
Meeting Name	DCUSA Panel
Meeting Date	19 January 2011
Paper Title	Initial Assessment Report: DCP 078
Purpose of Paper	For Decision
Synopsis	This paper presents a Change Proposal that has been submitted to the DCUSA Secretariat and requests agreement on its progression.

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This paper refers a DCUSA Change Proposal (DCP) to the DCUSA Panel for agreement on its progression.
- 1.2 The Change Proposal (CP) has been assessed by the Secretariat in accordance with Section 10.11 of the DCUSA. The CP has met the requirements set out in the DCUSA and ElectraLink has prepared a recommendation for consideration by the Panel.

2 DCP 078 - RECIPROCAL DUOS PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS

- 2.1 DCP 078 has been raised by Smartest Energy Limited. The CP seeks to allow payments from Company to User and to create equality between the Parties in the arrangements in terms of netting, timing and interest charges on late payments.
- 2.2 The current drafting of the DCUSA does not facilitate the payment of DUoS charges to Users who have a net positive position in any given distribution zone. For example, suppliers who have more value owed due to the existence of embedded generation than liabilities due to demand on the system.
- 2.3 The proposer states that there have been payment delays due to the lack of clarity and that such delays cause issues for suppliers who have obligations to pass payments on to embedded generators.
- 2.4 The proposer considers that the Change Proposal will better facilitate the General DCUSA Objective 3.2.21.

3 PROGRESSION OF DCP 078

- 3.1 This CP is classified as a Part 2 matter in accordance Clause 9.6 of the Agreement.
- 3.2 It is recommended that the CP is progressed via to the Definition Phase and a Working Group established to assess and develop the CP.
- 3.3 A proposed timetable for the progression of the proposal is outlined below. The timetable has been drafted giving consideration to the proposer's recommendation that the CP be implemented in 01 April 2011:

Activity	Latest Date
Initial Assessment Report agreed	19 January 2011
Definition Phase (inc. Legal Review)	19 January – 09 February 2011
Change Report Agreed	16 February 2011
Party Voting	17 February – 03 March 2011
Implementation	01 April 2011 or, failing that, 10 WD following Party Approval

¹ 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

4 RECOMMENDATIONS

The DCUSA Panel is invited to:

- Consider whether to accept the referral of DCP 078;
- Agree that the CP should be treated as a standard change;
- Agree that the CP should be treated as a Part 2 matter;
- Agree that the CP should be progressed via the Definition Phase; and
- Agree the progression of the CP in accordance with the timetable set out in Section 3.4.

5 APPENDICES

- A – DCP 078 Change Proposal