

DCUSA Panel Meeting 241 (Open Session)

15 July 2026 at 10:30am

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Attendee	Role	Company
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Urszula Thorpe [UT]	Alternate Panel Member	DCUSA Ltd
Peter Waymont [PW]	Panel Member	DCUSA Ltd
Clare Wagstaffe [CW]	Alternate Panel Member	DCUSA Ltd
Observers		
Mark De Souza Wilson [MDW]	Observer	Elaxon
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
Dylan Townsend [DT]	Secretariat	ElectraLink Ltd
Apologies		
Simon Yeo [SY]	Panel Member	DCUSA Ltd
Lee Greenwood [LG]	Alternate Panel Member	DCUSA Ltd
George Kestner [GK]	Secretariat	ElectraLink Ltd
Caroline Freimuller [CF]	Observer	REC

1. Administration

Notice of recording of Meeting

- 1.1 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

- 1.2 The Chair welcomed all attendees to the meeting.

Apologies

- 1.3 It was NOTED that 'Apologies' had been received from: Simon Yeo, Lee Greenwood, George Kestner and Caroline Freimuller.

Non-Confidential Minutes

- 1.4 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

- 1.5 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 as captured below.

CP1636 'Correcting the L5 validation of the IF/PUB-021'

- 2.2 It was noted that the change seeks to correct an inconsistency in the Supplier Volume Allocation Agent (SVAA) validation rules that currently results in valid IF/PUB-021 submissions being rejected where zero estimated data is submitted for de-energised Unmetered Supplies (UMS) Meter Point Administration Numbers (MPANs). This was currently open for consultation until 07 August 2026.
- 2.3 MDW explained that an inconsistency currently exists within BSC documentation. Certain validation rules only permit actual values for de-energised MPANs, whilst separate provisions relating to unmetered supplies require estimated values to be submitted. As all unmetered supply consumption values are inherently estimated, the proposal seeks to resolve this technical inconsistency.
- 2.4 A Panel member queried the apparent contradiction, observing that unmetered supplies are fundamentally based on estimated values and therefore a zero estimate appears functionally equivalent to an actual value. MDW clarified that the distinction arose because the existing validation rules were originally developed around metered arrangements where estimates for de-energised MPANs would make little practical sense. The issue had therefore emerged as an unintended consequence when applied to unmetered supplies. He characterised the modification as correcting a validation fault rather than introducing a substantive policy change.

CP1637 'Mandating Registration of all Measured Quantities for Systems Connection Point Metering Systems'

- 2.5 It was noted that the change seeks to mandate the measurement, recording and registration of all four Measured Quantities and associated Demand Values for Systems Connection Point (SCP) Metering Systems. By ensuring all relevant electricity flows are captured in Settlement, the change will reduce the risk of Settlement errors arising when network conditions change over time. This was currently open for consultation until 07 August 2026.

Reduced Settlement Calendar timelines as a result of MHHS

- 2.6 It was noted that as a result of MHHS, the previous Settlement Calendar timelines are reducing. Once fully implemented, the changes streamline the cash settlement process for electricity as follows:
- Final Reconciliation (RF): is to reduce to just 4 months after the settlement date.
 - Initial Settlement Run (SF): will reduce to 7 working days after the settlement date (down from 15 working days).
- 2.7 These changes would require corresponding changes to BSC payment calendars and credit cover arrangements. It was noted that the Panel may wish to consider these developments so that any consequential impacts on DCUSA arrangements could be identified early.
- 2.8 A Panel member reflected that, from their memory, DCUSA provisions referred to distributors receiving initial settlement and reconciliation data but did not prescribe specific timings or numbers of settlement runs. Their initial view was therefore that the changes may not create a direct DCUSA modification requirement. However, the Panel member agreed to review the provisions and consider whether any consequential impacts existed.
- 2.9 The Panel NOTED the BSC update.

Ofgem

- 2.10 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 'Peak' Final Demand Customers': the 'minded to' consultation is still set to go ahead, with the Expected Decision Date (EDD) currently set for 07 September 2026.
 - DCP 452 'Correct application of Forward Cost Pricing EDCM charges to users connected directly to a Grid Supply Point': the EDD was currently set for 14 August 2026.
 - DCP 466 'Tariff Band to Follow Capacity': this had been received and an EDD of 14 September has been set.
- 2.11 The Panel NOTED the Ofgem update.

Smart Energy Code (SEC)

- 2.12 It was noted that there was no SEC update provided to the Panel.

Retail Energy Code (REC)

2.13 It was noted that CF had provided apologies for the meeting and therefore DT presented the REC change update paper to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting (see paper Panel_2026_0715_01). The paper was taken as read.

2.14 The Panel NOTED the REC update.

3. Matters Arising

3.1 It was noted that there was no Matter Arising since the June Panel meeting.

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_2026_0715_02). 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 469** 'Cross Code Standardisation of Charging Arrangement Notice Periods': this had been delayed until October 2026 due to the need to address the challenges with the output of the RFI that was issued.
- **DCP 465** 'NFD Generator and Battery Capacity Charges': this had been delayed until October 2026 due to the need to ensure that the Working Group to properly review and finalise the Change Report.
- **DCP 464** 'IDNO Connection Applications: Treatment of Existing Assets': this had been delayed until September 2026 due to the need for the Working Group to properly review and finalise the Change Report.
- **DCP 454** 'Provide enduring targeted relief from residual charges for electric vehicle charging sites': this had been delayed until November 2026 due to the need to complete modelling and impact assessment which involved several different groups.
- **DCP 424** 'Use of System charging for complex sites': this had been delayed until September 2026 due to the need for for the Working Group to properly review the consultation responses and finalise the Change Report and legal drafting.

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_0715_03). It was NOTED that one new Change Proposal had been tabled for Initial Assessment by the Panel this month.

DCP 479 'Update to Schedule 20 ('Production of the Cost Information Review Pack') and the CDCM inputs to maintain alignment with the distribution licence'

- 5.2 DCP 479 had been raised by Northern Powergrid, with the intent to align Schedule 20 ('Production of the Cost Information Review Pack'), and the inputs to the CIRP template and CDCM model, with the latest version of the electricity distribution licence.
- 5.3 RC NOTED that this Change Proposal had been tabled for progression as a Part 2 Matter and for it to proceed straight to the Change Report phase. RC also noted that a modelling request had been issued to the modelling support consultants ahead of the CP being presented for initial assessment due to the timeframes involved for the completion of that work.
- 5.4 The Panel considered what Prioritisation category should be applied to DCP 479 and AGREED that DCP 479 should be progressed as Standard Priority and agreeing with the rationale provided by the Proposer within the CP form.
- 5.5 For DCP 479, 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 2 Matter;
 - AGREE that the CP should be progressed to the Change Report 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.

241/01 Initial Assessments: The Secretariat to progress DCP 479 to the Change Report phase, as agreed.

- 5.6 The Panel considered whether the current terminology with respect to the classification of changes deemed to be 'Urgent' or 'Standard' should be updated to avoid confusion with the new Prioritisation Categories which are either 'Standard' or 'High'. It was suggested that in future, the Initial Assessment cover paper could state 'Non-Urgent' for changes that are not Urgent and which had previously been designated as 'Standard'. The Secretariat agreed to take an action to ensure this is amended moving forward.

241/02 Initial Assessments: The Secretariat to amend the Initial Assessment cover paper to state 'Non-Urgent' for changes that are not Urgent and which had previously been designated as 'Standard' so as to avoid confusion with the new Prioritisation Categories which are either 'Standard' or 'High'.

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_0715_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 478 'Resolving Housekeeping Items'

6.2 The Panel SCRUTINISED the Change Report for DCP 478 and noted that for DCP 478, the Panel RESOLVED to:

- AGREE that the Change Report for DCP 478 contained the level of information required to enable Parties to understand the impact of the proposed amendments and to vote on the CP;
- APPROVE the Change Report for issue to Parties on 16 July 2026;
- AGREE that the voting period should be 15 Working Days; and
- AGREE that the Parties that will be eligible to vote will be Suppliers, DNOs, IDNOs, CVA Registrants, Gas Suppliers, OTSO Party and Safe Isolation Providers.

241/03 Change Report: The Secretariat to progress the Change Report for DCP 478, and to issue for Party Voting for a period of 15 Working Days to Impacted Parties (Suppliers, DNOs, IDNOs, CVA Registrants, Gas Suppliers, OTSO Party and Safe Isolation Providers).

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_2026_0715_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 had been identified by a Party or by the Secretariat. It was also noted that DCP 478 had been raised to resolve a number of housekeeping items, however, there was one item on the log (137) which was not taken forward as part of the change as it had been dealt with by DCP 470 and thus could be removed from the log with the Panel's approval.
- 7.3 The Panel NOTED the Housekeeping Log and AGREED that housekeeping item 137 could be removed from 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_2026_0715_06).
- 8.2 The Secretariat confirmed that there were six new Accession Application this month, from:
- Balnacraig Battery Storage Limited (CVA Registrant)
 - Harrington Franklin Limited (CVA Registrant)
 - Devine Energy Limited (SIP)
 - PHS Home Solutions Limited (SIP)
 - Capture Energy Ltd (Supplier)
 - Alfred Electricity & Gas Limited (Supplier)
- 8.3 The Secretariat provided the Panel with assurances that:
- Balnacraig Battery Storage Limited and Harrington Franklin Limited had met the criteria to accede to the DCUSA in the category of CVA Registrants; and

- Devine Energy Limited and PHS Home Solutions Limited had met the criteria to accede to the DCUSA in the category of a SIP via confirmation provided by the REC Code Manager.
- 8.4 The Panel AGREED to APPROVE the Accession Applications for (1) Balnacraig Battery Storage Limited, (2) Harrington Franklin Limited, (3) Devine Energy Limited, (4) PHS Home Solutions Limited, (5) Capture Energy Ltd and (6) Alfred Electricity & Gas Limited. In doing so the DCUSA Panel:
- INSTRUCTED the Panel Secretary to notify each Party and the Authority of the Applicant's identity and the information which will form the Party details for each applicant;
 - INSTRUCTED the Panel Secretary to prepare an Accession Agreement for each Applicant; and
 - RECOMMENDED that the Board executes each Accession Agreement on behalf of all Parties.

241/04 Accession Applications: The Secretariat to progress the Accession Application for: (1) Balnacraig Battery Storage Limited, (2) Harrington Franklin Limited, (3) Devine Energy Limited, (4) PHS Home Solutions Limited, (5) Capture Energy Ltd and (6) Alfred Electricity & Gas 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. DCMDG Headline Report

- 9.1 CB presented the DCMDG Headline Report to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel_2026_0715_07). CB highlighted key points, including the following:

DCMDG Forward Work Plan and Issues Log

- The group reviewed the Forward Work Plan and Issues Log, closed completed actions and agreed further refinement of the DNO Annual Obligation paper, including clearer licence references, supporting annex material and examples of outcomes. Members also noted continued interest in MHHS migration tracking by market segment.

Ofgem Update

- Ofgem advised that consultations are expected on DCP 412, P441, DCP 424 and its initial ED3 tariff-setting thinking. Members discussed consultation timings and DCP 466, noting the need for clarity ahead of the Annual Allocation Review. Ofgem also agreed to share the Code Reform slides from the DCUSA Stakeholder Engagement Day.

DCP 414/458 Guidance Update

- The group noted that the DCP 414 guidance and template have been published. Members agreed to establish a subgroup to consider related LLFC scenarios where no equivalent tariff exists.

DCMDG Meeting Dates

- Members discussed whether DCMDG meetings should move to better support pre-Panel charging discussions, while avoiding clashes with other forums. The Secretariat agreed to review options and seek further feedback.

Any Other Business

CIRP (Cost Information Review Pack)

- Members discussed recent CIRP submission issues, including copy-and-paste errors, hard-coded values and macros not being run. Affected DNOs confirmed corrections had been made, and members agreed the QA process remained adequate if lessons learned are applied. Website version and publication-date clarity should also be improved.

Market-Wide Migration – REP-900 Flows

- Members raised concerns about inconsistent REP-900 cancellation notice values following MHHS migration. Further investigation through existing industry channels may be required.

Connections Reform Costs

- Members noted that a new Change Proposal is expected to support licence pass-through reporting for connections reform costs and agreed further clarification would help ensure consistency.

Annual Allocation Review

- Members highlighted risks for the September 2026 AAR, particularly MHHS-related backdating, threshold periods and data requirements. A dedicated subgroup will consider these issues and support industry readiness.

9.2 The Panel discussed the following points regarding the item of ‘Any Other Business’ related to the concerns raised about the REP-900 flows:

- A Panel member questioned which “existing industry channels” may be used for further investigation, noting that REP 900 flow is fundamentally a DCUSA-owned message and therefore any design ambiguity appeared to sit within DCUSA ownership and would not need to go to the MHHS Programme or Elexon;
- Another Panel member provided further context from a separate IDNO discussion, where it was explained that the issue only affected certain IDNOs and appeared to stem from differing interpretations of MHHS design requirements. It was noted that some billing systems interpreted cancellation values as positive values whilst others interpreted them as negative credits. According to the Panel member, software developers believed they had implemented the design correctly, whilst suppliers were interpreting the requirements differently. As a result, the same transaction could be processed inconsistently by different industry participants.
- It was suggested that the issue was likely not one of market design, but rather insufficient explanatory guidance within the REP 900 data flow specification itself and therefore, it was likely to require a simple clarification note within the message definition to remove the ambiguity for both existing participants and future entrants.
- The discussion concluded with the suggestion that a DCUSA-owned change may ultimately be required to clarify the message specification and ensure consistent interpretation by all parties.

9.3 The Panel discussed the following points regarding the item of ‘Any Other Business’ related to the risks identified by DCMDG members for the upcoming Annual Allocation Review:

- It was queried whether the identified issue was related to the same principles underpinning DCP 414 and requested further detail on the problem statement. CB agreed to review the DCMDG discussions and provide a follow-up explanation outside the meeting.

241/05 DCMDG Headline Report: The Secretariat source information relating to the risks identified by DCMDG members for the upcoming Annual Allocation Review and provide a follow-up explanation outside the meeting.

9.4 The Panel NOTED the DCMDG Headline Report.

10. IWG Headline Report

10.1 RC provided the Panel with a verbal update related to the activities of the IWG and explained that the main update relates to a report being produced regarding the issue of 'Phenolic Cut-Outs' and noted that the report has been completed and that the group will be discussing this in more detail during their meeting in September.

10.2 The Panel NOTED the IWG Headline Report.

11. DCUSA Monthly Horizon Scan

11.1 DT presented the DCUSA Monthly Horizon Scan paper to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel_2026_0715_08). The paper was taken as read.

11.2 The Panel SCRUTINISED the Horizon Scan, however it was noted that no further amendments had been identified for inclusion.

11.3 The Panel NOTED the Horizon Scan.

12. Any Other Business

12.1 No items of Other Business were raised.

13. Date of next meeting: 19 August 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
237/05	<u>Embedded Capacity Register Change Request Notice:</u> 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.	ElectraLink	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 Update 20 May 2026: Meetings and discussions remain ongoing. KEEP OPEN 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
240/01	<u>Initial Assessments:</u> 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.	ElectraLink	Update 15 July 2026: The Secretariat confirmed that the suggested amendments had been made to the template but that a Panel member had requested some further minor alterations to the CP Template and noted that once these are resolved then the updated CP Template will be uploaded to the website.
241/01	<u>Initial Assessments:</u> The Secretariat to progress DCP 479 to the Change Report phase, as agreed.	ElectraLink	
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Closed Actions – Open Session

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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.	ElectraLink	Update 15 July 2026: DCPs 476, 477 and 478 had all been progressed to the relevant phase. CLOSED
240/03	Accession Applications: The Secretariat to progress the Accession Application for: (1) Habitat Energy Limited, (2) Next Generation	ElectraLink	Update 15 July 2026: the Accession Applications for: Habitat

	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.		Energy Limited, Next Generation Utilities Limited; Ocker Hill BESS Limited; and Radius Contracting Limited had all been progressed and all were now Parties to the DCUSA. CLOSED
240/04	<u>DCUSA Monthly Horizon Scan:</u> 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	Update 15 July 2026: commentary was included against the Code Reform item in the DCUSA Monthly Horizon Scan to reflect the announcement of the preferred Code Manager for the new combined codes. CLOSED