

DCUSA Panel Meeting 240 (Open Session)

17 June 2026 at 10:30am

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Attendee	Role	Company
Panel Members		
Donna Jamieson [DJ]	Panel Member [CHAIR]	DCUSA Ltd
Kim-Marie Mortimer [KMM]	Panel Member	DCUSA Ltd
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Peter Waymont [PW]	Panel Member	DCUSA Ltd
Simon Yeo [SY]	Panel Member	DCUSA Ltd
Observers		
Mark De Souza Wilson [MDW]	Observer	Elexon
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
George Kestner [GK]	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

Appointment of Chair for the meeting

1.1 The Panel RESOLVED that DONNA JAMIESON 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: KARL MARYLON, DYLAN TOWNSEND and CLARE WAGSTAFFE.

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 an update on BSC related topics. Key points included the following:

- Elexon had held a Webinar on Smart Secure Electricity System which had focused on the nominations and elections process for the Technical Governance Group. Any interested parties were encouraged to watch the webinar and elections were scheduled to take place in July 2026.
- The annual BSC Meeting and Energy Forum would take place on 9 July 2026. This would include sessions on the latest actions in the flexible space and on digitalisation.
- A consultation had been issued on [DIP Messages Exceeding or Potentially Exceeding the 1 MB Limit](#). It had been identified that DUoS flows were likely to breach this and the consultation would consider whether data transfers should be allowed through other mechanisms or whether these messages should be split across multiple flows. This consultation would remain open until 30 June 2026. The Panel NOTED that some DCUSA owned flows could potentially be affected.

2.2 The Panel NOTED the BSC update.

Ofgem

2.3 NH provided the Panel with the following verbal update on Change Proposals that were with Ofgem for decision, which included:

- DCP 412 'Allocation of banding for TCR Charges for 'Peaky' Final Demand Customers': the 'minded to' consultation had been postponed by a month, which had caused the EDD to be delayed until 30 December 2026.
- DCP 452 'Correct application of Forward Cost Pricing EDCM charges to users connected directly to a Grid Supply Point': the EDD was late August 2026.
- DCP 466 'Tariff Band to Follow Capacity': this had been received and an EDD would be provided shortly.

2.4 NH provided a verbal energy code reform update, which included:

- Ofgem had reviewed the expressions of interest for the Electricity Commercial Code and for the Gas Network Code: RECCo had been considered for selection on a non-competitive basis for the Electricity Commercial code, and Xoserve, in partnership with Encodar and Talan, would be considered for the Gas Network Code.
- These candidates had been invited to submit licencing assessment forms for their relevant codes; Ofgem would then review these and issue a decision on whether they proposed to grant them one of these new code manager licenses.
- This process would be subject to stakeholder representations.
- Ofgem valued the expertise and operational insight of the incumbent code managers and their panels and welcomed their commitment to support an orderly transition.
- Timescales would be updated in due course.

2.5 The Panel NOTED the Ofgem update.

Smart Energy Code (SEC)

2.6 CF provided an update for SEC.

- MP184 'Increase Smart capability of SMETS2 Twin Element ESME to support Solar and Storage use cases': this modification had been withdrawn by its proposer.
- DP305 'Communications Hub Returns Process Review' and DP325 'SMCL2 Code Changes', both relating to the transition to the DCC2 licence conditions, may require related code changes linked to these licence condition numbers.

2.7 The Panel NOTED the SEC update.

Retail Energy Code (REC)

- 2.8 CF presented the REC change update paper to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting (see paper Panel_2026_0617_01). The paper was taken as read. CF highlighted the following key points:
- I0278 'Establishing the Safe Isolation Provider (SIP) as a Standalone REC Metering Party': the second working group had been scheduled to meet on 22 June 2026.
 - R0207 'Import / Export MOA Charging Clarification': this had been sent to the Authority for decision with a recommendation for approval.
- 2.9 The Panel NOTED the REC update.

3. Matters Arising

- 3.1 There was one Matter Arising.

Outcome of Interim Panel Election

- 3.2 The Panel NOTED that LEE GREENWOOD had been elected as the new Supplier Alternate member of the DCSA Panel and Board. The paperwork confirming this was in the process of being finalised.

4. Change Register

- 4.1 RC presented the Change Register update to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel_2026_0617_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 Changes tab and highlighted changes in status since the previous Panel meeting. The Panel NOTED the Status Changes tab.
- 4.3 RC presented the timetable tab and NOTED that three Change Proposals required amended timetables.
- DCP 467 'Online reporting tools for Category A and B defects': this had been delayed until August 2026 due to the need to analyse consultation responses.
 - DCP 443 'Excess Capacity': This had been delayed until July 2026 due to arising additional complexity.
 - DCP 424 'Use of System charging for complex sites': this would be delayed until July 2026.
- 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_2026_0617_03). The paper was taken as read. It was NOTED that THREE new Change Proposals had been tabled for Initial Assessment by the Panel this month.
- 5.2 RC NOTED that this was the first month that the new prioritisation categorisation would come into effect.

DCP 476 'Treatment of multi MPAN sites'

- 5.3 DCP 476 had been raised by Eastern Power Networks and sought to determine how a site-specific billed site, which has multiple MPANs but which are traded with different Suppliers, should be treated.
- 5.4 RC NOTED that this Change report had been tabled for progression as a Part 2 matter but FURTHER NOTED that the Panel might like to consider whether this should better be progressed as a Part 1 matter, as it would impact upon charging.
- 5.5 The Panel SCRUTINISED DCP 476.
- The Panel NOTED that, whilst this Change Proposal did not affect the total charges, it would change how MPANs were modelled and how costs were allocated.
 - The Panel NOTED that there was a potential risk that additional costs would be passed on to customers unfairly.
 - The Panel RESOLVED to progress DCP 476 as a Part 1 matter, not a Part 2 matter.
- 5.6 The Panel considered what Prioritisation category should be applied to DCP 476.
- NH queried if DCP 476 might impact upon the SDS. AF explained that the recommended Prioritisation was in line with Ofgem's guidance. NH accepted this explanation.
 - The Panel AGREED that DCP 476 should be progressed with Standard priority.
- 5.7 For DCP 476, the 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;
 - AGREE that the CP should be given a Prioritisation Category of Standard; and
 - AGREE the progression of the CP in accordance with the proposed timescales.

DCP 477 'Managing the effects of excessive surplus residual revenue in the EDCM'

- 5.8 DCP 477 had been raised by Scottish and Southern Energy Networks and sought to add to DCUSA Schedule 17 solutions, previously approved by Ofgem through derogation, which can be applied by affected DNOs in instances of excessive surplus residual revenue within the Forward Cost Pricing (FCP) Extra High Voltage Distribution Charging Methodology (EDCM) model at a tariff set case.
- 5.9 RC NOTED that DCP 477 had been proposed for progression as an Urgent matter, because if it were passed then it would prevent additional derogations from being required, and therefore did not need a Prioritisation category.
- 5.10 The Panel SCRUTINISED DCP 477. The Board NOTED that the situation that DCP 477 was seeking to address had existed for three years, and so could reasonably be interpreted as not urgent.

5.11 The Panel discussed how Ofgem's prioritisation categories should be applied. Points raised included the following:

- AF provided an explanatory summary of the new Prioritisation criteria. The Panel NOTED this explanation.
- The Panel NOTED that prioritisation would not lead to an accelerated timetable. NH explained that priority and urgency (in terms of timeliness) were not the same thing, and that Ofgem's criterion included whether this Change Report was a current or legal obligation.
- The Panel AGREED that DCP 477 should be progressed as a 'Standard' and 'High Priority' change.

5.12 The Board AGREED that an additional column should be added to the Prioritisation chart on the Change Proposal form to require proposers to provide a rationale behind their prioritisation recommendation.

240/01 Initial Assessments (1): The Secretariat to amend the Prioritisation chart on the Change Proposal form (paragraph 2.5) to require proposers to provide a rationale behind their prioritisation recommendations.

5.13 For DCP 477, the 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;
- AGREE that the CP should be given a Prioritisation Category of High; and
- AGREE the progression of the CP in accordance with the proposed timescales.

DCP 478 'Resolving Housekeeping Items'

5.14 DCP 478 had been raised by Eastern Power Networks and would resolve housekeeping items 132, 133, 134, 135 and 136 and correct any errors introduced as part of the implementation of the harmonised prioritisation process directed by Ofgem.

5.15 For DCP 478, the 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;
- AGREE that the CP should be given a Prioritisation Category of Standard; and
- AGREE the progression of the CP in accordance with the proposed timescales.

240/02 Initial Assessments (2): The Secretariat to: (1) amend DCP 476 to being a Part 1 matter and progress to the WORKING GROUP phase, as agreed; (2) progress DCP 477 to the WORKING GROUP phase, as agreed, and (3) progress DCP 478 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_2026_0617_04). The paper was taken as read. It was NOTED that NO Change Reports had been tabled for approval by the Panel this month.

7. Housekeeping Log

- 7.1 GK presented the Housekeeping Log Summary Paper and Housekeeping Log to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel_2026_0617_05). The paper was taken as read.
- 7.2 GK 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 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_2026_0617_06). The paper was taken as read.
- 8.2 The Secretariat confirmed that there were FOUR new Accession Application this month, from:
- Habitat Energy Limited (Supplier and CVA Registrant)
 - Next Generation Utilities Limited (SIP)
 - Ocker Hill BESS Limited (CVA Registrant)
 - Radius Contracting Limited (SIP)
- 8.3 The Panel NOTED that:
- Habitat Energy Limited and Ocker Hill Limited had met the criteria to accede to the DCUSA in the category of CVA Registrants;
 - Habitat Energy Limited had also met the criteria to accede to the DCUSA in the category of an Supplier.
 - Next Generation Utilities Limited and Radius Contracting Limited had met the criteria to accede to the DCUSA in the category of a SIP.
- 8.4 The Panel AGREED to APPROVE (1) Habitat Energy Limited, (2) Next Generation Utilities Limited; (3) Ocker Hill BESS Limited; and (4) Radius Contracting Limited's Accession to the DCUSA.

240/03 Accession Applications: The Secretariat to progress the Accession Application for: (1) Habitat Energy Limited, (2) Next Generation Utilities Limited; (3) Ocker Hill BESS Limited; and (4) Radius Contracting 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. SIG Headline Report

- 9.1 AG presented the SIG Headline Report to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel_2026_0617_07). The paper was taken as read.
- 9.2 AG highlighted key points including the following:
- The SIG had discussed the guidance associated with DCP 414 and DCP 458 in relation to customer contact requirements. The proposer had identified that there were some gaps in the process for sending communication and sharing contact details, and consequently there was a lack of clarity around what information suppliers should send. To address this, the SIG had agreed to remind IDNOs of their obligations.
 - An issue had arisen around who had the authority to agree capacity charges, due to circumstances where a tenant and a landlord had entered a dispute over a request to reduce a Maximum Import Capacity. The consensus opinion had been that agreement was required from all parties, but the Panel NOTED that this had been the opinion of the meeting's participants and was not a formal DCUSA position.
- 9.3 The Panel NOTED the SIG 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_2026_0617_08). The paper was taken as read.
- 10.2 RC highlighted key points, including the following:
- Ofgem had provided an update on the debt relief scheme. Although to date no decision had been made to proceed, a draft modification had been drafted, which might require a DCUSA change.
 - An update was provided on the progress of DCP 475, which had progressed to the Working Group stage. DCMDG had discussed the increasing frequency and duration of outages and had noted that, whilst there was a need for networks to invest in increasing capacity, there were currently insufficient incentives in place to motivate them to do so.
 - The meeting had discussed the increase in DCC costs, which were predicted to rise from 6% to 8%, so a 40% rise, and had noted that these increases were included within recently published charges.
- 10.3 RC asked the Panel if the DCMDG should be rescheduled to a new date, as it was out of sync with DCUSA Panel meetings.
- The Panel NOTED that the current scheduling had been set so as to avoid a clash with a CUSC standing meeting.
 - The Panel considered whether the DCMDG and the SIG meetings could either be merged or run concurrently.
- 10.4 The Panel NOTED the DCMDG Headline Report.

11. IWG Headline Report

- 11.1 RC advised that no subgroups had met during the month and that consequently there was no IWG activity to report this month.
- 11.2 The Panel NOTED the IWG Headline Report.

12. DCUSA Monthly Horizon Scan

- 12.1 GK presented the DCUSA Monthly Horizon Scan paper to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel_2026_0617_09). The paper was taken as read.
- 12.2 The Panel SCRUTINISED the Horizon Scan and AGREED that additional commentary should be added to the line on Code Reform to reflect that RECCo and Xoserve had been named as preferred Code Reform managers.

240/04 DCUSA Monthly Horizon Scan: The Secretariat to update the commentary on the Code Reform item to reflect the announcement of the preferred Code Manager for the new combined codes.

- 12.3 The Panel NOTED the Horizon Scan.

13. Any Other Business

- 13.1 No items of Other Business were raised.

14. Date of next meeting: 15 July 2026 at 10.30am

- 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
237/05	<p>Embedded Capacity Register Change Request Notice: The Secretariat to send minutes and feedback from Party Managers from the ECR Subgroup Meeting that will further scrutinise this ECR Change Request Notice, scheduled for 24 March 2026, to the Panel, so that they can make an ex-Committee decision on whether or not to approve this Change Request.</p>	ElectraLink	<p>Update 15 April 2026: The ECR change is still open. The two parties that didn't support the amendment have not changed their position and believe that a solution which doesn't involve creating additional tables within the ECR is potentially possible. The proposer has shared examples with the ECR subgroup to review and the ECR subgroup will meet again at the end of April to discuss options. KEEP OPEN</p> <p>Update 20 May 2026: Meetings and discussions remain ongoing. KEEP OPEN</p> <p>Update 17 June 2026: The ECR action remains on going. A meeting was held with UKPN, SSEN and NGED, and the proposer has sent them a strawman version of what the update to the ECR template would look like. A future meeting will take place on w/c 22 June 2026 to review this and consider next steps. KEEP OPEN</p>
238/04	<p>Accession Applications: The Secretariat to progress the Accession Applications for (1) Edge Utility Networks Limited; and (2) Sphere Energy Connect 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.</p>	ElectraLink	<p>Update 20 May 2026: (1) Edge Utility Networks Limited has been completed. (2) Sphere Energy Connect Limited have requested a physical contract be signed, this can hopefully be closed off at the next meeting, assuming that they have sent hard copies to us for signing by post. KEEP OPEN</p> <p>Update 17 June 2026: Signed at June Meeting, CLOSED</p>
240/01	<p>Initial Assessments (1): The Secretariat to amend the Prioritisation chart on the Change Proposal form (paragraph 2.5) to require proposers to provide a rationale behind their prioritisation recommendations.</p>	ElectraLink	
240/02	<p>Initial Assessments (2): The Secretariat to: (1) amend DCP 476 to being a Part 1 matter and progress to the WORKING GROUP phase,</p>	ElectraLink	

	as agreed; (2) progress DCP 477 to the WORKING GROUP phase, as agreed, and (3) progress DCP 478 to the Change Report phase, as agreed.		
240/03	Accession Applications: The Secretariat to progress the Accession Application for: (1) Habitat Energy Limited, (2) Next Generation Utilities Limited; (3) Ocker Hill BESS Limited; and (4) Radius Contracting 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.	ElectraLink	
240/04	DCUSA Monthly Horizon Scan: The Secretariat to update the commentary on the Code Reform item to reflect the announcement of the preferred Code Manager for the new combined codes.	ElectraLink	

Closed Actions – Open Session

Ref No.	Action	Owner	Update
234/01	Housekeeping Log: The Secretariat to progress a Housekeeping Amendment to incorporate the open Housekeeping Items within the June 2026 DCUSA Release.	ElectraLink	Update 21 January 2026: This will be taken to SIG for approval ahead of a change being raised. No action until April/May 2026. KEEP OPEN Update 20 May 2026: This will be presented at the May SIG meeting. KEEP OPEN Update 17 June 2026: This will be progressed via DCP 478 at the June 2026 Open Panel. CLOSED
239/01	Initial Assessments: The Secretariat to: (1) progress DCP 474 to the WORKING GROUP phase, as agreed; and (2) progress DCP 475 to the WORKING GROUP phase, as agreed.	ElectraLink	Update 17 June 2026: Completed. CLOSED
239/02	Change Reports: The Secretariat to progress the Change Report for: (1) DCP 468, and to issue for Voting for a 15 Working Day voting period to Impacted Parties (Suppliers/DNOs/IDNOs); (2) DCP 466, by updating the Implementation Date on the website, as agreed, and	ElectraLink	Update 17 June 2026: Completed. CLOSED

	then and to issue for Voting for a 15 Working Day voting period to Impacted Parties (Suppliers/DNOs/IDNOs/CVA Registrants)		
239/03	Accession Applications: The Secretariat to progress the Accession Applications for Tesla Energy Ventures 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 June 2026: Completed. CLOSED
239/04	AoB (2) Ofgem Directed Amendments to the DCUSA relating to the introduction of a harmonised code modification prioritisation process: PW to raise a Housekeeping amendment to the DCUSA to correct the errors introduced by the Ofgem Directed Amendments to the DCUSA, as agreed.	ElectraLink / PW	Update 17 June 2026: This will be progressed via DCP 477 at the June 2026 Open Panel. CLOSED