DCUSA Panel Meeting 243 (Open Session)

16 September 2026 at 10:00am

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Attendee	Role	Company
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Mark De Souza Wilson [MDW]	Observer	Elexon
Nadir Hafeez [NH]	Observer	Ofgem
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Richard Colwill [RC]	Secretariat	ElectraLink Ltd
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Dylan Townsend [DT]	Secretariat	ElectraLink Ltd
Angelo Fitzhenry [AF]	Secretariat	ElectraLink Ltd
Apologies		
Caroline Freimuller [CF]	Observer	REC
George Kestner [GK]	Secretariat	ElectraLink Ltd

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: Caroline Freimuller (REC) and George Kestner (ElectraLink).

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.

MHHS Data Processing Issues

- It was reported that Elexon was currently experiencing significant operational challenges associated with the Data Integration Platform and Supplier Volume Allocation arrangements under MHHS. Some parties had registered hundreds of thousands of MSID and AMSID pairs in relation to flexibility services, creating system performance issues and causing aspects of the registration process to fail.
- As an interim measure, Elexon had paused certain registrations whilst the underlying issue was assessed and resolved.

Energy Code Reform

- It was advised that Elexon had recently received further information from Ofgem regarding Code Reform implementation. Current timelines indicated implementation in February 2027.
- It was explained that the existing BSC Panel would be replaced by a Stakeholder Advisory Forum. However, despite the governance changes, his initial view was that the practical operation of BSC processes appeared likely to remain broadly similar to current arrangements.

Flexibility Market Asset Register

- The Panel received an update on development of the Flexibility Market Asset Register and were advised that a consultation was currently open and would run until 9 October 2026. A webinar was also scheduled for stakeholders wishing to understand the design and implementation approach in greater detail. Current plans remain for implementation during September 2027.

Elexon Training

- Elexon's longstanding "Introduction to Elexon and the Energy Markets" training course was scheduled for 25 November 2026. It was noted that the course had been running for many years and remained a useful overview of energy market arrangements for new starters.

MHHS Settlement Timetable Changes

- The Panel were advised that the Migration and Cutover Advisory Group had agreed changes to the timing of the Final Reconciliation (RF) run under MHHS. The RF run will move to approximately seven months after the settlement date from April 2027 onwards.

2.2 One Panel member recalled previous discussions regarding potential interactions with DCUSA and noted that whilst no immediate concerns were identified, it remained useful to receive early sight of the changes.

2.3 One Panel member raised a separate issue concerning an unsatisfactory response received from an Elexon Helpdesk query and asked about escalation routes. MDW offered to investigate the matter personally and suggested the query be forwarded to him directly for escalation through the appropriate channels.

2.4 The Panel **NOTED** the BSC update.

Ofgem

2.5 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': confirmed that a consultation on DCP 412 was now expected to commence on 16 October 2026 and would be issued as a minded-to decision consultation running for eight weeks. A final decision was anticipated in December 2026.

- DCP 452 'Correct application of Forward Cost Pricing EDCM charges to users connected directly to a Grid Supply Point': Ofgem would not meet the previously anticipated decision timetable for DCP 452 and that late-stage questions raised by the relevant Ofgem Director required further work and analysis. It was confirmed that parties should proceed on the basis of the existing arrangements for the forthcoming charging year. It was also noted that the policy team had been engaging with the proposer regarding the delay and expected next steps.

- DCP 466 'Tariff Band to Follow Capacity': had also been delayed, largely due to the resource impact associated with DCP 412 and DCP 452. A new expected decision timetable would be established and communicated in due course.

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

- **Strategic Direction Statement (SDS 2):** had been published the previous day and that this would now become the key Strategic Direction Statement against which future code modification prioritisation decisions would be assessed. The Panel were reminded that SDS 2 should now be used as the relevant strategic reference point for future prioritisation assessments
- **Energy Code Reform:** which included:
    - The publication of the statutory consultation on REC and associated code changes.
    - Consultation on proposed modifications to Code Manager licences.
    - Publication of the Phase 1 decision relating to transitional arrangements.
    - Upcoming implementation of governance reforms under Code Reform.

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

Smart Energy Code (SEC)

2.8 DT advised that there was no SEC update this month.

Retail Energy Code (REC)

2.9 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_0916_01). The paper was taken as read.

2.10 NH raised noted BSC Modification P441 'Creation of Complex Site Classes' and the associated REC change had been sent back for further development as Ofgem had been unable to form a view on them because the relevant DCUSA Change Proposal **DCP 424 'Use of System Charging for Complex Sites'** had not been issued with them. The Secretariat advised that industry had expressed concerns regarding 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.

2.11 AG provided a brief verbal update. He advised that the BSC had been developing potential solutions to the outstanding site identification issues and that discussions were now taking place between the affected codes. It was explained that the intention was for the cross-code group to agree a solution before taking it back to the DCP 424 Working Group for consideration. St Clements, as a billing system provider, was participating in those discussions.

2.12 NH welcomed the progress and looked forward to a fuller update once cross-code discussions had concluded.

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_0916_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 the post-consultation refinement stage.
- **DCP 476 'Treatment of Multi MPAN Sites'** had progressed the consultation stage of development.
- **DCP 477 'Managing the Effects of Excessive Surplus Residual Revenue in the EDCM'** had progressed to the second consultation stage of development.
- **DCP 479 'Update to Schedule 20 and the CDCM inputs to maintain alignment with the distribution licence'** Party voting had finished and had subsequently been implemented.
- **DCP 482 'REP-900 Splitting' and DCP 480 'REP-900 cancellations charges'** had entered the definition phase following their approval during the last Panel meeting and that their first Working Group meeting had been held earlier in the week.
- **DCP 481 'Notices Under the National Terms of Connection (NTC)'** had progressed to the Change Report stage.

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

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

- 477 'Managing the effects of excessive surplus residual revenue in the EDCM'
- 469 'Cross Code Standardisation of Charging Arrangement Notice Periods'
- 465 'NFD Generator and Battery Capacity Charges'
- 454 'Provide enduring targeted relief from residual charges for electric vehicle charging sites'
- 420 'Include Car Charging Stations In The Definition For Non Final Demand'

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_0916_03). It was **NOTED** that two new Change Proposals had been tabled for Initial Assessment by the Panel this month.

DCP 483 – REP-901 Ownership

5.2 DCP 483 had been raised by Eastern Power Networks plc with the intent to correct ownership references relating to the REP-901 market message.

5.3 Panel members discussed the apparent need for a corresponding BSC change given that the ownership error had been embedded within documentation approved as part of MHHS implementation.

5.4 The Proposer explained that although the issue appeared to be a straightforward drafting error, the fact that it had been formally approved through governance processes meant that a formal correction route was still required.

5.5 Several questions were raised regarding how the BSC would treat the corresponding change. MDW offered to investigate the BSC process and follow up internally with Elexon's change team.

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

5.7 The Panel considered what Prioritisation category should be applied to DCP 483 and **AGREED** that DCP 483 should be progressed as Standard Priority and agreeing with the rationale provided by the Proposer within the CP form.

5.8 For DCP 483, 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.

243/01 Initial Assessments: The Secretariat to progress DCP 483 to the Change Report phase, as agreed.

DCP 484 'REP-900 Processing'

5.9 DCP 484 had been raised by Eastern Power Networks plc with the intent to ensure suppliers are processing REP-900 flows.

5.10 The Proposer explained that the introduction of the REP-900 data flows for the purpose of DUoS invoicing had originally formed part of a Change Proposal but was then subsumed within the MHHS programme and eventually implemented into the DCUSA via DCP 445 on 22 September 2025. Therefore, the requirements had been out in the public domain for several years, yet several suppliers had recently indicated that they could not process the messages correctly. He expressed concern that suppliers had effectively had several years to prepare for the process and that the issue had only emerged after implementation.

5.11 It was noted that as it stands, neither REC nor BSC qualification processes capture the requirement for Suppliers to both receive and process the RE-900 data flows. The Proposer explained that one of the reasons for raising the CP was due to a concern around visibility of the obligation for new entrants; and

5.12 One Panel member questioned whether future qualification processes under the REC or BSC should require suppliers to demonstrate REP-900 processing capability before market entry given the potentially serious consequences of suppliers being unable to process billing messages correctly.

5.13 The Proposer confirmed that discussions were already underway through REC channels to understand if qualification processes under the REC could be updated to include the processing of the REP-900 data flows.

5.14 For DCP 484, 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 1 Matter;
- **AGREE** that the CP should be progressed to the Change Report phase;
- **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.

243/02 Initial Assessments: The Secretariat to progress DCP 484 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_0916_04). It was **NOTED** that one Change Report had been tabled for approval by the Panel this month.

DCP 481 – Notices Under the National Terms of Connection NTC)

6.2 With respect to the legal text for the Change Report, the Panel noted that whilst there had been some questions regarding the legal drafting between the legal advisors and the Proposer after the documents had been submitted to the Panel, the text itself did not change.

6.3 For DCP 481 the Panel **RESOLVED** to:

- **AGREE** that the Change Report for DCP 481 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 17 September 2026;
- **AGREE** that the voting period should be 15 Working Days; and
- **AGREE** that the Parties that will be eligible to vote will be DNOs and IDNOs.

242/04 Change Report: The Secretariat to issue the DCP 481 Change Report for Party Voting for a period of 15 Working Days to Impacted Parties (DNOs and IDNOs).

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_0916_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 August meeting, housekeeping items 132 to 136 on the log had been removed as they had been dealt with by DCP 478.

7.3 The Panel **NOTED** the Housekeeping 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_0916_06). DT confirmed that there were two new Accession Application this month, from:

- CAM Group Services Ltd
- Eco Approach Ltd

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) CAM Group Services Ltd; and (2) Eco Approach Ltd. 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.

243/04 Accession Applications: The Secretariat to progress the Accession Application for: (1) CAM Group Services Ltd; and (2) Eco Approach Ltd, 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_0916_07). RC highlighted key points, including the following:

- Ofgem's update which included:
    - Their approach to a decision on BSC Modification P441 and the related REC change moving from expecting to issue a minded to consultation to issuing a direct decision; and
    - Updates on expected decision dates for DCP 466 and DCP 452;
- Reasonableness of Existing Connection Rules
    - Ofgem discussed whether owners of redeveloped sites should bear costs for changing or repurposing industrial connections, following Ofgem queries about sites converted to domestic use.

- Ofgem sought views on whether this is a wider industry issue, noting more examples of customers funding connection changes after redevelopment. Members discussed whether such costs should be considered during acquisition and redevelopment due diligence.
- Members did not identify evidence that this is currently a significant industry concern, and no further actions were agreed.

9.2 The Panel **NOTED** the DCMDG Headline Report.

10. IWG Headline Report

10.1 RC provided a progress update on two active IWG subgroups as below:

- Restricted Access – the subgroup is currently finalising a leaflet and letter that can be passed on to customers where access to the cutout/ meter is restricted.
- Meter Moves – the subgroup is currently finalising some guidance relating to meter relocations with the aim of improving existing processes. They intent to consult on this shortly.

10.2 The Panel welcomed the update and noted the verbal update provided for both pieces of work.

11. CACoP Headline Report

11.1 DT presented the CACoP Headline Report to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel_2026_0916_08). DT noted that the CACoP Forum met on 18 August 2026.

Terms of Reference Review

11.2 It was noted that the forum postponed their comprehensive review of the CACoP Terms of Reference until the September meeting as limited feedback had been received since the previous meeting, and it was agreed that additional time should be provided for members to submit comments before further discussions take place at the September CACoP Forum meeting.

11.3 It was also noted that as previously agreed, the requirement for a cross-code Horizon Scanner would be removed from the CACoP Terms of Reference.

CACoP Principles Update

11.4 Forum members discussed the anticipated implementation of the revised CACoP Principles and sought clarification on how they would interact with future Code Manager obligations. Ofgem advised that it would like to reach a decision on the updated Principles before the REC Code Manager licence is granted, reflecting the relationship between the Principles and emerging data best practice requirements.

11.5 The Forum noted that the CACoP Principles are intended to represent good practice and support preparation for future obligations. Ofgem agreed to provide further clarification regarding expected implementation timescales following approval of the revised Principles.

CACoP Survey

11.6 Forum members received a presentation on proposed changes to the annual CACoP Stakeholder Survey. The revised approach would align survey questions more closely to the CACoP Principles and seek more targeted feedback on stakeholder experiences across areas including communications, digital channels, meetings and workgroups, modification processes and the future role of CACoP.

11.7 A Panel member questioned how the survey circulation was being dealt with, noting that colleagues involved in code administration related to other codes had received the survey but that they had not seen the same from the DCUSA. The Secretariat noted that the survey communication had been placed onto the main page of the DCUSA website via a news item but acknowledged that email dissemination had yet to occur due to resource constraints but would do so immediately.

11.8 The Panel encouraged wider circulation of the survey through DCUSA communication channels to maximise participation and improve the quality of responses.

243/05 CACoP Survey: The Secretariat to issue an email communication to Contract Managers related to the CACoP Stakeholder Survey which had been issued for stakeholder feedback.

11.9 The Panel **NOTED** the contents of the CACoP Headline Report.

12. DCUSA Monthly Horizon Scan

12.1 DT presented the DCUSA Monthly Horizon Scan paper to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel_2026_0916_09). The paper was taken as read.

12.2 The Secretariat advised that no substantive updates had yet been made following publication of SDS 2 but noted that future revisions would be required to reflect the latest Code Reform developments.

12.3 Discussion took place regarding the future purpose and structure of the Horizon Scan, with the Secretariat noting that there is increasing cross over between what is being captured within SDS documentation and the Horizon Scan and that the Panel may wish to consider whether the Horizon Scanner is still serving its intended purpose.

12.4 The Panel agreed that the Horizon Scan continued to serve a useful purpose and should be retained.

12.5 The Panel **NOTED** the Horizon Scan.

13. Any Other Business

13.1 No items of 'Other Business' were raised.

14. Date of next meeting: 21 October 2026 at 10.00am

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	Action	Owner	Update
243/01	**Initial Assessments:** The Secretariat to progress DCP 483 to the Change Report phase, as agreed.	ElectraLink	
243/02	**Initial Assessments:** The Secretariat to progress DCP 484 to the Change Report phase, as agreed.	ElectraLink	
243/03	**Change Reports:** The Secretariat to issue the DCP 479 Change Report for Party Voting for a period of 15 Working Days to Impacted Parties (DNOs and IDNOs).	ElectraLink	
243/04	**Accession Applications:** The Secretariat to progress the Accession Application for: (1) CAM Group Services Ltd; and (2) Eco Approach Ltd, 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	
243/05	**CACoP Survey:** The Secretariat to issue an email communication to Contract Managers related to the CACoP Stakeholder Survey which had been issued for stakeholder feedback.	ElectraLink	

Closed Actions – Open Session

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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. **Update 16 September 2026:** Updated CP form had been uploaded to the website. COMPLETED.

242/01	**Initial Assessments:** The Secretariat to progress DCP 480 to the Definition phase for further refinement, as agreed.	ElectraLink	**Update 16 September 2026:** CP added to website and WG invitations have been issued. COMPLETED.
242/02	**Initial Assessments:** The Secretariat to progress DCP 481 to the Change Report phase, as agreed.	ElectraLink	**Update 16 September 2026:** CP added to website and Change Report was prepared ahead of September meeting. Completed.
242/03	**Initial Assessments:** The Secretariat to progress DCP 482 to the Definition phase for further refinement, as agreed.	ElectraLink	**Update 16 September 2026:** CP added to website and WG invitations have been issued. COMPLETED.
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	**Update 16 September 2026:** DCP 479 Change Report had been issued to Parties for voting. COMPLETED.
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.	ElectraLink	**Update 16 September 2026:** Three Accession Agreements had been drafted and all applicants have signed the Accession Agreements. COMPLETED
242/06	**Derogation Application:** The Secretariat 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.	ElectraLink	**Update 16 September 2026:** Derogation Application was updated to include the Panel's decision and then added to the website and an email notification was issued to all Parties and Ofgem. COMPLETED.