

DCUSA Change Proposal Form

This form should be used by DCUSA Parties who wish raise a draft or formal Change Proposal and for DCUSA members and other interested parties to return their comments on DCUSA Change Proposals which have been circulated for consultation.

Originators - please complete Section A of this form and submit to DCUSA@electralink.co.uk.

Respondents – please complete Section B of this form and return it to DCUSA@electralink.co.uk your response should include your assessment of the solution and comments on the Change Proposal drafting. If you reject the solution then please supply your reason for rejection and an alternative solution. Even if you reject a solution your responses should state whether the proposed implementation date is acceptable to your organisation. If it is not acceptable, please indicate the reasons why and an alternative date.

SECTION A: To be completed by originator

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Change Proposal Details	
CP Title	Connection Terms Change Notification
DCUSA Parties believed to be impacted	Distributor / Supplier / IDNO / DG
Proposal to Change	Part 1 / Part 2 / Other Schedule / Clause: Schedule 2B
Summary of Change	This change seeks to revise the National Terms Of

	Connection to make the notification of changes to them less cumbersome
Related CPs	<i>Please indicate if this CP is related to or impacts any other CP already in the DCUSA or other industry Change Process</i> DCP033

Proposed Solution

Please insert proposed change marked legal drafting here

Change Schedule 2B as shown here:

11. *Changing this connection agreement.* The terms of this connection agreement will be changed automatically to incorporate any changes which are approved by our regulator, the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority (GEMA). **Notice of any ~~Any~~ change** which is approved will be **advertised in the national press and the new terms** published on the internet at **www.connectionterms.co.uk**. ~~website of the Energy Networks Association and in the national press.~~

Proposed Implementation Technique

Phased Implementation / Big Bang

Proposed Implementation Date

Please specify and give a reason if proposed date is outside the release schedule

February / June / February Year: 2009

Other: 10WD following Authority Consent

DCUSA Objectives

Please state which DCUSA Objective(s) will be better facilitated by this CP

- ~~1. The development, maintenance and operation by the DNO Parties and IDNO Parties of efficient, co-ordinated, and economical Distribution Networks;~~
- ~~2. The facilitation of effective competition in the generation and supply of electricity and (so far as is consistent therewith) the promotion of such competition in the sale, distribution and purchase of electricity;~~

3. The efficient discharge by the DNO Parties and IDNO Parties of obligations imposed upon them in their Distribution Licences; and
- ~~4. The promotion of efficiency in the implementation and administration of this Agreement.~~

Objective 3 is better facilitated because the distribution licence condition that created DCUSA included a requirement that DCUSA should include terms that relate to connection to the system. The DCUSA steering group decided that the short timescales for putting DCUSA in place prohibited addressing connection terms and so this aspect was included within the matters for further consideration as an item within Schedule 12 of DCUSA. DCP033 was raised to bring about changes to the National Terms. In order to effectively and efficiently put those in place a minor change is suggested first to amend the way in which changes to the NTC are communicated.

Business Justification Including Market Benefits

DCP033 is a change to bring about a fuller set of National Terms of Connection.

Currently, any change to the National Terms must be communicated by being published in a national paper. The full set of terms arising from DCP033 will take up considerable space in a national paper and will be expensive to procure. Moreover it is questionable how valuable it is to publish the full set of terms in a paper and whether this constitutes effective communication.

This proposal arises from discussions of the DCP033 working group and seeks to alter the manner in which changes to the NTC are communicated.

Rather than communicate the entire change in a paper, if this proposal goes ahead the idea would be to communicate that there has been a change in a paper and to publish the outcome of that change, i.e. the new set of terms, on the National Terms website.

By doing this ahead of DCP033, this change would need to be communicated fully in a national paper but the more extensive changes arising from DCP033 would not, instead the paper would need to merely carry a notice that there has been a change.

Authority Consent

Yes (Part One) / ~~No (Part Two)~~