCP, he would discuss this with the DCUSA panel during April's open panel session to clarify what the next steps should be.

3. Next SIG Meeting – 25 April 2026

- 3.1 At present no new issues have been raised.

4. Recommendations

- 4.1 The DCUSA Panel is invited to:

- **NOTE** the contents of this paper.

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