DCUSA Panel Meeting 244 (Open Session)

21 October 2026 at 10:00am

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Attendee	Role	Company
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Observers		
Mark Bellman [MB]	Observer	SP Electricity North West
Mark De Souza Wilson [MDW]	Observer	Elexon
Kavya Kavya [KK]	Observer	Brook Green Supply
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Liam Sweeney [LS]	Observer	Ofgem
Finsen Yeung [FY]	Observer	Ofgem
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Dylan Townsend [DT]	Secretariat	ElectraLink Ltd
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Melissa Kendall [MK]	Secretariat	ElectraLink Ltd

Angelo Fitzhenry [AF]	Secretariat	ElectraLink Ltd
Apologies		
Caroline Freimuller [CF]	Observer	REC
Nayar Hussain [NH1]	Observer	Ofgem

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 NAYAR HUSSEIN (Ofgem),

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. Points raised included the following:

- The BSC was seeking members to join its flexibility market stakeholders board, which would feed into decisions made in its role as a market facilitator. The deadline for applications was 13 November 2026.
- Nominations were being sought for the BSC Stakeholders Advisory Forum, which would replace the BSC Panel. The deadline for applications was 30 October 2026 and the new Forum would launch in February 2027.
- The BSC would be holding an Introduction to Elexon and the Electricity Markets seminar on 25 November 2026, any stakeholders interested in participating were invoted to contact the BSC office for more information.
- CP1650 'Extending the lapse period for Smart to Advanced Change of Market Segment' would change various registration and administrative arrangements around the deployment of smart meters. This was out for consultation until 26 October 2026.

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

Ofgem

2.3 LIAM SWEENEY provided the Panel with an update from Ofgem. Points raised included the following:

- Ofgem had published its 2nd Preliminary Strategic Direction Statement (SDS) on 15 September 2026. Future Code Managers and panels would be obligated to consider and deliver plans that were in line with the harmonised approach set out within this SDS.
- Ofgem planned to publish minded-to-grant decisions for those Codes that were covered by Phase 2 of Energy Code Reform, namely the Electricity Commercial Code and the Gas Network Code. In doing so they were following the Code Manager selection regulations of 2024, which requires Ofgem to take this step prior to the formal award of Code Manager licences. Notices will be published on the Ofgem website. and representations on the proposed licence grant may be made within four weeks of the notice of the notice publication date.

2.4 The Panel NOTED that no updates had been provided on the progress or EDDs of Change Proposals that currently sat with Ofgem for decision. LS AGREED provide updates after the meeting.

244/01 Industry Update 'Ofgem': The Ofgem representative to provide an update on the progress and anticipated EDDs for all Change Proposals that were currently with Ofgem for decision.

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

Smart Energy Code (SEC)

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

Retail Energy Code (REC)

2.7 CF had sent apologies. There was no REC update this month.

3. Matters Arising

3.1 It was noted that there were two 'Matters Arising' since the September Panel meeting.

Panel Election update

3.2 An update was provided on the Panel election nominations received. The following positions had been elected unopposed for 2x year terms:

- DNO Panel member: Peter Waymont
- DNO Alternate: Clare Wagstaffe
- Supplier Panel member: Kim-Marie Mortimer
- Supplier Alternate: Urszula Thorpe

3.3 The following positions had not received any nominations:

- CVA Registrant Panel member (full 2x year term)
- CVA Registrant Alternate (full 2x year term)
- DNO Alternate (partial term running until 1 December 2027)

3.4 The Panel NOTED the Panel Election update.

Disputes Committee Election update

3.5 An update was provided on the Disputes Committee election nominations received. The following positions had been elected unopposed for 2x year terms:

- DNO/IDNO Member: Chris Ong
- DNO/IDNO Member: Ryan Farrell
- DNO/IDNO Alternate: Cass Bothwell
- DNO/IDNO Alternate: Ed Grimsey
- Supplier Member: Michael Turrington
- Supplier Member: Lee Greenwood
- Supplier Alternate: Simon Wilson

3.6 No nominations had been received for the other positions.

3.7 The Panel NOTED the Disputes Committee Election update.

3.8 The Panel AGREED that the results of the Panel Elections and Disputes Committee Elections should be announced, and FURTHER AGREED that a second round of nominations be initiated for the remaining vacant Panel positions.

244/02 Matters Arising: 'Panel Election and Disputes Committee Election': The Secretariat to (1) announce the results of the 2x election processes, and (2) for the Panel, initiate a second round of nominations for the remaining vacant positions.

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_1021_02). The paper was taken as read.

4.2 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 433 'Excess Capacity': a second consultation had been issued.
- DCP 469 'Cross Code Standardisation of Charging Arrangement Notice Periods': this was in post consultation refinement, and the Working Group was likely to issue a second consultation.
- DCP 476 'Treatment of Multi MPAN Sites': this was in post consultation refinement.
- DCP 480 'REP-900 Cancellations Charges' and DCP 482 'REP-900 Splitting': these would both be progressed later in this meeting.
- DCP 477 'Managing the effects of excessive surplus residual revenue in the EDCM', DCP 483 'REP-901 Ownership' and 'and DCP 484 'REP-900 Processing' would be progressed to Change Report later in this meeting.
- DCP 481 'Notices Under the National Terms of Connection (NTC)' was awaiting implementation.
- DCP 479 'Update to Schedule 20 ('Production of the Cost Information Review Pack') and the CDCM inputs to maintain alignment with the distribution licence' had been implemented.
- DCP 419 'Pre-Notifications of Planned Supply De-Energisations': had been withdrawn.

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

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

- DCP 476 'Treatment of Multi MPAN Sites': this was being delayed due to a consultation being issued.
- DCP 475 'Incentives and Compensation for Extended Outages': this was on hold until clarity emerged regarding Ofgem's plans for ED3.
- DCP 473 'Non-consuming De-energised CT-Metered sites': this was awaiting the finalisation of Ofgem's legal text.
- DCP 464 'IDNO Connection Applications: Treatment of Existing Assets': a second RFI would be issued, which will cause a delay of several months.
- DCP 461 'Reducing the Impact of Transmission Distribution Charges': this was a complex change, a second consultation had been issued and alternative solutions were being considered.
- DCP 443 'Excess Capacity': a second consultation was being issued.

4.5 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_1021_03). It was **NOTED** that four new Change Proposals had been tabled for Initial Assessment by the Panel this month, including one that had been circulated as a late paper.

DCP 485 'Backdating DUoS Tariff'

5.2 DCP 485 had been raised by Eastern Power Networks plc to align the backdating of DUoS tariffs in line with the changes to settlements and as a result of MHHS.

5.3 The Panel SCRUTINISED DCP 485 and queried why this needed to be progressed as an Urgent change. PW explained that, following migration, subsequent changes could only be backdated to the migration date; consequently, this change needed to be progressed urgently so that any necessary backdating could take place before migration had come into effect. The Panel NOTED this explanation.

5.4 For DCP 485, 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 1 Matter;
- **AGREE** that the CP should be progressed to the Definition phase;
- **AGREE** the progression of the CP in accordance with the proposed timescales as was set out within the paper.

DCP 486 'Update ENA address re NTC'

5.5 DCP 486 had been raised by Eastern Power Networks plc to update references to the ENA's address following their move.

5.6 The Board NOTED that DCP 468 Change Proposal had a condensed timeline as the intention was for it to progress to the Change Report stage at the next meeting.

5.7 The Panel SCRUTINISED DCP 486 and AGREED that, if possible, they would progress it by ex-committee decision ahead of the next meeting.

5.8 For DCP 486, 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 Change Report phase;
- **AGREE** the progression of the CP in accordance with the proposed timescales as was set out within the paper.

DCP 487 'Amendment to Annual Allocation Review'

5.9 DCP 487 had been raised by Eastern Power Networks plc to update the Annual Allocation Review arrangements including changing the dates

5.10 The Panel SCRUTINISED DCP 487. No comments were raised.

5.11 For DCP 487, 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;
- **AGREE** the progression of the CP in accordance with the proposed timescales as was set out within the paper.

DCP 488 Correction of DCP 440 Legal Text

5.12 DCP 488 had been raised by Eastern Power Networks plc to correct the legal text associated with DCP 440 where it has been identified that the version of legal drafting sent out for voting was not the final legal text circulated to and considered by the DCUSA Panel prior to approval of DCP 440.

5.13 The Panel SCRUTINISED DCP 488. No comments were raised.

5.14 For DCP 488, 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 Change Report phase;
- **AGREE** the progression of the CP in accordance with the proposed timescales as was set out within the paper.

244/03 Initial Assessments: The Secretariat to: (1) Progress DCP 485 to the Definition phase, as agreed; (2) Progress DCP 486 to the Change Report phase as an 'Urgent' change, as agreed; (3) Progress DCP 487 to the Definition phase as an 'Urgent' change, as agreed; and (4) Progress DCP 488 to the Change Report phase as an 'Urgent' change, 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_1021_04). It was **NOTED** that THREE Change Reports had been tabled for approval by the Panel this month.

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

6.2 The Panel NOTED that DCP 477 had a reduced voting period of 10 working days.

6.3 The Panel NOTED that the Voting Form had not been included in the pack for DCP 477 as the Working Group were still providing input into how the three options should be presented. The Panel AGREED to approve DCP 477 to be progressed for voting as long as it was sent with an appropriate cover letter that explained how the options had been presented and how voting was being handled.

6.4 For DCP 477 the Panel **RESOLVED** to:

- **AGREE** that the Change Report for DCP 477 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 21 October 2026, with an appropriate cover note, as agreed;
- **AGREE** that the voting period should be 10 Working Days; and
- **AGREE** that the Parties that will be eligible to vote will be Suppliers, DNOs, IDNOs and CVA Registrants.

DCP 483 'REP-901 Ownership'

6.5 RC provided explanatory background around DCP 483. The Panel NOTED that REC and the BSC were both aware that this was being progressed and that this had been discussed at the Cross Code Steering group

6.6 The Panel NOTED a typographical error in the word 'Ownership' and RESOLVED that this would be corrected ahead of circulation.

6.7 For DCP 483 the Panel **RESOLVED** to:

- **AGREE** that the Change Report for DCP 483 contained the level of information required to enable Parties to understand the impact of the proposed amendments and to vote on the CP;
- **CORRECT** the typographical error, as agreed, and then **APPROVE** the Change Report for issue to Parties on 22 October 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 and IDNOs.

DCP 484 'REP-900 Processing'

6.8 The Panel SCRUTINISED DCP 484. No comments were raised.

6.9 For DCP 484 the Panel **RESOLVED** to:

- **AGREE** that the Change Report for DCP 484 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 22 October 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 and IDNOs.

244/04 Change Reports: The Secretariat to: (1) issue the Change Report for DCP 477 for Party Voting, with an appropriate cover note, as agreed, for a period of 10 working days to impacted Parties (Suppliers, DNOs, IDNOs and CVA Registrants); (2) correct the typographical error, as agreed, and issue the Change Report for DCP 483 for Party Voting for a period of 15 working days to impacted Parties (Suppliers, DNOs and IDNOs); and (3) issue the Change Report for DCP 484 for Party Voting for a period of 15 working days to impacted Parties (Suppliers, 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_1021_05). The paper was taken as read.

7.2 DT **NOTED** that between the previous Panel meeting and the drafting of this paper, ONE new housekeeping items had been identified by a Party or by the Secretariat.

Arithmetic Error in Schedule 22 Examples 12 and 28

7.3 DT explained that the worked examples contained incorrect calculations. However the ultimate effect was considered to be minor as in both cases they were intended to show that the incurred costs would be passed on in full to the customer and not apportioned in any way.

7.4 The Panel AGREED to add the new Housekeeping Change to the Housekeeping Log.

244/05 Housekeeping Log: The Secretariat to add the new Housekeeping Change 'Arithmetic Error in Schedule 22 Examples 12 and 28' to the Housekeeping Log, as agreed.

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_1021_06). DT confirmed that there were six new Accession Application this month, from:

- BBD Energy Limited
- Benthead Solar Limited
- Synergi Engineering Solutions Limited
- TMA Data Management Limited
- Valley Group Limited
- AWM Electrical Service Group Limited

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 all six Applicants and:

- **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.

244/06 Accession Applications: The Secretariat to progress the Accession Application for: (1) BBD Energy Limited; (2) Benthead Solar Limited; (3) Synergi Engineering Solutions Limited; (4) TMA Data Management Limited; (5) Valley Group Limited; and(6) AWM Electrical Service Group 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_1021_07). The paper was taken as read.

9.2 RC highlighted key points, including the following:

- RC NOTED that an additional meeting had taken place since the preparation of this paper:
- NESO had raised an issue re residual charging forecasts, as they did not have sufficient site band allocation data.
- DCMDG had agreed to ask Ofgem for explanations for the delay in DCP 412 and DCP 466.

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

10. CACoP Headline Report

10.1 DT presented the CACoP Headline Report to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel_2026_1021_08). The paper was taken as read.

10.2 DT highlighted key points, including the following:

- CACoP had approved the updated CACoP Principles for submission to Ofgem.
- The CACoP Stakeholder Survey had received a large number of response, which would be collated and reviewed ahead of the next meeting.

10.3 The Panel SCRUTINISED the CACoP Headline Report and NOTED that CACoP would be superseded once the new arrangements for Code Managers came into effect, meaning that this forum would likely become redundant.

10.4 The Panel NOTED the contents of the CACoP Headline Report.

11. IWG Headline Report

11.1 RC provided a verbal IWG Headline Report.

11.2 RC advised that there were no major developments to report.

11.3 The Panel NOTED the IWG Headline Report.

12. SIG Headline Report

12.1 DT presented the SIG Headline Report to the Panel, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. See paper (Panel_2026_1021_09). The paper was taken as read.

12.2 DT highlighted key points, including the following:

- SIG had Discussed the updated DCP 414/458 guidance documents and had agreed to continue engagement with DCMDG, which might include raising another DCP in the future.
- In particular, a sunset clause in DCP 414 meant that a legal change would be required in the event where some traditional meteres could not be transferred, which might occur for various reasons. LEE STONE had discussed this with various stakeholders and was planning to raise this at a future SIG meeting.
- SIG had reviewed the template for transfer of info between suppliers and DNOs and no concerns had been raised.

12.3 The Panel NOTED the SIG 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_1021_10). The paper was taken as read.

13.2 DT highlighted that some updates had been made to item commentaries.

13.3 The Panel AGREED that the Secretariat would to consider how changes might better be highlighted and presented in future.

244/07 Horizon Scan: The Secretariat to consider how changes could better be highlighted and presented for future iterations of this report.

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

14. Any Other Business

14.1 One item of 'Other Business' were raised.

AoB (1): Apologies for the November 2026 Panel Meeting

14.2 DJ sent apologies for the November 2026 Panel Meeting,

15. Date of next meeting: 18 November2026 at 10.30am

15.1 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
244/01	**Industry Update 'Ofgem':** The Ofgem representative to provide an update on the progress and anticipated EDDs for all Change Proposals that were currently with Ofgem for decision.	Ofgem	
244/02	**Matters Arising: 'Panel Election and Disputes Committee Election':** The Secretariat to (1) announce the results of the 2x election processes, and (2) for the Panel, initiate a second round of nominations for the remaining vacant positions.	ElectraLink	
244/03	**Initial Assessments:** The Secretariat to: (1) Progress DCP 485 to the Definition phase, as agreed; (2) Progress DCP 486 to the Change Report phase as an 'Urgent' change, as agreed; (3) Progress DCP 487 to the Definition phase as an 'Urgent' change, as agreed; and (4) Progress DCP 488 to the Change Report phase as an 'Urgent' change, as agreed. <DOUBLE CHECK WHICH ARE GOING TO DEFINITION>	ElectraLink	
244/04	**Change Reports:** The Secretariat to: (1) issue the Change Report for DCP 477 for Party Voting, with an appropriate cover note, as agreed, for a period of 10 working days to impacted Parties (Suppliers, DNOs, IDNOs and CVA Registrants); (2) correct the typographical error, as agreed, and issue the Change Report for DCP 483 for Party Voting for a period of 15 working days to impacted Parties (Suppliers, DNOs and IDNOs); and (3) issue the Change Report for DCP 484 for Party Voting for a period of 15 working days to impacted Parties (Suppliers, DNOs and IDNOs)	ElectraLink	
244/05	**Housekeeping Log:** The Secretariat to add the new Housekeeping Change 'Arithmetic Error in Schedule 22 Examples 12 and 28' to the Housekeeping Log, as agreed.	ElectraLink	
244/06	**Accession Applications:** The Secretariat to progress the Accession Application for: (1) BBD Energy Limited; (2) Benthead Solar Limited; (3) Synergi Engineering Solutions Limited; (4) TMA Data Management Limited; (5) Valley Group Limited; and(6) AWM Electrical Service Group Limited, by drafting and sending the applicant an Accession Agreement	ElectraLink	

	and advising the DCUSA Board that the Panel have recommended that they countersign the Accession Agreement.		
244/07	**Horizon Scan**: The Secretariat to consider how changes could better be highlighted and presented for future iterations of this report.	ElectraLink	

Closed Actions – Open Session

Ref No.	Action	Owner	Update
243/01	**Initial Assessments:** The Secretariat to progress DCP 483 to the Change Report phase, as agreed.	ElectraLink	**Update 21 October 2026:** This CP added to website and the Change Report was presented at the October 2026 Panel Meeting. CLOSED
243/02	**Initial Assessments:** The Secretariat to progress DCP 484 to the Change Report phase, as agreed.	ElectraLink	**Update 21 October 2026:** This CP added to website and the Change Report was presented at the October 2026 Panel Meeting. CLOSED
243/03	**Change Reports:** 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).	ElectraLink	**Update 21 October 2026:** Completed. CLOSED
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	**Update 21 October 2026:** Completed. CLOSED
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	**Update 21 October 2026:** Completed. CLOSED