

DCUSA CHANGE REPORT	
<b>CHANGE PROPOSAL</b>	DCP 045 – Connection Terms Change Notification
<b>DATE OF ISSUE</b>	19 August 2009
<b>ISSUED TO</b>	DCUSA Contract Managers
<b>PARTIES ENTITLED TO VOTE</b>	Distributors
<b>RETURN DEADLINE (Voting End Date)</b>	09 September 2009 – <a href="mailto:DCUSA@electralink.co.uk">DCUSA@electralink.co.uk</a>

## 1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 This document is the Change Report for DCP 045 – Connection Terms Change Notification and is issued in accordance with Clause 11.20 of the DCUSA.
- 1.2 This Change Report sets out voting process for DCP 045 and the timetable of the progression of the CP through the DCUSA Change Control Process.
- 1.3 Parties are invited to consider the proposed amendment attached as Appendix A and submit votes using the form attached as Appendix B to [dcusa@electralink.co.uk](mailto:dcusa@electralink.co.uk) by 09 September 2009.

## 2 DCP 045 – CONNECTION TERMS CHANGE NOTIFICATION

- 2.1 DCP 045 has been raised by EDF Energy Networks Limited to address an issue identified by the DCP 033 'Connection Terms' Working Group.
- 2.2 In accordance with Paragraph 11 of Schedule 2B of the DCUSA, any change to the National Terms of Connection must be "published on the website of the Energy Networks Association and in the national press".
- 2.3 DCP 033 'Connection Terms' is a change to bring about a fuller set of National Terms of Connection. The full set of terms arising from DCP 033 will take up considerable space in a national paper and will be expensive for DCUSA Parties to procure. It therefore recommended that an alternative notifications mechanism with a more effective communications process should be implemented.
- 2.4 DCP 045 therefore recommends that DCUSA Schedule 2b, paragraph 11 should be amended to require that *notice* of the changes be published in the national press and that the *detail of the change* i.e. the new set of terms, be published on the National Terms website. The intent of the CP is to deliver a pragmatic solution that will not have any adverse impact on customers and or in any way reduce access to information.
- 2.5 Under the revised process the notice of the changes issued in the national press which points to the connection terms website will also provide contact details for the Electricity Networks Association (ENA) for people without

internet access to ensure other mechanisms for obtaining the terms will continue to be available. The ENA has confirmed that it is prepared to deal with any increase in queries that arise as a result of such notice.

- 2.6 It is proposed that this CP should be implemented before DCP 033 which is currently scheduled for the November 2009 Release. The implementation date is therefore set at '5 WD following Authority Consent' which, in accordance with Ofgem's timetable, will be scheduled for week commencing 12 October 2009.

### 3 EVALUATION AGAINST THE DCUSA OBJECTIVES

- 3.1 It is considered that the Change Proposal will better facilitate DCUSA Objective 3<sup>1</sup>. The Distribution Licence condition that gives effect to the DCUSA includes a requirement for the DCUSA to include terms that relate to connection to the system and DCP 033 has been raised to bring about required changes to the National Terms. In order to effectively and efficiently implement the revised National Terms DCP 045 is put forward first to amend the way in which changes to the National Terms of Connection are communicated.

### 4 PROPOSED AMENDMENT AND LEGAL DRAFTING

- 4.1 The proposed legal drafting of DCP 045 has been reviewed by Wragge and Co and is set out as Appendix A.

### 5 PANEL RECOMMENDATION

- 5.1 The Panel approved the DCP 045 Change Report for issue on 15 July 2009<sup>2</sup>.
- 5.2 In accordance with Clause 12.4 of the DCUSA the Panel determined that DCP 045 should be issued to all Distributor Parties for voting for a period of 15 Working Days.
- 5.3 The timetable for the progression of the Change Proposal is set out below:

ACTIVITY	DATE
Party Voting	19 August – 09 September 2009
Change Declaration	10 September 2009
Authority Consent	13 October 2009
Implementation	5 WD following Consent

#### Appendices:

- A. DCP 045 - Legal Drafting
- B. DCP 045 - Voting Form

<sup>1</sup> The efficient discharge by the DNO Parties and IDNO Parties of obligations imposed upon them in their Distribution Licences

<sup>2</sup> Subject to clarification from the ENA that it was satisfied with the proposal, which has since been received.