

DCUSA Panel Meeting 242 (Open Session)

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Apologies		
Lee Greenwood [LG]	Alternate Panel Member	DCUSA Ltd
George Kestner [GK]	Secretariat	ElectraLink Ltd
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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: Lee Greenwood, Angelo Fitzhenry and George Kestner.

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.

CP1647 'Cancellation of CP1607 'Implementation of 'Data Refresh' Message'

- It was noted that this Change Proposal seeks to cancel the implementation of CP1607 and remove its associated changes from industry documentation. The aim is to restore the existing baseline and allow a new, fully developed Change Proposal to deliver a complete Data Refresh Message solution through the appropriate governance process.
- The Panel was advised that the CP1647 [Change Proposal Consultation](#) was issued on 10 August 2026, with responses due by 7 September 2026.

CP1648 'REP009, REP002, REP002a, REP002b Exceeding or Potentially Exceeding DIP 1 MB Limit, implementing a file-splitting solution'

- It was noted that this Change Proposal proposes a file-splitting solution for REP009, REP002, REP002a and REP002b messages that exceed the Data Integration Platform's (DIP) 1 MB message size limit. Under the proposed approach, Elexon Central Systems will automatically divide oversized messages into smaller parts that can be transmitted through the DIP, with recipients able to reconstruct the original message using metadata included in each part.
- The Panel was advised that the [CP1648 Change Proposal consultation](#) was issued on 10 August 2026, with responses due by 7 September 2026.

CP1649 'Preventing IF-014 Messages from Exceeding the DIP 1 MB Limit'

- It was noted that this Change Proposal proposes a change to the IF-014 delivery process to ensure validation responses remain within the DIP's 1 MB message size limit as MHHS data volumes grow. Instead of issuing a single IF-014 for an entire IF-021 submission, Elexon Central Systems will generate separate IF-014 messages for each Settlement Day containing rejected Settlement Periods, improving the scalability and reliability of the process.
- The Panel was advised that the [CP1649 Change Proposal consultation](#) was issued on 10 August 2026, with responses due by 7 September 2026. An associated change proposal was also highlighted which would alter rejection messaging arrangements to reduce message sizes by issuing separate rejection messages for individual settlement days where appropriate.

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 Expected Decision Date (EDD) remained 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. The previously anticipated decision date of 14 August 2026 had been delayed, and a revised expected decision date would be communicated once available.
- DCP 466 'Tariff Band to Follow Capacity': the EDD remained set for 14 September 2026.

2.4 NH also provided the Panel with an update in terms of Energy Code Reform, which included:

- **Phase 2 Consolidation work:** Workshops have started to explore how the arrangements across the DCUSA and CUSC can be consolidated into the Electricity Commercial Code (ECC). The focus is on gathering stakeholder input from Code Administrators, future Code Managers, Central System Delivery Bodies, and code parties to shape the programme direction.
- **Template code text publication:** Final template code text for code modification and Stakeholder Advisory Forum (SAF) was published earlier in the month, setting the baseline drafting approach for code changes going forward.
- **Phase 1 decision (transitional arrangements):** A formal decision on the phase 1 codes consultation is expected by the end of the month. This will be based on consultation feedback and detailed analysis and cover:
 - Implementation approach for policy proposals;
 - Changes to BSC and REC; and
 - Transitional licence arrangements and licence terms.

- **Code Manager Licence timeline updates (BSC / REC):** the REC Code Manager Licence remains planned for approval by year-end, however, for the BSC Code Manager Licence, the timing has shifted and is now expected in early next year rather than by year-end.

2.5 The Panel **NOTED** the Ofgem update.

Smart Energy Code (SEC)

2.6 CF advised that there were no new items to bring to the Panel's attention with respect to SEC modifications.

Retail Energy Code (REC)

2.7 CF presented the REC change update paper to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting (see paper Panel_2026_0819_01). CF informed the Panel of the following items that may have been of interest to the Panel:

I0331 – Regulatory Alliance Creation Rejections

- REC had shared an early draft of the proposed solution with both DCUSA and UNC representatives to validate assumptions that the proposal would not create impacts across the codes.

R0207 – Import / Export MOA Charging Clarification

- The Authority decision approving R0207 had now been published, and implementation was scheduled for the November 2026 release.

I0325 – Post-MHHS Full Transition Complete Updates

- The REC had begun consultation and governance activity associated with transition into steady-state arrangements following completion of MHHS transition.

2.8 The Panel discussed whether any consequential DCUSA actions would be required. It was noted that DCUSA had already implemented the necessary transitional and enduring provisions and therefore no further DCUSA action appeared necessary at this stage.

2.9 The Panel **NOTED** the REC update.

3. Matters Arising

3.1 It was noted that there was no 'Matters Arising' since the July 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_0819_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, which included:

- **DCP 473 'Non-consuming De-energised CT-Metered Sites'** had progressed to Post-Consultation Refinement.
- **DCP 476 'Treatment of Multi MPAN Sites'** had moved into the Definition phase and Working Group activity had commenced.

- **DCP 477 ‘Managing the Effects of Excessive Surplus Residual Revenue in the EDCM’** had progressed to Post-Consultation Refinement following consultation activity.
- **DCP 479 ‘Update to Schedule 20 and the CDCM inputs to maintain alignment with the distribution licence’** had progressed to the Change Report phase and would be considered later in the meeting.
- **DCP 478 ‘Resolving Housekeeping Items’** had completed voting and was now awaiting implementation, scheduled for 25 August 2026.

4.2 The Panel **NOTED** the Status Changes tab.

4.3 RC presented the timetable tab and **NOTED** that one Change Proposal required an amended timetable as follows:

- **DCP 467 ‘Online Reporting Tools for Category A and B Defects’**: it was explained that further discussions had been undertaken with REC representatives regarding possible use of the Secure Data Exchange Platform (SDEP) as part of the solution. A Working Group meeting was expected to take place in early September to review further information produced by REC and determine whether the proposed approach remained appropriate

4.4 NH requested an update on **DCP 424 – Use of System Charging for Complex Sites**, noting that Ofgem had received the related final modification reports from the BSC and REC and wished to consider all three related changes together.

4.5 Panel members expressed concern regarding industry visibility and identification of complex sites and associated pseudo-MPAN arrangements. It was noted that while the DCUSA solution proposed a specific identification mechanism for distributors, wider industry identification arrangements may require further consideration.

4.6 The Secretariat confirmed that these issues would be discussed further by the Working Group.

4.7 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_0819_03). It was **NOTED** that three new Change Proposals had been tabled for Initial Assessment by the Panel this month.

DCP 480 ‘REP-900 cancellations charges’

5.2 DCP 480 had been raised by Eastern Power Networks plc with the intent to ensure consistency among senders of REP-900.

5.3 RC **NOTED** that this Change Proposal had been tabled for progression as a Part 2 Matter and for it to proceed to the definition phase for further refinement.

5.4 The Panel considered what Prioritisation category should be applied to DCP 480 and **AGREED** that DCP 480 should be progressed as Standard Priority and agreeing with the rationale provided by the Proposer within the CP form.

5.5 For DCP 480, the Panel **RESOLVED** to:

- **ACCEPT** the referral of the CP;
- **AGREE** that the CP should be treated as a 'non-urgent' Change;
- **AGREE** that the CP should be treated as a Part 2 Matter;
- **AGREE** that the CP should be progressed to the definition phase for further refinement;
- **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 as was set out within the paper.

242/01 Initial Assessments: The Secretariat to progress DCP 480 to the Definition phase for further refinement, as agreed.

DCP 481 'Notices Under the National Terms of Connection (NTC)'

- 5.6 DCP 481 had been raised by Eastern Power Networks plc with the intent to ensure that notices sent by the customer to the company under Section 3 of the NTC contain at least a site address and, where available for the connection, an MPAN or MSID.
- 5.7 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.
- 5.8 The Panel considered what Prioritisation category should be applied to DCP 481 and **AGREED** that DCP 481 should be progressed as Standard Priority and agreeing with the rationale provided by the Proposer within the CP form.
- 5.9 For DCP 481, the Panel **RESOLVED** to:
- **ACCEPT** the referral of the CP;
 - **AGREE** that the CP should be treated as a 'non-urgent' 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 as was set out within the paper.

242/02 Initial Assessments: The Secretariat to progress DCP 481 to the Change Report phase, as agreed.

DCP 482 'REP-900 Splitting'

- 5.10 DCP 482 had been raised by Eastern Power Networks plc with the intent to describe how the REP-900 should be split if it exceeds the DIP limitation of 1MB.
- 5.11 RC **NOTED** that this Change Proposal had been tabled for progression as a Part 2 Matter and for it to proceed to the definition phase for further refinement.

5.12 The Panel considered what Prioritisation category should be applied to DCP 482 and **AGREED** that DCP 482 should not be given a Prioritisation category as they agreed that it should be treated as an 'Urgent Change'.

5.13 For DCP 482, the Panel **RESOLVED** to:

- **ACCEPT** the referral of the CP;
- **AGREE** that the CP should be treated as an 'Urgent' Change;
- **AGREE** that the CP should be treated as a Part 2 Matter;
- **AGREE** that the CP should be progressed to the Definition phase for further refinement and that a joint Working Group should be set up with DCP 480 as they are likely to be of interest to the same set of people and cover amendments to the same data flow (being the REP-900);
- **AGREE** that the CP should not be given a Prioritisation Category as it was being treated as an Urgent Change; and
- **AGREE** the progression of the CP in accordance with the proposed timescales as was set out within the paper.

242/03 Initial Assessments: The Secretariat to progress DCP 482 to the Definition phase for further refinement, 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_0819_04). It was **NOTED** that one Change Report had been tabled for approval 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'

6.2 With respect to the Change Report itself, the Panel noted that the second page was blank and that's where the table of contents and timetable would normally be seen. AG agreed to resolve this issue prior to the document being issued out.

6.3 For DCP 479 the Panel **RESOLVED**, subject to issue with the blank page being fixed, to:

- **AGREE** that the Change Report for DCP 479 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 19 August 2026;
- **AGREE** that the voting period should be reduced to 10 Working Days as was set out in the Change Report, noting the desire for DNOs to have the ability to utilise the updated CIRP for their publications due in September; and
- **AGREE** that the Parties that will be eligible to vote will be Suppliers, DNOs, IDNOs and CVA Registrants.

242/04 Change Report: The Secretariat to fix the issue with the blank second page of the DCP 479 Change Report and then issue for Party Voting for a period of 10 Working Days to Impacted Parties (Suppliers, DNOs, IDNOs, CVA Registrants).

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_0819_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 as agreed during the July meeting, item 137 on the log had been removed as it had been dealt with by DCP 470.
- 7.3 DT explained that the request of the Panel this month is to agree to the removal of the items that are being resolved by DCP 478, which had recently been approved by Parties and is due to be implemented on 25 August 2026.
- 7.4 The Panel **NOTED** the Housekeeping Log and **AGREED** that housekeeping items 132 to 136 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_0819_06). DT confirmed that there were three new Accession Application this month, from:
 - FEMSCO ENERGY SERVICES LTD (SIP)
 - HAPPY ENERGY SOLUTIONS LTD (SIP)
 - BUSTON & MAUGHAN LIMITED (SIP)
- 8.2 DT provided the Panel with assurances that all of the above applicants had met the criteria to accede to the DCUSA in the category of a SIP via confirmation provided by the REC Code Manager.
- 8.3 The Panel **AGREED** to **APPROVE** the Accession Applications for (1) FEMSCO ENERGY SERVICES LTD, (2) HAPPY ENERGY SOLUTIONS LTD; and (3) BUSTON & MAUGHAN 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.

242/05 Accession Applications: The Secretariat to progress the Accession Application for: (1) FEMSCO ENERGY SERVICES LTD, (2) HAPPY ENERGY SOLUTIONS LTD; and (3) BUSTON & MAUGHAN 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 RC presented the DCMDG Headline Report to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel_2026_0819_07). RC highlighted key points, including the following:

Ofgem Update

- Members had been informed that Ofgem had issued its consultation on electricity distribution charging notice period derogations for the first two years of ED3 and that stakeholders were encouraged to review the four options presented and provide feedback.
- Members also noted that no decision had yet been reached on Ofgem's proposed debt relief scheme, although it was highlighted that a DCUSA Change Proposal would be required should the scheme proceed.
- Ofgem advised that they expect to issue a consultation on BSC Modification P441 'Creation of Complex Site Classes' (which is a cross-code modification and for which DCP 424 is the DCUSA Change Proposal that was raised in tandem).
- Members sought clarity on the timing of the Authority's decision on DCP 466, noting the need for clarity ahead of the 'Annual Allocation Review' process that the DNOs and IDNOs need to undertake in accordance with Schedule 32, to which it was noted that Ofgem intend to issue their decision on DCP 412 first, and then on DCP 466 which was currently expected on 14 September 2026.

DCP 477 'Managing the Effects of Excessive Surplus Residual Revenue in the EDCM'

- An update was provided on DCP 477, which was to inform them that the proposal seeks to codify within DCUSA legal text a number of temporary measures that have previously been managed through derogations and that the intention is that this will be in place ahead of the 2028/29 tariff setting period which will be carried out towards the end of this year.
- It was further noted that a second Change Proposal may be developed to establish mid-term arrangements from April 2029 onwards.

DCMDG Meeting Dates

- It was noted that feedback had been received regarding meeting scheduling and that in some cases, it may be beneficial for charging-related proposals to be discussed at DCMDG prior to formal submission. However, it was recognised that the current timetable for DCMDG means this is not always feasible where proposals are submitted shortly before a Panel meeting and/or would otherwise require proposers to wait a full month before submitting their change to the Panel.
- 9.2 The Panel discussed the point related to submission of Change Proposals and DCMDG meeting dates, noting that it wouldn't appear necessary to move the DCMDG meeting dates, as it is within each proposer's gift as to whether they seek early engagement via the DCMDG meeting as they'll understand the timings involved. The consensus of the Panel was that early engagement remains encouraged and recommended but should not become a mandatory prerequisite to raising Charging Methodology Change Proposals.
- 9.3 The Panel **NOTED** the DCMDG Headline Report.

10. SIG Headline Report

- 10.1 AG presented the SIG Headline Report to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel_2026_0819_08). AG highlighted that the Standing Issues Group (SIG) met on 31 July 2026 where one new issue, being DIF 91 'Notices Under NTC' had been raised for discussion.
- 10.2 It was noted that DIF 91 related to notices issued by customers and received by distributors under the National Terms of Connection (NTC). The issue concerned difficulties encountered by distributors when notices that referenced company names that no longer aligned with current records or where reference was made to project or site names that are known by different names. The solution identified was that additional requirements could be included in the relevant section of the NTCs such that customers would be directed to include the premise address and, where available, an MPAN or MSID to facilitate identification of the relevant site and reduce ambiguity. The SIG agreed that the issue should progress through the formal change process and that a DCUSA Change Proposal would be raised.
- 10.3 The Panel noted that this matter had already been discussed earlier in the meeting through consideration of DCP 481 and therefore no further discussion was required.
- 10.4 AG also noted an update provided to the SIG regarding DCP 466, and its potential interaction with a derogation application that was being prepared by the DNOs/IDNOs regarding the backdating of residual charges as part of the Annual Allocation Review process. It was explained that the derogation had been circulated to Parties for comment and would subsequently be considered by the Panel at its August meeting. Further updates would be communicated through normal industry channels following the Panel's decision.
- 10.5 AG noted that, at the time of reporting, no issues had been raised for the August SIG meeting and, if that position remained unchanged, the meeting would likely be cancelled.
- 10.6 The Panel **NOTED** the SIG Headline Report.

11. IWG Headline Report

- 11.1 RC provided the Panel with a verbal update related to the activities of the Interventions Working Group (IWG) and explained that the main updates relate to two subgroups.
- 11.2 RC advised that one subgroup had been progressing work relating to domestic meter relocations. The group is examining circumstances in which a meter can be relocated without requiring a full service alteration. It was noted that customers are frequently advised to pursue service alterations through DNOs at considerable expense when, in some cases, extending the meter tail may provide a more proportionate solution. The subgroup is therefore developing industry guidance to clarify when meter relocations exceeding the commonly referenced three-metre distance may be undertaken safely and appropriately without requiring significant network works. The objective is to improve the customer journey and reduce unnecessary costs.

- 11.3 A second subgroup update related to situations where metering equipment or cut-outs become obstructed within customer premises. It was noted that such obstructions can present practical and safety concerns where sufficient working space around equipment is not available. The subgroup is developing customer-facing guidance materials, including information leaflets that suppliers may issue to customers, explaining the need to resolve such obstructions. In addition, consideration is being given to follow-up correspondence where necessary. The intention is to provide a consistent and proportionate process to encourage remediation and improve compliance with relevant access and safety requirements.
- 11.4 The Panel welcomed the update and noted the verbal update provided for both pieces of work.

12. CACoP Headline Report

- 12.1 DT presented the CACoP Headline Report to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel_2026_0819_09). DT noted that the CACoP Forum met on 21 July 2026.
- 12.2 DT explained that work to revise CACoP Principle 12 (related to the running of a cross-code survey) and the addition of Principle 17 and 18 (related to adhering to Data Best Practice Guidance and producing a Digitalisation Strategy and Action Plan (or DSAP)) had now been finalised. It was noted that the revised principles are being issued to Ofgem for approval.
- 12.3 DT noted that there had also been discussions regarding the CACoP Horizon Scanner, and whether not this should be maintained moving forward. As part of deciding on whether to retain the CACoP Horizon Scanner, usage statistics had been gathered which demonstrated limited engagement, with only twenty views from six individuals during the previous quarter most of which were believed to be the Code Administrators themselves. Members concluded that the Horizon Scanner had largely been superseded by other cross-code initiatives such as Ofgem's SDS and unanimously supported its removal from the CACoP Terms of Reference. Ofgem confirmed that amendments to the Terms of Reference could be approved directly by the Forum without separate Authority approval.
- 12.4 The Forum had also discussed the timing of the annual CACoP survey. Members supported exploring an earlier timetable to provide stakeholders with more time to review and respond to findings, whilst recognising the need to avoid conflicts with other industry surveys. NESO agreed to develop a proposed survey timetable for future consideration.
- 12.5 The Panel **NOTED** the contents of the CACoP Headline Report.

13. DCUSA Monthly Horizon Scan

- 13.1 DT presented the DCUSA Monthly Horizon Scan paper to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel_2026_0819_10). The paper was taken as read.
- 13.2 The Panel **SCRUTINISED** the Horizon Scan, however it was noted that no further amendments had been identified for inclusion.
- 13.3 The Panel **NOTED** the Horizon Scan.

14. Derogation Application

- 14.1 DT presented the Derogation Application to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel_2026_0819_11). DT highlighted that the derogation application had been submitted on behalf of all DNOs and IDNOs regarding Paragraph 6.11 of Schedule 32. The application related to the 2026 Annual Allocation Review (AAR) process and sought relief from provisions requiring charging band changes to be backdated to the later of 1 August of the previous year or the date the existing charging band had been applied.
- 14.2 DT explained that the introduction of ET3 charging band allocations and revised thresholds from 1 April 2026 created circumstances where backdating prior to that date would not be appropriate as that was deemed to be the current charging band. DT went on to note that the application further highlighted practical restrictions arising from MHHS migrations, as system limitations prevent charging band changes, which are completed by revising the LLFC ID or DUoS Tariff ID for a site, from being applied before an MPAN's migration date. The proposed derogation would therefore permit charging band changes to be backdated only as far as operationally possible, whilst not extending earlier than 1 April 2026.
- 14.3 The Panel noted that the application had been processed in accordance with Clause 56 of the DCUSA and that Parties had been given the opportunity to submit representations or objections before the meeting. The Panel noted that two supportive representations had been received and also noted that a future Change Proposal is expected to provide an enduring solution, although DCP 466 may remove the need for Annual Allocation Reviews for HH sites in future while retaining the requirement for NHH sites.
- 14.4 The Panel considered the application and associated representations before determining whether to grant the derogation and any associated conditions.
- 14.5 For the Derogation Application received, the DCUSA Panel:
- **NOTED** the contents of the Derogation application and the representations received in response to the request;
 - **NOTED** that all representations received were supportive of the Derogation application;
 - **RECOGNISED** that the circumstances were similar to previous derogations granted on the same subject matter, while also **NOTING** the specific points raised through the representations process;
 - **AGREED** to grant a Derogation to the relevant parties, subject to the Authority not using its powers to veto the Derogation application, for the 2026 Annual Allocation Review only; and
 - **APPROVED** the Derogation for the 2026 Annual Allocation Review only.

242/06 Derogation Application: The Secretariat to update the Derogation Application form to include the Panel's decision and to then upload the document to the DCUSA website and notify Parties of the Panel's decision.

15. Any Other Business

15.1 One item of 'Other Business' was raised and is captured below.

REP900 electronic invoicing issue under MHHS migration

- 15.2 A Panel member raised a concern that some Suppliers migrating customers under MHHS may be unable to process the REP-900 electronic invoice flow, despite expectations that this would be covered in qualification, creating uncertainty around onboarding requirements.
- 15.3 It was noted that the above concern highlights a potential broader issue that certain flows (owned outside BSC or similar arrangements) may not be formally tested or enforced through existing qualification routes, raising concern that parties could operate without proving capability to process required messages.
- 15.4 It was noted that, as it stands today, there is no clear mechanism under the DCUSA to enforce or control cross-code operational readiness, particularly where the overarching obligation sits in one code (in this case the DCUSA), but message format and data item specification sit under another (in this case the REC) and the operational system that is used sits under the remit of another code body (in this case the DIP arrangements managed by Elexon).
- 15.5 The Panel explored whether a structured qualification or testing requirement (potentially across REC/BSC/DCUSA) could be introduced to ensure successful processing of required flows before live operation and if not, then what a standalone qualification or testing requirement might look like that is specific to DCUSA.

16. Date of next meeting: 16 September 2026 at 10.00am

- 16.1 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	Action	Owner	Update
240/01	Initial Assessments: 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. Update 19 August 2026: Verbal update was provided in terms of what amendment had been made and Panel agreed the template should be uploaded.
242/01	Initial Assessments: The Secretariat to progress DCP 480 to the Definition phase for further refinement, as agreed.	ElectraLink	
242/02	Initial Assessments: The Secretariat to progress DCP 481 to the Change Report phase, as agreed.	ElectraLink	
242/03	Initial Assessments: The Secretariat to progress DCP 482 to the Definition phase for further refinement, as agreed.	ElectraLink	
242/04	Change Reports: The Secretariat to fix the issue with the blank second page of the DCP 479 Change Report and then issue for Party Voting for a period of 10 Working Days to Impacted Parties (Suppliers, DNOs, IDNOs, CVA Registrants).	ElectraLink	
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Closed Actions – Open Session

Ref	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 two parties weren't supportive of the amendment have not changed their position and believe that a solution which doesn't involve creation of new tables in the ECR is possible. The proposer shared examples with the ECR subgroup to review and who 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: 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. Update 19 August 2026: AG noted that following further discussions between the relevant parties, it has been agreed to not proceed with the proposed amendment to the ECR template at this time and that therefore this action can be closed. CLOSED
241/01	<u>Initial Assessments:</u> The Secretariat to progress DCP 479 to the Change Report phase, as agreed.	ElectraLink	Update 19 August 2026: DCP 479 progressed to the Change Report phase and was presented to the Panel during their August meeting. COMPLETED.
241/02	<u>Initial Assessments:</u> 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'.	ElectraLink	Update 19 August 2026: The Initial Assessment cover paper was updated in line with request. COMPLETED.
241/03	<u>Change Reports:</u> 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).	ElectraLink	Update 19 August 2026: DCP 478 was issued to Parties for voting, and the outcome was that DCP 478 had been approved by Parties. COMPLETED.
241/04	<u>Accession Applications:</u> 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.	ElectraLink	Update 19 August 2026: All six Accession Applications had been progressed, and each applicant was now a DCUSA Party. COMPLETED.
241/05	<u>DCMDG Headline Report:</u> 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.	ElectraLink	Update 19 August 2026: It was noted that this action had been superseded by the Derogation Application that was received that sets out the information the Panel had requested and that therefore this action can be closed. CLOSED